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Mr. Lee Daly,
Chairperson,
The 1985 Trust

Re: Shelbourne Football Club

Dear Lee,

I can confirm that Dublin City Council is now proceeding to acquire Dalymount Park from Bohemians Football Club.

We had hoped that Shelbourne Football Club could also be part of this transaction with the lease of Tolka Park to be surrendered to Dublin City Council.

Currently there are no plans to have any further discussions with Shelbourne on this issue and the proposed transaction will now only involve Bohemians Football Club.

I can confirm the following arrangements would have applied if Shelbourne Football Club had been in a position to be part of this transaction:-

- Dalymount Stadium would be wholly owned by Dublin City Council
- Dalymount Stadium would be operated by a management company type structure with an equal number of representatives from both Shelbourne and Bohemians.
- The intention is to seek government funding for a comprehensive redevelopment of the pitch and stadium at Dalymount Park immediately after the acquisition is finalised.
- The intention of Dublin City Council would be to preserve the ethos and independence of both clubs.

Whilst the transaction is now progressing with Bohemians F.C. only, Dublin City Council is still prepared to consider an achievable proposal from Shelbourne F.C. to become part of the Dalymount deal but such a proposal needs to be submitted fairly urgently and must include a commitment on Tolka Park.

Best Regards,


Brendan Kenny
Deputy Chief Executive