



**FA WALES | CBD CYMRU**

24<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

Mr Darren Millar AM,  
Chair - Public Accounts Committee,  
National Assembly for Wales,  
Cardiff Bay,  
Cardiff  
CF99 1NA



**VAUXHALL**  
THE WALES TEAM SPONSOR

11/12 Neptune Court  
Vanguard Way  
Cardiff  
CF24 5PJ

11/12 Cwrt Neifion  
Ffordd Blaen y Gâd  
Caerdydd  
CF24 5PJ

T 029 2043 5830  
F 029 2049 6953  
[www.faw.org.uk](http://www.faw.org.uk)

Dear Mr Millar

I refer to your correspondence dated 9<sup>th</sup> February regarding the Public Accounts Committee inquiry into the Welsh Governments acquisition and ownership of Cardiff Airport.

I am pleased to confirm that the Football Association of Wales ("FAW") has always had a strong and positive working relationship with Cardiff Airport. Over recent years, the FAW has worked closely with the airport in relation to the planning for UEFA Super Cup 2014. The airport also featured prominently in the FAW's UEFA EURO 2020 bid.

In just under 16 months' time, Cardiff will stage the 2017 UEFA Champions League Final ("UCL Final 2017") – not only will this will be the World's single biggest sporting event in 2017 but also the biggest sporting event to have ever been staged in Wales. Based on surveys of recent host cities, the event will also generate an economic impact of £45m for Cardiff and the surrounding region.

In summary, without Cardiff Airport's support, the FAW wouldn't have been able to submit its successful bid to stage UCL Final 2017.

Following the announcement by UEFA's Executive Committee at the end of June last year, the FAW has been working closely with Cardiff Airport and Bristol Airport as it sets out to deliver the considerable air operations plan for UCL Final 2017.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Ford.

