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Dear Mr Masters

Newcastle United Football Club

I am writing once more on behalf of my constituents who are Newcastle United fans. They have contacted me to express their disappointment that the takeover bid involving Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund did not go ahead as they had hoped.

Whilst I appreciate this was a matter for the parties concerned, and not for Government, I know fans are seeking clarity over the role the Premier League played in the bid withdrawal. As I outlined in my letter to you of August 2020 on this topic, there has been some disquiet from my constituents about the lack of transparency – or perceived lack of transparency – over the handling of the negotiations.

I would be grateful for your reassurances that the Premier League is committed to ensuring fans are able to have confidence in the processes involved.

Yours sincerely

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