

SPOTLIGHT ON CITY MATTERS' CHAIRMAN



As part of a new feature focusing on City Matters, we sat down with the group's Chairman and Hospitality Representative, **Simon Walker**,

to discuss his role at the Club's official fan network.

Firstly, can you tell us about when you started supporting Manchester City and what your early memories are?

My first game was in 1968 when I was eight years old. My dad took me as a birthday treat. To be honest, I can't remember who we played, but I was obviously hooked and by the age of 11 I was going to most home games. I started off watching games from Platt Lane and at the age of 15 had a season ticket in the Kippax with a couple of schoolmates. My earliest memory was the 1976 League Cup final, however, like most City fans, my greatest memory has to be the 93.20 Agüero goal.

Moving on to City Matters, can you tell us a little bit about your role as Chair?

As Chair, I am responsible co-ordinating the different reps and liaising with the Club. However, the reality is each rep regularly speaks to the Club and we all work together to ensure our fans' voices are heard.

In total, there are 10 representatives, and you can find each of their contact details on



our dedicated page on the Club's website. Our reps are divided into four subgroups to ensure we cover all the key issues. These are:

- Ticketing and Seasonal Hospitality
- Catering
- Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Sustainability

How often does City Matters speak to the Club about issues raised by fellow supporters?

Each sub-group has its own meetings as and when required – ranging from every two-to-three weeks in some cases to two-to-three months in others. The

whole group meets at the CFA every six weeks, but the reps, and the Club, are regularly in contact with one another in-between these meetings.

Finally, how important do you think it is that the Club has this initiative to include fans in its decision-making process?

It is extremely important. Only by having feedback from the fans can the club make changes and improvements. Equally, it is an opportunity for the club to share ideas with us for our input. The Club really does care about its supporters and welcomes the inputs it receives from them.