

Attention John Nagle  
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Dear Mr Nagle

**Charlton Athletic Football Club**

We are writing to you on behalf of the Charlton Supporters Society Limited “CASTrust”.

CASTrust is the democratically elected body which represents the interests of the supporters of Charlton Athletic. CASTrust is a stakeholder of Charlton Athletic as described in EFL literature.

CASTrust has a number of very specific questions, (listed below) which we believe the EFL should answer.

We have no doubt that the EFL is aware that Charlton Athletic is considered by many to be a club in crisis. We also have no doubt that the EFL is aware that many of the supporters do not agree with or accept the way the owner Roland Duchatelet is running the club. This has led to a number of high profile fan protests, some long standing supporters boycotting home matches, dwindling crowds and general disenchantment. Roland Duchatelet refuses point blank to entertain any type of formal conversation with CASTrust or any other supporters of Charlton Athletic.

There was widespread relief amongst supporters just over a year ago when they heard the club was being sold. CASTrust fully understands that Due Diligence and contracts take time, however it is extraordinary that this has now dragged on for over a year with no firm sign of completion.

At a recent club-hosted Fans Forum Lieven de Turck, who is representing Roland Duchatelet in negotiations, confirmed that two parties – an Australian consortium and another who are currently anonymous – have agreed a price with Roland Duchatelet. And that “the only issue holding up the process is EFL approval”, citing a requirement for further documentation.

CASTrust, as stakeholders, entirely understand the imperative need to maintain confidentiality in what are sensitive commercial dealings. Nevertheless, this situation has been allowed to continue beyond what is reasonable, and conscious of the parlous state of our Club at present; we therefore request that the EFL provide answers to the following specific questions regarding the Owners and Directors Test pertaining to any current potential change of ownership:

- 1) How many potential owners of Charlton have been approved?
- 2) How many potential owners of Charlton have applications in the process?
- 3) What more is required for these to be completed?

Yours sincerely

**Nigel Kleinfeld – Treasurer CASTrust**