

**FA Cup Third Round Tie SAFC Vs NUFC**  
**Copy to Vanessa Jardine, SAG, SAFC and**  
**NUFC**



**6th December 2023**

Dear Ms. McGuiness,

As the Chair of the Newcastle United Supporters Trust, I am writing to express our expectation that Newcastle United fans be provided with the full 15% ticket allocation for the upcoming FA Cup tie between Sunderland AFC and Newcastle United.

We believe that ensuring full access to tickets for away supporters (as per the FA Cup regulations) is crucial for keeping the magic of the FA Cup alive and well, while also providing an opportunity to positively showcase the passion of our region towards its football teams with an international audience tuning in. We have seen the damage a reduced away allocation has caused to the spectacle of various derbies (most recently Celtic vs Rangers) and are keen to show to the world why ours is special and one to be proud of.

It is important that sporting integrity is upheld in allowing Newcastle United supporters access to a full allocation of tickets to get behind our team. An example of a similar situation was Everton supporters receiving a ticket allocation of 7,900 at Anfield for the Merseyside Derby at the same stage of this competition in January 2020. We therefore trust that Northumbria Police will be able to work with both football clubs and local authorities to safely accommodate a full allocation of Newcastle United fans to travel to Sunderland in similar numbers that Merseyside Police allowed Everton supporters to do on that occasion.

We appreciate your attention to these matters and look forward to establishing a successful and open dialogue ahead of this hugely anticipated FA Cup tie, in order to create as enjoyable an experience as possible for supporters.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Greg Tomlinson  
Chair  
Newcastle United Supporters Trust



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