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Dear Lord Rogan,

I am writing to you following the Second Reading of the Sporting Events Bill in the House of Lords on the 3 June 2026. I have placed a copy of this letter in the library of both Houses.

I would like to thank you for taking part in the bill's Second Reading and for raising a number of important questions around the financial assistance power in the bill.

The bill creates a bespoke funding power to enable the efficient and successful delivery of sporting events (and their associated activities such as legacy programmes) across England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

This means, for the Secretary of State, there will be a single, dedicated power for future funding of sporting events in England (including major sporting events), removing the current piecemeal reliance on powers from across multiple other Acts. The funding power also provides Scottish Ministers and Northern Ireland Departments with the power to provide financial assistance to support the delivery of sporting events in Scotland (in the case of the Scottish Ministers) and in Northern Ireland (in the case of Northern Ireland Departments).

The funding power is not intended to provide sporting events with additional funding or lead to spending on sporting events above and beyond the funding which would have been provided anyway. The provision is instead a delivery mechanism, intended to provide a single, dedicated power for granting financial assistance. The financial assistance provided through this provision will also be subject to ministerial discretion, alongside the usual processes to ensure it aligns with the general principles for managing public money.

Regarding your question regarding the scope of the Stadium Regeneration Accelerator and the scope of the bill, a significant amount of planning and economic development policy areas are devolved to the Scottish Parliament and the Welsh Senedd. Planning decisions in particular are one key factor involved in progressing sporting infrastructure projects and the UK Government has limited powers to intervene in planning decisions in Wales and Scotland. Place-based regeneration can make obvious contributions to our collective readiness to bid for the largest of major events. However, there are not commonly stipulated requirements from international federations in this space that we could look to codify within this legislation.



As the bill progresses, I would welcome your support as we take this important legislation forward and work across the House to enhance the UK's reputation as a world-leading host of major sporting events.

I would be very happy to meet to discuss this, or any other areas of the bill, in the coming days.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Twycross', written in a cursive style.

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