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### **AFC Club Hon. Secs.**

Dear Member,

Re: Constitution for season 2007/08.

In July 2006 I wrote to you about the EGM on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July. I stated then that I had received numerous emails about regionalisation, the number of regions and indeed where the borders between regions should be. There are a lot of different views, and were too many to discuss adequately at the EGM. I promised that I would seek the views of all the Clubs and League Officers about the future structure and regionalisation of the League.

I have therefore created a series of questions looking at the future structure and regionalisation of the League. I would like us to agree, by December, a structure to be in place for 2007/08. A change in structure and regionalisation will affect every team and club in the League, and not just those in the West and South.

We want to put next season's regionalisation and structure before the clubs by Christmas 2006. Therefore, I need replies by November 7<sup>th</sup> at the latest. This gives the Clubs 5 weeks to discuss and answer the questions, and the League about 5 weeks to come up with a firm proposal for next season.

The League could offer to hold an open forum in early November if clubs want it. This will allow the Constitution Committee and the Clubs to meet and discuss the issues

Please note that we need the opinions of all member clubs and therefore Rule 23b applies. Clubs who do not reply will be fined a maximum of £50.

Bob Coates (Chairman Constitution Committee)

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## **Questions on the Constitution**

1. What type of League structure would you prefer?
2. Should the League have more senior Divisions? Or less? Or do we have the right amount?
3. Should the League have 3 regions or 4? Should the League have less regionalisation at Intermediate level, but 4 sub regions for the lower divisions?
4. Where should the League place the borders between regions? Someone somewhere will be disadvantaged....
5. If a team gains promotion from a region to a division with less regionalisation, should the League allow them to stay where they are if they don't want less regionalisation?
6. Should the League allow 2 or more teams from the same club to be in the same division to allow promotion and relegation?
7. Should the League allow clubs to run squad systems?
8. How many teams should the League have per division?
9. Currently we have a general 2 up and 2 down policy on promotion and relegation – are you happy with that?
10. Where 4 teams are due to be relegated from a division, should that division contain at least 12 teams?
11. Should the League guarantee a minimum number of games per team? If, how many games – League games only?
12. Would you be interested in the League supplementing the number of games by introducing a cup competition for sides knocked out of all cups in early rounds?
13. Would you want like the league to organize an open forum in early November? Would you attend?
14. Did your Club attend one of the Regional meetings last season?
15. Are there others issues on Constitution that you would like the Constitution Committee to consider for the 2007-8 season?

Bob Coates....1/10/06