

Filed on behalf of the Applicants

Witness Statement of Julian Diaz Rainey

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Exhibits: JDR1

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MANCHESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY
BETWEEN:**

**(1) CITY FOOTBALL GROUP LIMITED
(2) MANCHESTER CITY FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED**

Applicants

-and-

**1) HARRY DAVIES
2) HANZA AHMED
3) ALISTAIR LAW
4) ALEXANDER FARRELL
5) KLAUS GUIP
6) RIKKE BREWER
7) ADAM MARR
8) PERSONS UNKNOWN**

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF JULIAN DIAZ-RAINEY

I, **JULIAN DIAZ-RAINEY** of Pinsent Masons LLP, 3 Hardman Street, Spinningfields, Manchester M3 3AU, **WILL SAY** as follows:

1. I am a solicitor of the Senior Court in England and Wales and a Partner (or, more precisely, a Member) in the firm of Pinsent Masons LLP ("PM"), solicitors for City

Football Group Limited, which is the owner of Manchester City Football Club Limited. I am duly authorised to make this statement on behalf of both Applicants.

2. Save where stated to the contrary, the facts and matters contained in this witness statement are within my own knowledge (gained whilst acting as a solicitor for the Applicants) and are true. Where facts and matters are outside my knowledge, the source is stated and I believe those facts to be true.
3. During the course of this statement I will refer to certain documents, copies of which are exhibited in a paginated bundle marked 'JDR1' which accompanies this statement.
4. I make this witness statement in support of the Applicants' claim for an interim injunction against the Respondents in the terms of the draft Order attached to the application notice.

The Parties

5. City Football Group Limited ("CFG") is a global company that administrates a network of interlinked football clubs and other footballing operations. CFG owns, or as has a stake in, football clubs located in multiple jurisdictions, such as the United States (New York City FC), Australia (Melbourne City FC) and Spain (Girona FC). The CFG business operates from various properties located across the globe, comprising football stadiums, training facilities and several offices. These CFG-related properties are listed at pages 1 to 4 of JDR1 and accompanying pictures (where available) of each property are outlined at pages 5 to 22.
6. Manchester City Football Club Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CFG and the corporate vehicle for Manchester City Football Club.
7. The Respondents are individuals from various areas in the United Kingdom. Little is known at this point in respect of their wider connection with one another; however, they all appear to be involved in the disciplines of parkour and/or free-running. Many of the Respondents, in particular Mr. Law and Mr. Brewer, appear to be well-known on various social media platforms, including Facebook and Instagram, for uploading videos of themselves partaking in such disciplines. Indeed, Mr. Law has over 140,000 subscribers to his personal YouTube account and, collectively, his videos have been viewed over 20 million times (see page 23 of JDR1).
8. Via his Facebook account, Mr. Law actively encourages his followers to suggest new sites that he should climb (see pages 24 to 25 of JDR1). It seems likely that such suggestions are added to Mr. Law's 'to do' list. Further, it does not appear to be the case that Mr. Law is perturbed by failure to climb a site on his first attempt. By his own admission, he has attempted to climb the Beetham Tower / Hilton Hotel, Manchester

on no fewer than 7 occasions (see page 26 of JDR1). Further, according to a comment from Mr. Law on his YouTube page, he recently failed in an attempt to climb Manchester United Football Club's stadium, Old Trafford, saying "*We tried it this weekend. They've blocked the only way up really well but we'll find a way.*" (see page 26 of JDR1).

9. The Respondents appear to define themselves as 'urban free climbers' and regularly access private property to film themselves partaking in parkour. Per the videos Mr. Law has uploaded to his YouTube and Facebook accounts, he has (without permission) climbed Blackpool Tower, rollercoasters at Thorpe Park and Blackpool Pleasure Beach and various high-rise properties / objects in Dubai, Hong Kong Sydney and Melbourne (see page 27 of JDR1).
10. In a similar vein, Mr. Brewer and Mr. Farrell recently jumped from a moving train into the water at Heron Quays, London. Uploaded videos on YouTube also show the pair climbing to the roof of Old Trafford. Mr. Brewer has over 4,000 followers on Instagram and 10,000 subscribers to his personal YouTube account (see pages 28 to 29 of JDR1. For clarity, both images on page 29 of JDR1 were obtained from Mr. Brewer's Instagram account).

Involvement of PM

11. I was contacted by CFG's General Counsel, Mr. Simon Cliff, on Tuesday 5 September after a group of individuals breached security and climbed on the roof of the Etihad Stadium, Manchester (the "Stadium"). The Stadium is Manchester City Football Club's home ground and is owned by CFG. Mr. Cliff informed me that, in fact, there had been two attempts to access the roof at the Stadium in recent months: one, unsuccessful attempt that had occurred on 29 July 2017 (the "First Incident"); and another, this time successful and far more serious breach of security on 27 August 2017 (the "Second Incident") (together the "Incidents").
12. I visited CFG's offices at the Stadium on 7 September 2017 and met with Mr. Cliff, and the football club's Event Safety and Policy Manager, Mr. Barry South. My colleague, Ms. Jo Seed, a Senior Associate at PM, attended the meeting with me. At the meeting, Mr. South provided me with detailed information on the Incidents.

The First Incident

13. I was informed by Mr. South that six individuals had been spotted on CCTV walking around the Stadium close to midnight on 29 July 2017. Two of those individuals then sought to climb up the Stadium's wall before they were accosted by officers from G4S Security, CFG's security provider. One of them reached a gap in the wall where the support cables enter the Stadium, and the second was following him. Though G4S

contacted the police in relation to the breach of security, no police officers attended the scene that evening.

14. Two G4S patrol officers challenged the four individuals still on the ground and the lower of the two climbers, who got down when challenged. When asked by G4S Security what they thought they were doing, they did not offer any justification. They said they would normally attempt to gain entry in the small hours but thought they would give it a try earlier in the evening. The individuals also bragged about having recently climbed West Ham United Football Club's ground, the London Stadium, without being caught.
15. Another G4S officer apprehended the other climber, who was struggling to get through a gap in the Stadium wall. He was led out of the Stadium to join the others.
16. Mr. South stated that, according to the G4S Security officials who dealt with the incident, the two individuals climbing the walls were asked for their details and gave their names, dates of birth and addresses as: Alex Smith (DOB: 11/02/96) of 2 Botley Road, Surrey SU18 5XL and Charlie Miggs (DOB: 01/02/1997) of 22 Basingstoke Road GYL 4XR. Mr. South informed me that, in light of information given by the individuals involved in the Second Incident (as outlined at paragraph 19 below), and investigations he carried out himself, he was of the opinion that the names and details provided by the two individuals were false and they were, in fact, Mr. Law and Mr. Brewer (these are the Third and Sixth Respondents to the application for an interim injunction).

The Second Incident

17. On 27 August 2017, at 01:36am, G4S Security officials spotted 7 individuals on CCTV inside one of the gates at the Stadium. Mr. South stated that, as G4S followed the individuals on the Stadium's CCTV system, the individuals ran towards and proceeded to climb up the side of one of the Stadium's towers. G4S Security official Mr. Graham Smith, who had also been involved in the First Incident and has provided a witness statement in support of the Applicants' claim for an interim injunction, contacted the police for assistance.
18. Three G4S security officials were deployed to retrieve the individuals from the tower but, by the time they had arrived, the individuals had been able to enter the Stadium. They then made their way to the Stadium roof.
19. At around 01:42am, four police cars arrived (later joined by another two police vehicles). Police officers told the individuals to come down from the roof, which they did. According to Mr. South, the police then held the individuals in the seating area. They gave their details, which the police officers verified, as:

- 19.1 Harry Davies (DOB 20.08.97); 42 Rolleston Avenue, Pettswood, London BR5 1AL
- 19.2 Hanza Ahmed (DOB 4.10.95); 848 Kingsway, Burnage, Manchester M19 1QJ
- 19.3 Alistair Law (DOB 11.02.97); 1 Hepworth Close, Southampton SD19 0ST
- 19.4 Alexander Farrell (DOB 17.01.99); Middlehill House, Crondal Road, GO51 5SS
- 19.5 Klaus Guip (DOB 30.09.02); 19 Hamilton Road, London W5 2EE
- 19.6 Rikke Brewer (DOB 1.02.99); 20 Belle Vue Road, Aldershot GE12 4RX
- 19.7 Adam Marr (DOB 12.04.93); 32 Rigby Street, Salford, M7 4BJ.
20. These are the First to Seventh Respondents to the claim and Respondents to the application for an interim injunction.
21. I was told that the Police officers read the individuals their rights then escorted them from the site. The Police and the individuals left at around 03:40am.
22. Following the Second Incident, Mr. South conducted research into the individuals involved: he reviewed the footage from the night of the Second Incident (both CCTV footage and videos uploaded to the internet by some of the individuals); he checked various social media sites linked to the individuals; and he reviewed coverage in the press of the Second Incident. What he found confirmed the names the individuals gave following the Second Incident.
23. Mr. Smith, since he was involved in both incidents, was also able to say that four of the individuals who entered the Stadium on 27 August 2017 were also involved in the First Incident, namely Mr. Law, Mr. Brewer, Mr. Guip and Mr. Farrell. The identity of the other two individuals involved in the First Incident is not known at this point (nor whether they were also present during the Second Incident).

Footage of the Second Incident

24. The Respondents have certainly been brazen about their involvement in the Second Incident. Indeed, each of the Respondents, save for Mr. Guip and Mr. Brewer, have posted photographs of, or commented on, the Second Incident on their respective Facebook and/or Instagram accounts (see pages 30 to 31 of JDR1). Further, their own footage of the climb has been uploaded to YouTube. On 4 September 2017, Mr. Law added the video to his personal YouTube account (see page 32 of JDR1). The footage appears to show the Respondents in a celebratory mood following their climb. The footage – along with pictures taken by the Respondents during the Second Incident – has also appeared on social media accounts, such as Facebook and Instagram.

25. Footage of the Second Incident also appeared on the websites of various media publications, such as The Manchester Evening News, The Independent, The Sun and The Mirror. In respect of the latter, one of the Respondents, Mr. Marr, even provided the newspaper with some quotes about his experience. Mr. Marr stated, *"I'm not a thrill seeker... I didn't do it for a rush – I just did it because it was a nice view and a once in a lifetime experience."* On CFG's security and the police's involvement Mr. Marr added, *"I think when they realised we weren't there to blow stuff up they relaxed a little bit. They questioned us for two hours."* (see page 33 of JDR1). I believe this implies that Mr. Marr at least is well aware that both the police and those responsible for landmark buildings are in a heightened state of alert given the ongoing threat of terrorist attacks.

Instructions to PM

26. As a result of the Second Incident, CFG engaged PM to investigate the Incidents more fully. PM has obtained a witness statement from Mr. Smith (as stated at paragraph 17 above) which records his experience of events related to the Incidents.

Reasons for the Present Application

27. The Applicants are in the process of issuing proceedings arising from the two Incidents. They are seeking injunctions to prevent the named Respondents repeating their stunt or indeed entering any of the Applicants' properties worldwide as identified at pages 1 to 4 of JDR1 (which include a number of other buildings of the type which appear to attract the Respondents' attention).
28. The present application is for an interim injunction to the same effect, pending the trial of the claim.
29. The Applicants' position is clearly set out in the skeleton argument which was filed and served with this application. I will leave detailed submissions on the application to Leading Counsel instructed to attend the hearing, and set out here the relevant evidential matters.
30. As a starting point, there is no doubt the Respondents had no right to do what they did. They should not have come on to the Applicants' premises at all, let alone to do something as dangerous as climb up on to the Stadium roof to walk around. The Applicants at the same time are fully entitled to ban the Respondents from entering their premises ever again. I think it is important to note that none of the Respondents have apparently suggested they had any justification for what they did. I find it difficult to imagine what defence they could have to the claim.

31. The Respondents' actions have had consequences, which justify preventing any recurrence.
32. Firstly, there is a real danger that if the Respondents seek to climb the Stadium again there will be serious consequences. Even if they did not cause damage to the Stadium on this occasion, they might well do so given their chosen methods of gaining access. The bigger concern for the Applicants is the risk that one of the Respondents could fall and suffer a serious injury or be killed. Based on the material the Respondents have posted online, they do not seem to be afraid of taking obvious risks and are no doubt very confident in their abilities as 'urban climbers'. It is not for me to judge whether that confidence is justified, but the reality is that there is a real risk that an accident could happen. The Stadium roof is not intended to be walked on. It does not have fences, and should not have to.
33. The Applicants take their responsibility with regards to health and safety extremely seriously, and it is imperative that the Applicants comply with all the requirements of current health and safety legislation. Enforcement action and the penalties for non-compliance continue to escalate with multi-million pound fines now the norm for any breaches by relevant organisations. As duty holders, the Applicants have a relevant duty of care to all third parties, including members of the public in respect of their premises and undertakings. As far as is reasonably practicable, the Applicants wish to prevent any nuisance or trespass in and around the Stadium, and their other premises, as clearly, in this case, scaling the Stadium presents a significant risk to those who engage in this activity and whilst the Applicants take and have taken action on a practical level to prevent this, any assistance from the courts to aid the Applicants with their duties would be welcome.
34. Secondly, the Respondents are not just active in the United Kingdom – rather, they also trespass on private property abroad. The Applicants do not know if they travel solely for that reason, or if the trespass is more opportunistic, but the fact is that some of the Respondents find themselves in a position to climb buildings / objects around the world. Via their respective Facebook accounts:
 - 34.1 Mr. Law has uploaded photographs of himself at the top of a 400m crane in Dubai, UAE and a 90ft antenna in Bangkok, Thailand (see page 34 of JDR1);
 - 34.2 Mr. Marr has uploaded photographs of himself walking along rooves of buildings in Athens, Greece and confirmed that he was arrested in Madrid, Spain for climbing on a roof in the centre of the city (see page 35 of JDR1);

- 34.3 Mr. Davies posted about a confrontation with police in Frankfurt, Germany after he, Mr. Farrell and Mr. Brewer were caught climbing a large chimney stack (see page 36 of JDR1); and
- 34.4 Mr. Farrell has uploaded photographs of himself at the top of a large piece of signage in Madrid, Spain (see page 36 of JDR1).
35. Further, according to an article published in The Telegraph newspaper, Mr. Brewer is facing prosecution in Paris, France after leaping on to a Metro train and 'surfing' it over the River Seine (see page 37 of JDR1).
36. CFG is concerned that its other stadia, training facilities and offices may be targeted by the Respondents. As stated at paragraph 5 above, CFG is a global business, with football clubs in many different jurisdictions. It seems that the Respondents identify sites and buildings which are landmarks or high profile or, failing that, simply tall. CFG has operations in attractive locations such as New York City and Melbourne, and is understandably worried that such properties may well be on the Respondents' 'to do' list in the coming months and years. In light of the above, the Applicants seek a worldwide injunction against the Respondents in respect of each of the properties listed at pages 1 to 4 of JDR1.
37. Thirdly, the Applicants hope that an injunction will be an effective deterrent. It seems that the Respondents, once apprehended, tend to be compliant and leave the premises when asked. If there is an injunction in place, the Applicants have no reason to think the Respondents will not comply in view of the consequences of not doing so.
38. Finally, an important reason why CFG is seeking injunctive relief is that the business is already on high-alert in respect of the threat from terrorism as I have already mentioned. Unfortunately, the Stadium has long been identified as a potential target for terrorists, as have most major football stadia. The reckless behaviour of the Respondents has served only to heighten tension in this regard. They may also be distracting CFG's security staff from their duties of watching for terrorist activity, and may (by publishing their stunts) help potential terrorist attackers identify where to gain access to CFG's properties.

Injunction against persons unknown

39. The Applicants also seek an order against persons unknown. As I have already said, the Applicants do not know the identities of two of the six individuals involved in the First Incident, and so the Applicants seek an injunction which will cover them. As for how the injunction will be brought to their attention, the Applicants are seeking orders requiring the named Respondents to name and give the identities of the other two, which should mean they can then be served. Failing that, the injunction can be

attached to posts located around the Applicants' premises to ensure that the two will be aware of the injunction if they try to enter again (though in all likelihood they will probably find out from one or other of the named Respondents anyway).

40. There may also be other members to the group which was involved in the Incidents. Investigations are ongoing into whether there is a group name or some other identifying feature. It would obviously frustrate the injunction if the Respondents complied but their associates climbed the Stadium instead. The Applicants therefore seek an injunction which would cover their associates as well and an order requiring the named Respondents to name and give the identities of their associates and anyone else they have climbed buildings with.
41. It is also apparent from the social media profiles of Mr. Law and Mr. Brewer that there are a lot of users interested in their activities who may be encouraged to try it. The Applicants consider that an injunction covering anyone coming on to the Applicants' premises without the Applicants' consent, express or implied, is justified.
42. To be clear, the Applicants are not seeking a 'blanket' injunction preventing anyone at all from coming to their premises, with all the consequences that might follow for breaching the injunction. The injunction is restricted to those who do not have the Applicants' express or implied consent to be there. I do not believe that anyone coming to the Applicants' premises will have any real doubt whether they are supposed to be there - particularly if they are coming late at night when there is no one around but security patrols. It is also obvious to anyone coming with a plan to climb the Stadium or any of the other buildings that they have no right to do so.
43. I therefore respectfully request that the Court grants the Order to the effect sought in the terms of the draft attached.

Short-notice and service of documents

44. In light of the reasons outlined at paragraphs 27 to 37 above, the Applicants' application is made on short notice to the Respondents. Given the serious breach of security that occurred during the Second Incident, there is a real urgency on the part of the Applicants to ensure that the Respondents will not immediately attempt to climb the Stadium again or target CFG's other properties (as outlined at pages 1 to 4 of JDR1). Further, the Applicants are wary of the fact that, as the videos of the Second Incident have been uploaded to YouTube and Facebook, some of Mr. Law's or Mr. Brewer's many thousands of followers may seek to replicate the Respondents' actions in the coming weeks / months.
45. While the Applicants intend to effect service in the usual manner (in hard-copy form to the respective addresses of the Respondents ahead of the proposed hearing date on

Friday 22 September 2017), the Applicants also intend to notify (where possible) the Respondents of the application by email and / or via their social media accounts (as identified at page 38 of JDR1). Given that each of the Respondents have an active presence online, should the Order be granted, the Applicants seek permission of the court to serve the Order via the Respondents' respective social media accounts (as identified at page 38 of JDR1).

46. Based on the information provided to me by Mr. South, during the Second Incident, Mr. Guip gave as his date of birth 30 September 2002 which means he is presently 15 years old. He is, therefore, a child for the purposes of the CPR. I understand from Mr. South that Mr. Guip gave contact details for his mother at the conclusion of the second incident, namely Ms. Caudia Ceausu, mobile number 07576334423. I assume that the address he gave for himself, 19 Hamilton Road, London, W5 2EE, is where he lives with her.
47. The Applicants intend to serve the Claim Form on Ms. Ceausu. The Applicants also intend to apply for an order pursuant to CPR 21.6 appointing her as a litigation friend to represent his interests in the proceedings, and so intends to serve the application notice and evidence in support on her as well. I am aware that the Court will need to be satisfied that she satisfies the conditions in CPR 21.4(3). I do not have any reason to think she cannot fairly and competently conduct proceedings on his behalf, or that she has any interest adverse to that of Mr. Guip.

Cross-undertaking


48. I can confirm that CFG is willing to give a cross-undertaking in damages in respect of any losses which may be suffered by the Respondents should the Court subsequently find that the proposed Order should not have been made.
49. Exhibited at page 39 onwards of JDR1 is a copy of CFG's most recent accounts filed at Companies House. The Balance Sheet at page 63 of JDR1 shows that, when the accounts were prepared, CFG had substantial net assets of over £850,362,000. I have no reason to believe that this position has changed. Therefore, I believe that CFG would be able to meet any payment ordered to be made on the cross-undertaking.

Full and frank disclosure

50. As the application is made on short notice to the named Respondents (apart from Mr Guip) and without notice to the Eighth Respondent, I confirm that I have advised the Applicants of their obligation to make full and frank disclosure of all material matters in respect of the application. I have explained to the Applicants what 'full and frank disclosure' entails; they understand that duty and I believe they have complied.

Statement of Truth

51. I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed 

JULIAN DIAZ-RAINEY

Dated: 19.09.2017

CFG-related Properties

Asset	Address	Control
Manchester City Football Club		
Etihad Stadium	Etihad Campus, Manchester M11 3FF	MCFC control the stadium (and areas inside the gated perimeter) under a long lease from Manchester City Council
City Football HQ	North Gate, 400 Ashton New Road, Manchester M11 4TQ	MCFC owns the freehold
The Academy	West Gate, Etihad Campus, Alan Turing Way, Manchester M11 4TQ	MCFC owns the freehold
First Team Centre	South Gate One, Etihad Campus, 161 Clayton Lane, Manchester M11 4TS	MCFC owns the freehold
Facilities Management Building	South Gate One, Etihad Campus, 161 Clayton Lane, Manchester M11 4TS	MCFC owns the freehold
London Office	14th Floor, 10 Brock Street, Regent's Place, London NW1 3FG	Office space rented from British Land
City Football Japan	Level 14 Hibiya Central Building, 1-2-9 Nishi Shimbashi Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0003	CFG rent the office space
City Football Middle East	TwoFour54 Park Rotana Complex, Khalifa Park, Office 807 – C, P.O Box 769321, Abu Dhabi, UAE	CFG rent the office space
City Football Singapore	1 George Street, #15-01, Singapore 049145	CFG rent the office space
New York City Football Club		
Headquarters	600 Third Ave, 30th Floor, New York, NY 10016	CFG rent the office space
Training Facility	SUNY Purchase, 735 Anderson Hill Road,	CFG rent the land from the State

	Purchase, New York, NY 10577	University of New York
Yankee Stadium	1 East 161st Street, Bronx, New York	Only occupied by the club on match days
Melbourne City Football Club		
City Football Academy Melbourne	2 Crissane Road, Bundoora, Victoria 3083 Australia	CFG lease the land from La Trobe University
AAMI Park Stadium	Edwin Flack Field, Olympic Boulevard, Melbourne City, Victoria, Australia	Only occupied by the club on match days
Yokohama F Marinos Football Club		
Headquarters	Yokohama Marinos, DSM Shinyokohama bldg., 5F 2-6-3 Shin-yokohama, Kouhoku, Yokohama, 223-0033 Japan	Information to follow
Nissan Stadium Football Offices	Yokohama Marinos Football Department, Nissan Stadium, 3300 Kozukuecho, Kōhoku-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa-ken 222-0036, Japan	Information to follow
Club Atlético Torque		
Headquarters	Roque Graseras 694, Montevideo, Uruguay	CFG lease from Algranati Group
Estadio Parque Alfredo Víctor Viera Stadium	Avenida Buschental s/n, 11.700, Montevideo, Uruguay	CFG lease from Montevideo Wanderers Futbol Club

Complejo Daniel Marsicano Training Facility	Camino Curuzu Cuatia 3070, Montevideo, Uruguay	CFG lease from Torque's Civil Association
Girona FC		
Estadi Municipal Montivili Stadium	Avinguda Montivili, 141 (17003), Girona, Spain	CFG rent from Girona Municipality
Anexo Estadi Municipal Montivili Training Facility	Avinguda Montivili, 141 (17003) Girona, Spain	CFG rent from Girona Municipality
Camp de Futbol Municipal de Riudarenes Training Facility	Av. dels Segadors, s/n (17421), Riudarenes, Girona, Spain	CFG rent from Riudarenes Municipality
Municipal De Peralada Training Facility	Municipal Peralada Passeig Catalunya, s/n (17491 Peralada), Spain	CFG rent from Peralada Municipality
Camp de Futbol Vilablareix Training Facility	Avda. Lluís Companys, 75 (17180 Vilablareix), Spain	CFG rent from Vilablareix Municipality
Camp de Futbol Municipal de Riudellots Training Facility	C/ Pineda, 18 (17457) Riudellots de la Selva, Girona, Spain	CFG rent from Riudellots Municipality

Camp de futbol Municipal de Torres de Palau Training Facility	Complejo Deportivo Torres de Palau, C/ Església de Sant Miquel, 16 (17003 Girona), Spain	CFG rent from Girona Municipality
Camp Municipal de Vila-Roja Training Facility	Grup Vila-Roja 181 (17004 – Girona), Spain	CFG rent (at certain times) from Girona Municipality

Photographs of CFG-related Properties

Manchester City Football Club

Etihad Stadium, Etihad Campus, Manchester, M11 3FF



City Football HQ, North Gate, 400 Ashton New Road, Manchester, M11 4TQ



The Academy, Etihad Campus, Alan Turing Way, Manchester, M11 4TQ



First Team Centre, South Gate One, Etihad Campus, 161 Clayton Lane, Manchester, M11 4TS



Facilities Management Building, South Gate One, Etihad Campus, 161 Clayton Lane, Manchester, M11 4TS



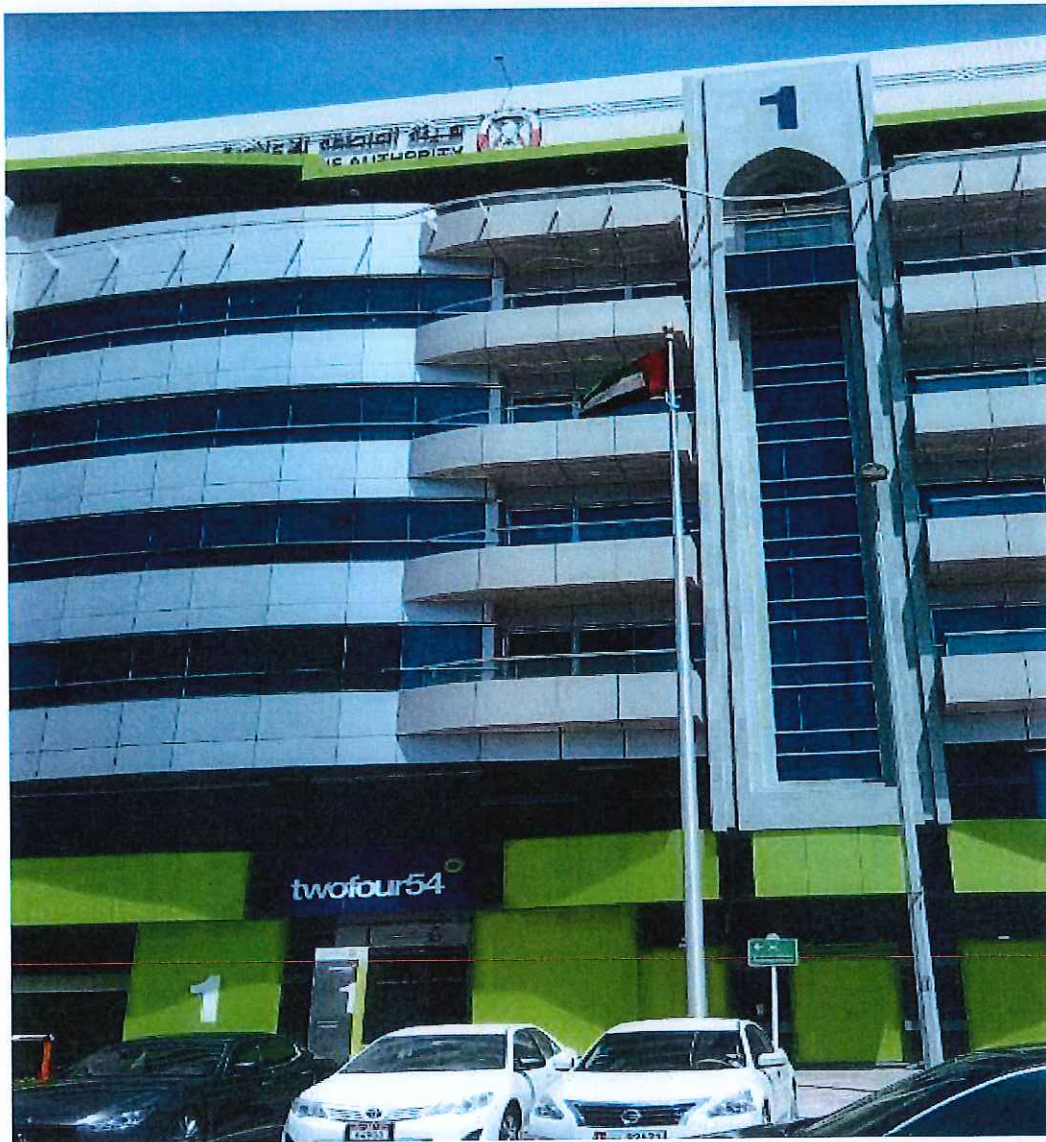
London Office, 14th Floor, 10 Brock Street, Regent's Place, London, NW1 3FG



City Football Japan, Level 14, Hibiya Central Building, 1-2-9 Nishi Shimbashi Minato-ku, Tokyo, 105-0003



City Football Middle East, TwoFour54 Park Rotana Complex, Khalifa Park, Office 807 – C,
PO Box 769321, Abu Dhabi, UAE



City Football Singapore, 1 George Street, #15-01, Singapore 049 145



New York Football Club

Headquarters, 600 Third Avenue, 30th Floor, New York, NY 10016

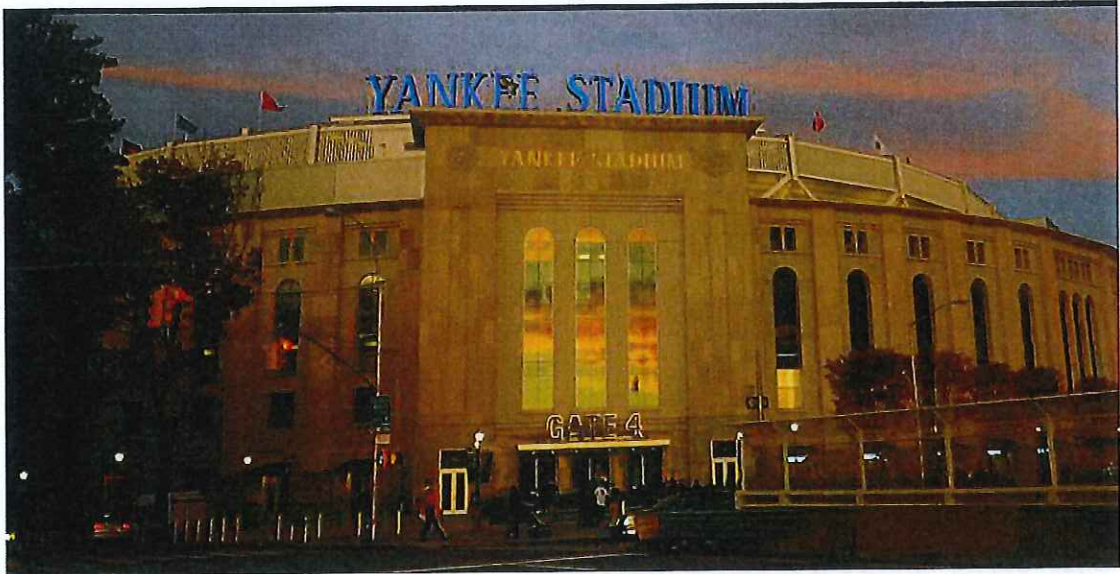


Training Facility, SUNY Purchase, 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, New York, NY 10577



Yankee Stadium, 1 East, 161st Street, Bronx, New York





Melbourne City Football Club

City Football Academy, 2 Crissane Road, Bundoora, Victoria 3083, Australia



AAMI Park Stadium, Edwin Flack Field, Olympic Boulevard, Melbourne City, Victoria, Australia



Yokohama F Marinos Football Club

Headquarters, Yokohama Marinos, DSM Shinyokohama Building, 5F 2-6-3 Shin-Yokohama, Kouhoku, Yokohama, 223-0033, Japan



Nissan Stadium Football Offices, Yokohama Marinos Football Department, Nissan Stadium, 3300 Kozukuecho, Kohoku-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa-ken 222-0036, Japan



Club Atlético Torque

Headquarters, Roque Graseras 694, Montevideo, Uruguay

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Estadio Parque Alfredo Víctor Viera Stadium, Avenida Buschental s/n, 11.700, Montevideo, Uruguay

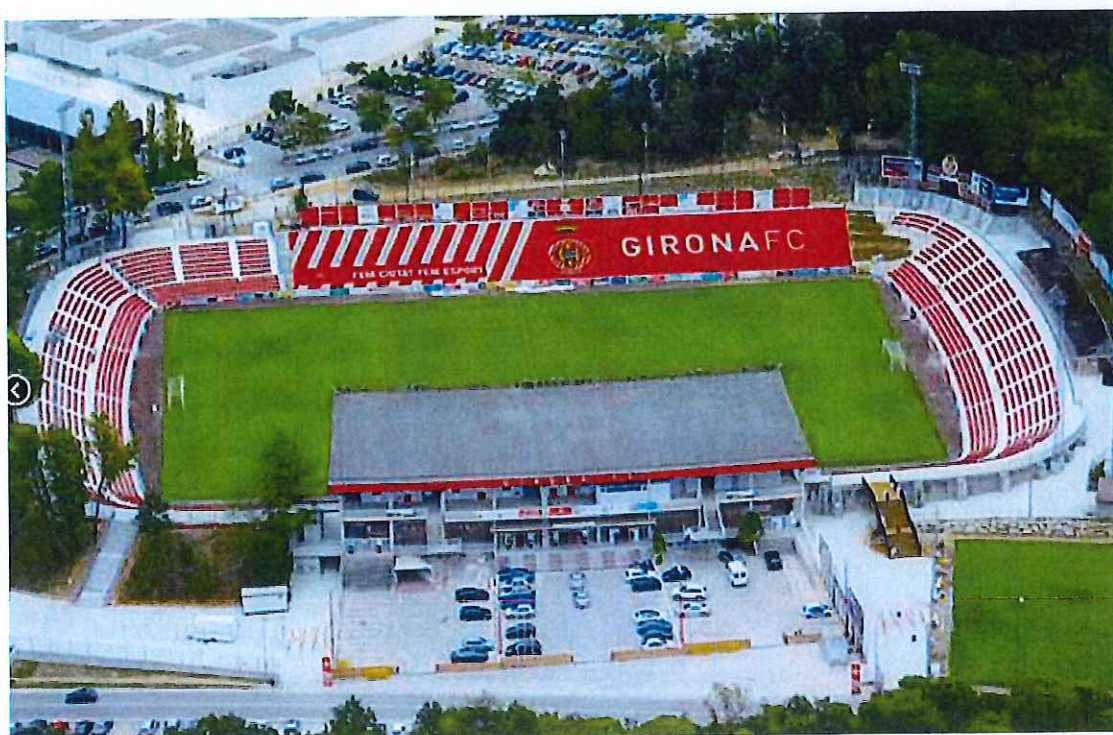


Complejo Daniel Marsicano Training Facility, Camino Curuzu Cuatia 3070, Montevideo, Uruguay

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Girona FC

Estadi Municipal Montivili Stadium, Avinguda Montivili, 141 (17003), Girona, Spain AND Anexo Estadi Municipal Montivili Training Facility, Avinguda Montivili, 141 (17003), Girona, Spain



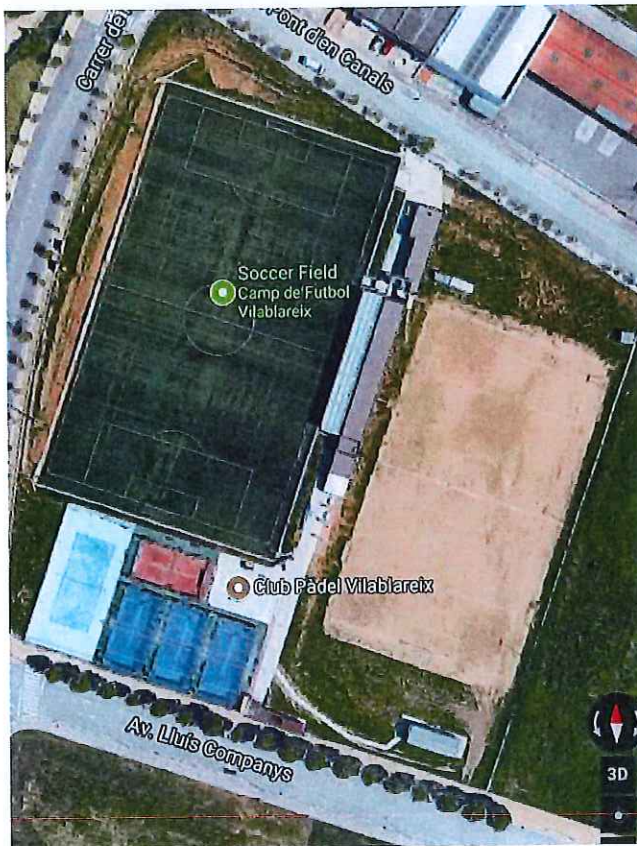
Camp de Futbol Municipal de Riudarenes Training Facility, Av. dels Segadors, s/n (17421), Riudarenes, Girona, Spain



Municipal De Peralada Training Facility, Municipal Peralada Passeig Catalunya, s/n (17491 Peralada), Spain



Camp de Futbol Vilablareix Training Facility, Avda. Lluís Companys, 75 (17180 Vilablareix), Spain



**Camp de Futbol Municipal de Riudellots Training Facility, C/ Pineda, 18 (17457)
Riudellots de la Selva, Girona, Spain**



**Camp de futbol Municipal de Torres de Palau Training Facility, Complejo Deportivo
Torres de Palau, C/ Església de Sant Miquel, 16 (17003 Girona), Spain**



Camp Municipal de Vila-Roja Training Facility, Grup Vila-Roja 181 (17004 – Girona), Spain



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- ILLSIGHT
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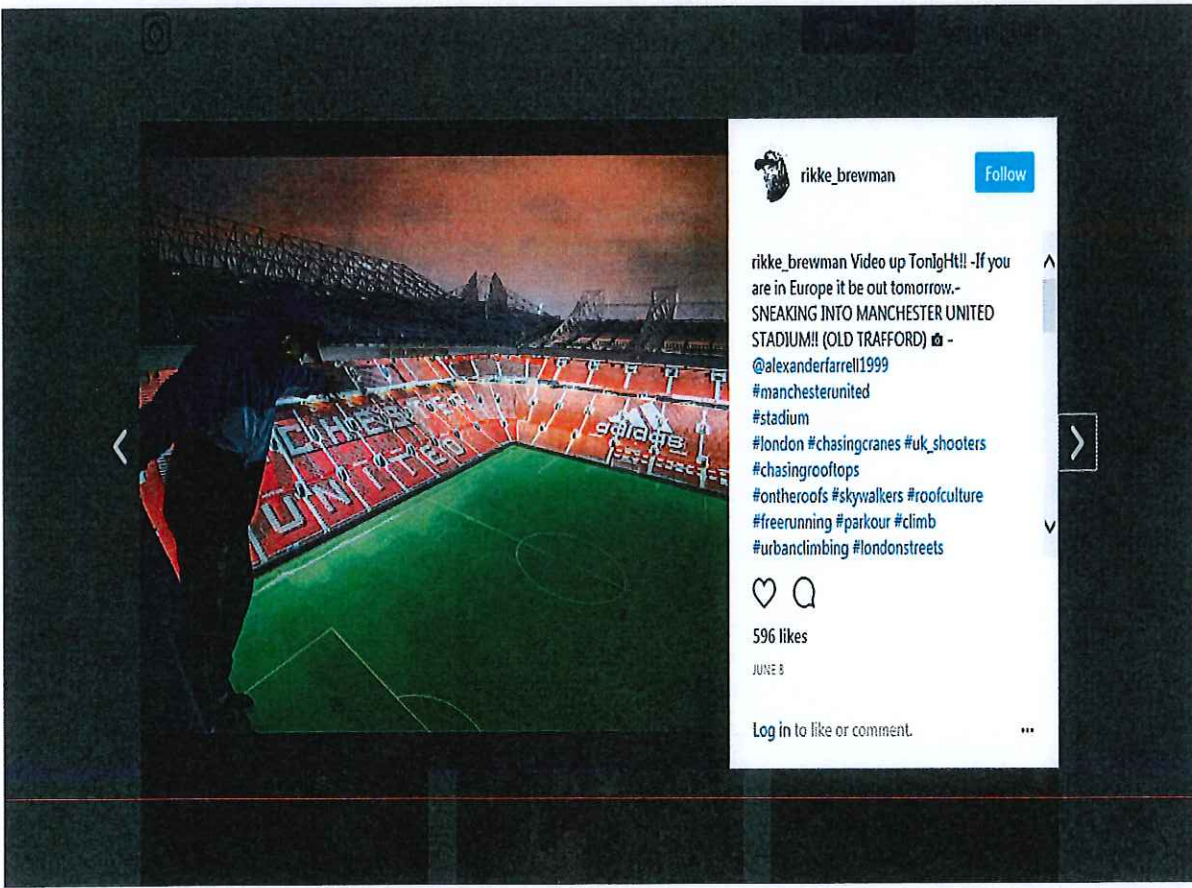
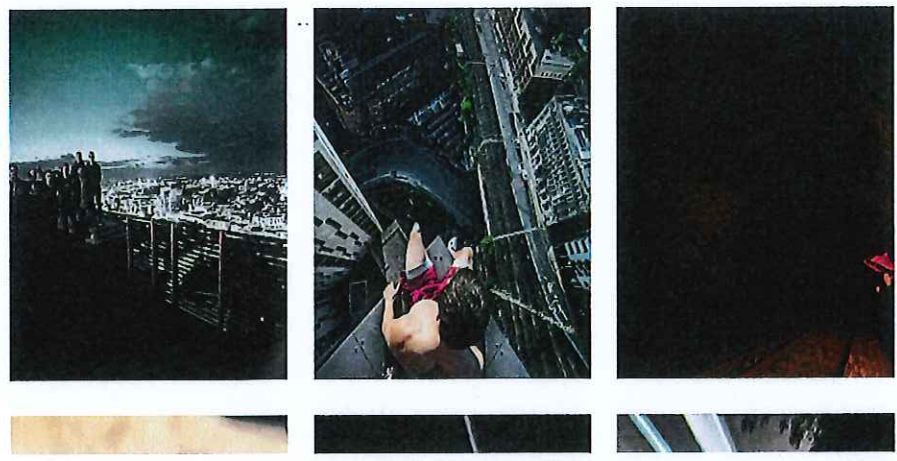


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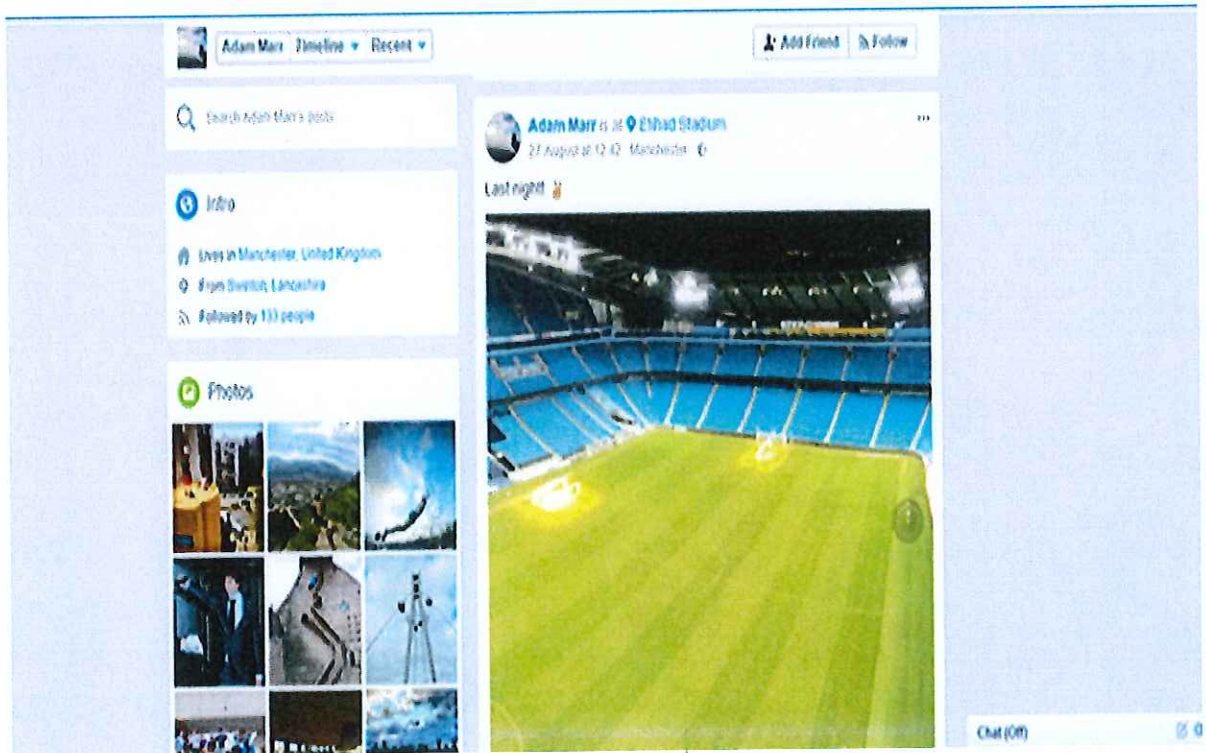
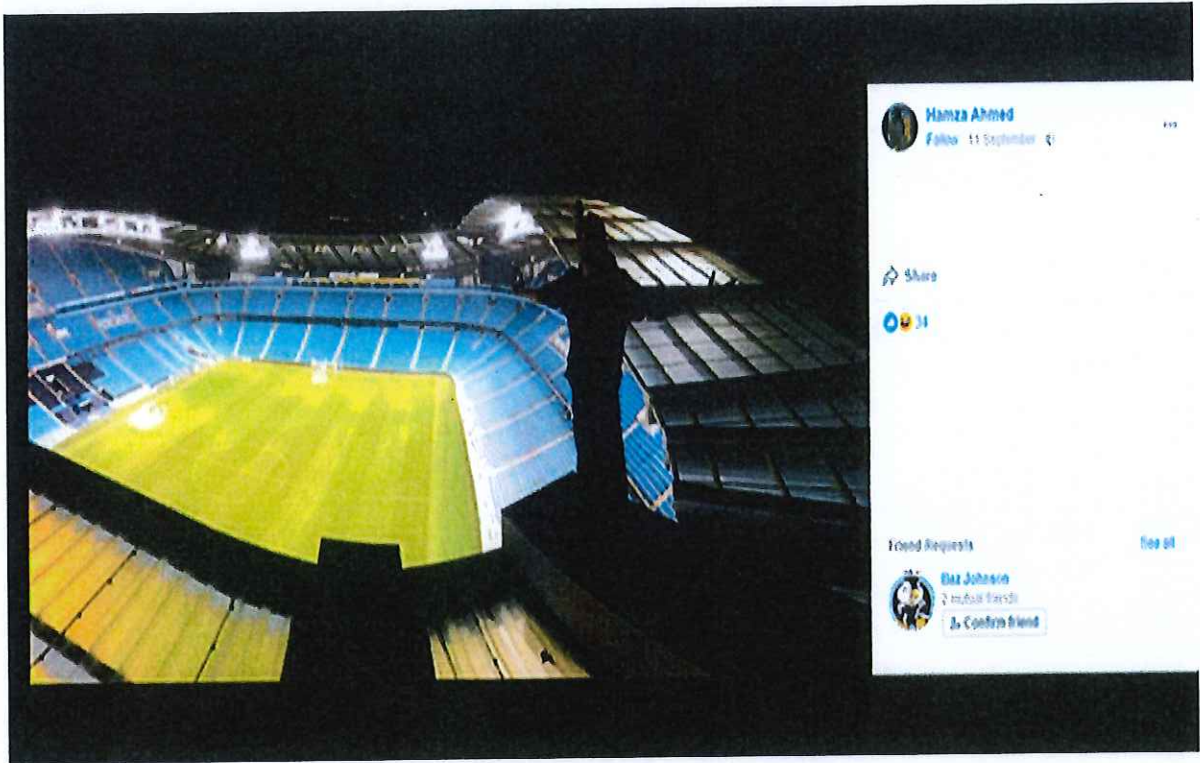
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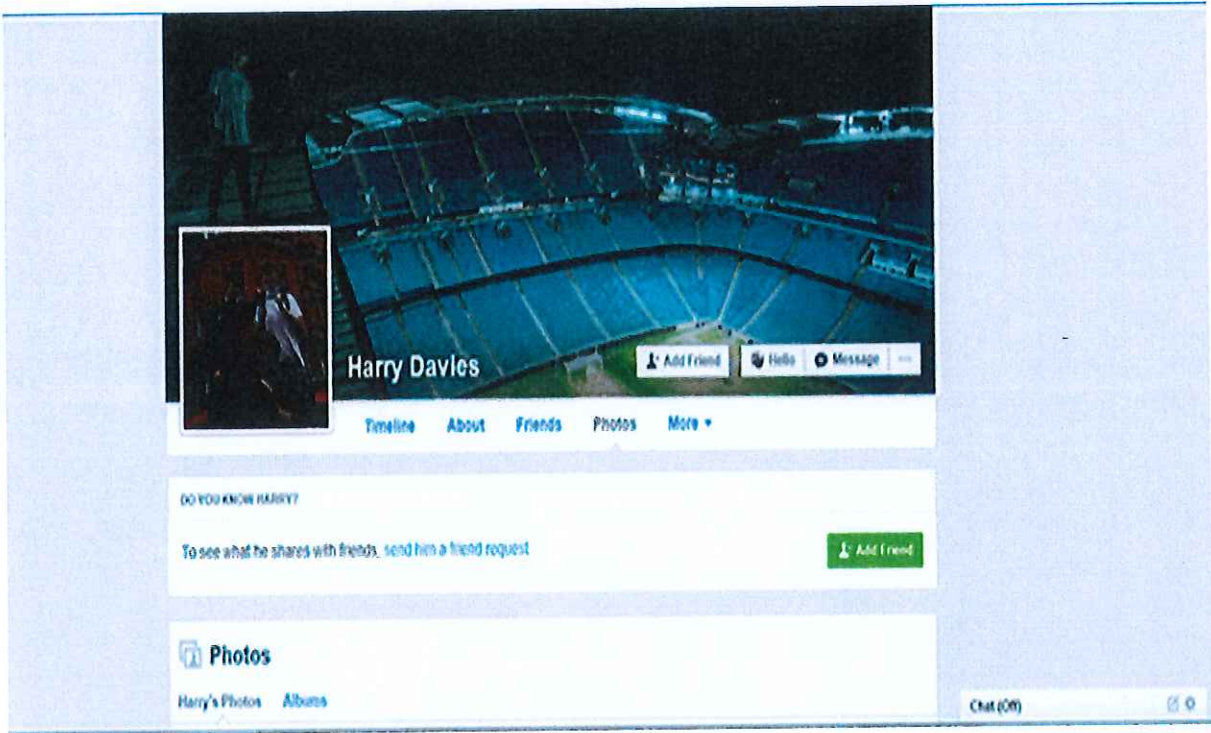


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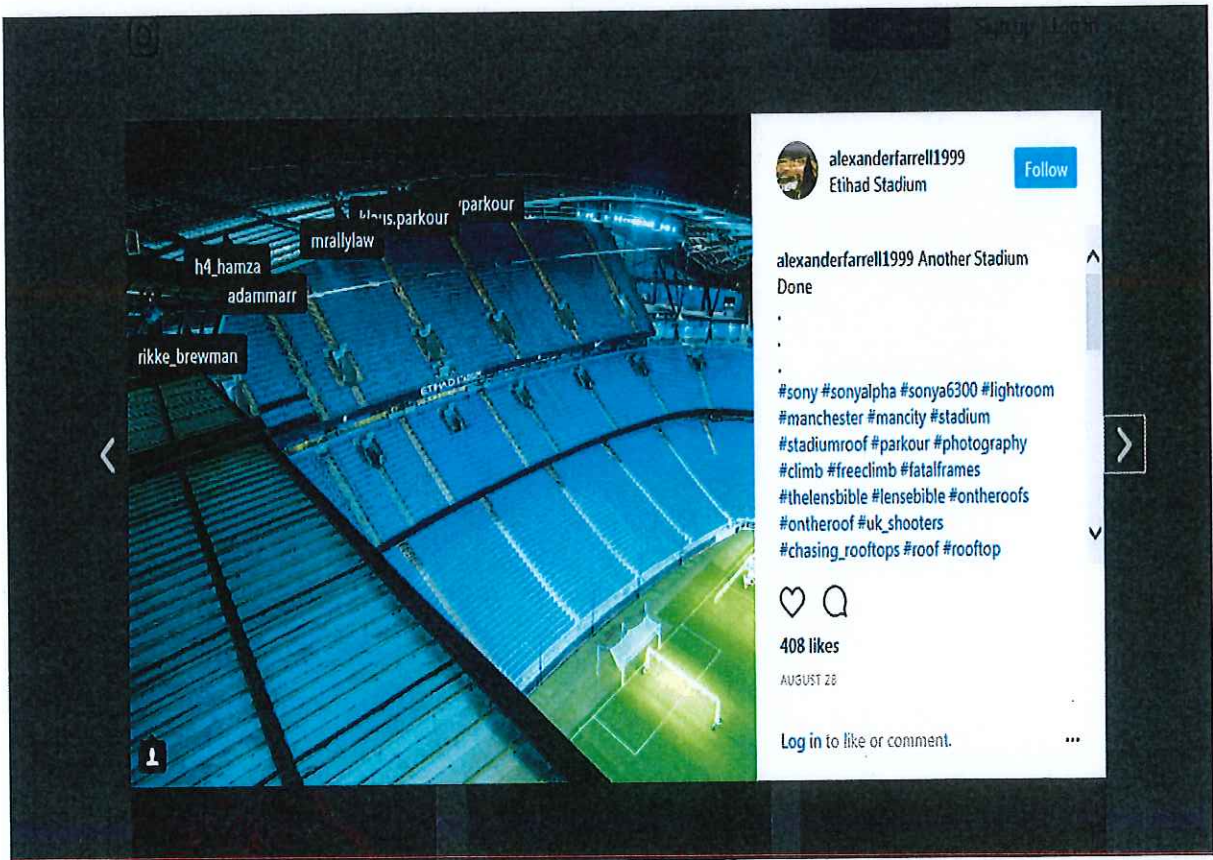
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A **parkour** daredevil who is an avid Manchester United fan got one over on his rivals when he climbed onto the roof of the Etihad stadium in a late night stunt.

Adam Marr, 24, says he and his friends were arrested after they got to the roof of **Manchester City's** ground on the night of August 26.

The parkour enthusiasts filmed their daring endeavour, as they clambered up the outside of the stadium and ended up inside, looking down at the seats.


But it doesn't take long for them to trigger a response, as security and police turn up.

Mr Marr [shared the video on YouTube](#), where he said: "Me and six of my friends go on the roof of the Etihad stadium (Manchester City). Security and police caught us."




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Video footage reveals the stunning panoramic view of Manchester viewed from the top of the Etihad – a feat Mr Marr thinks nobody, other than workmen, has ever achieved before.

Mr Marr said: "So when we all got to the roof we looked down and saw police and security walking around on the ground. They looked like little black dots from up there.





"If you look about three minutes into the video you can just see one guy standing there all by himself – and security were walking around the outside of the grounds.

"It took the police a good 15 to 20 minutes to make their way up to the roof. We were probably up there for about twenty or thirty minutes.

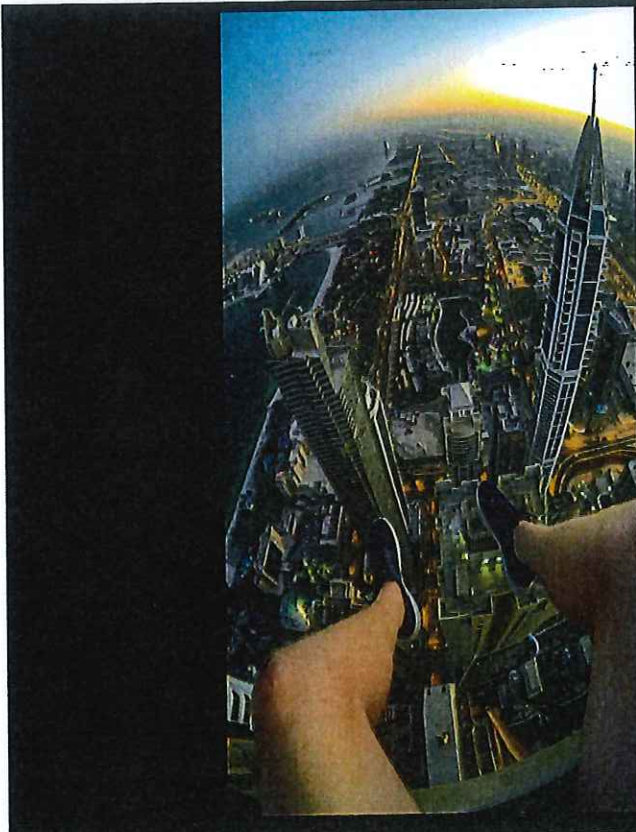
"I think when they realised we weren't there to blow stuff up they relaxed a little bit. They questioned us for two hours.

"They were running background checks and making sure we weren't terrorists.

"It was just a once in a lifetime experience."



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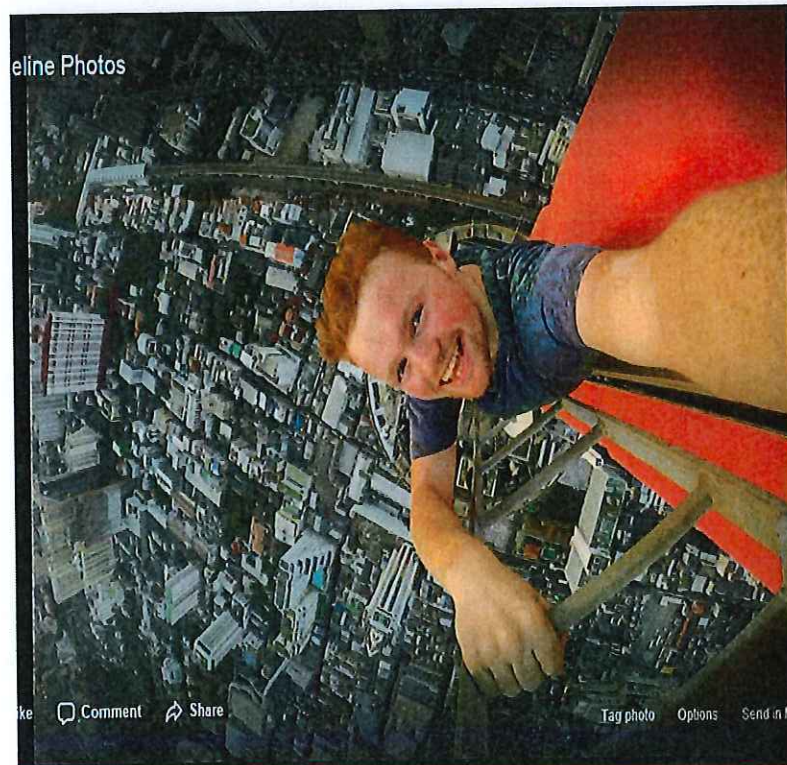
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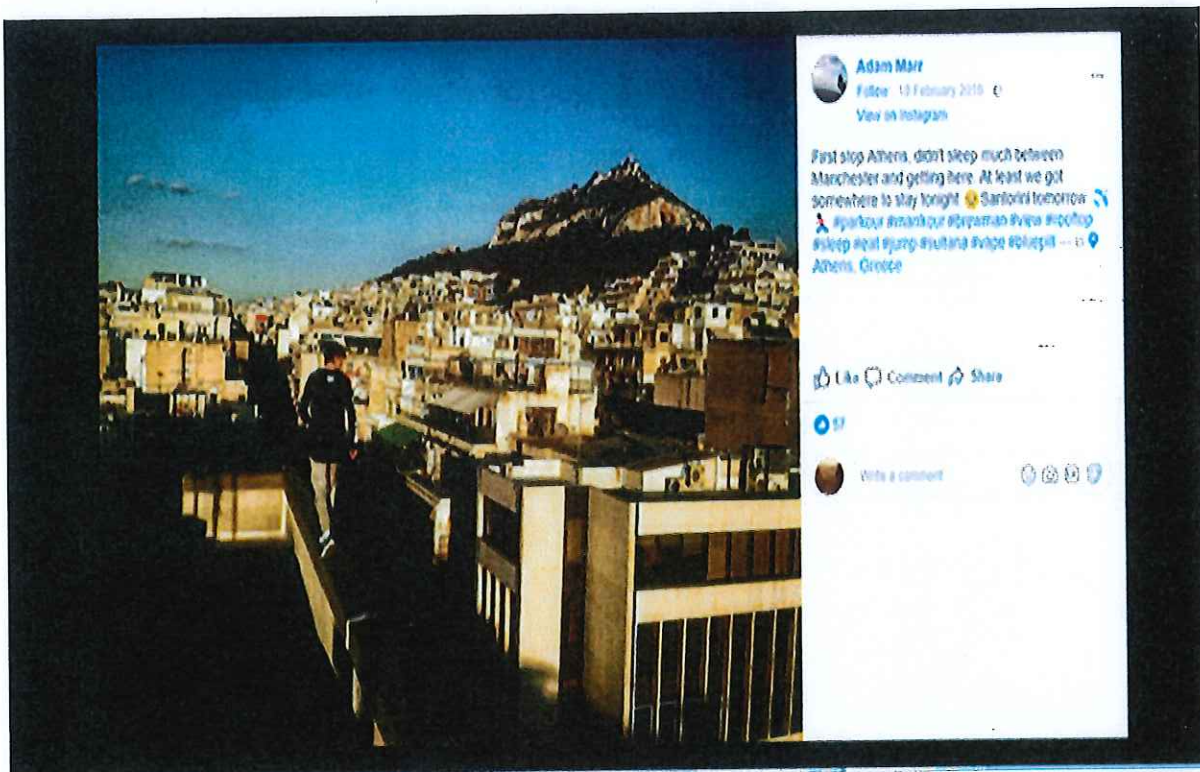
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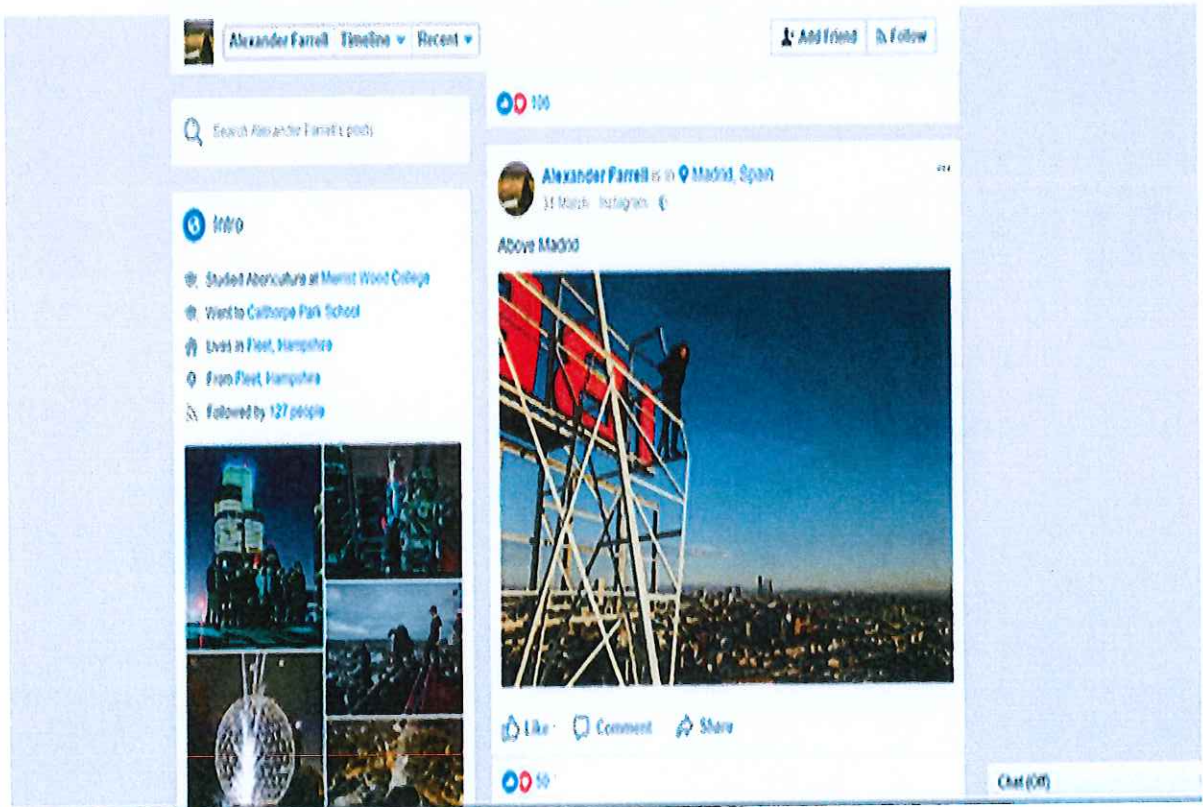
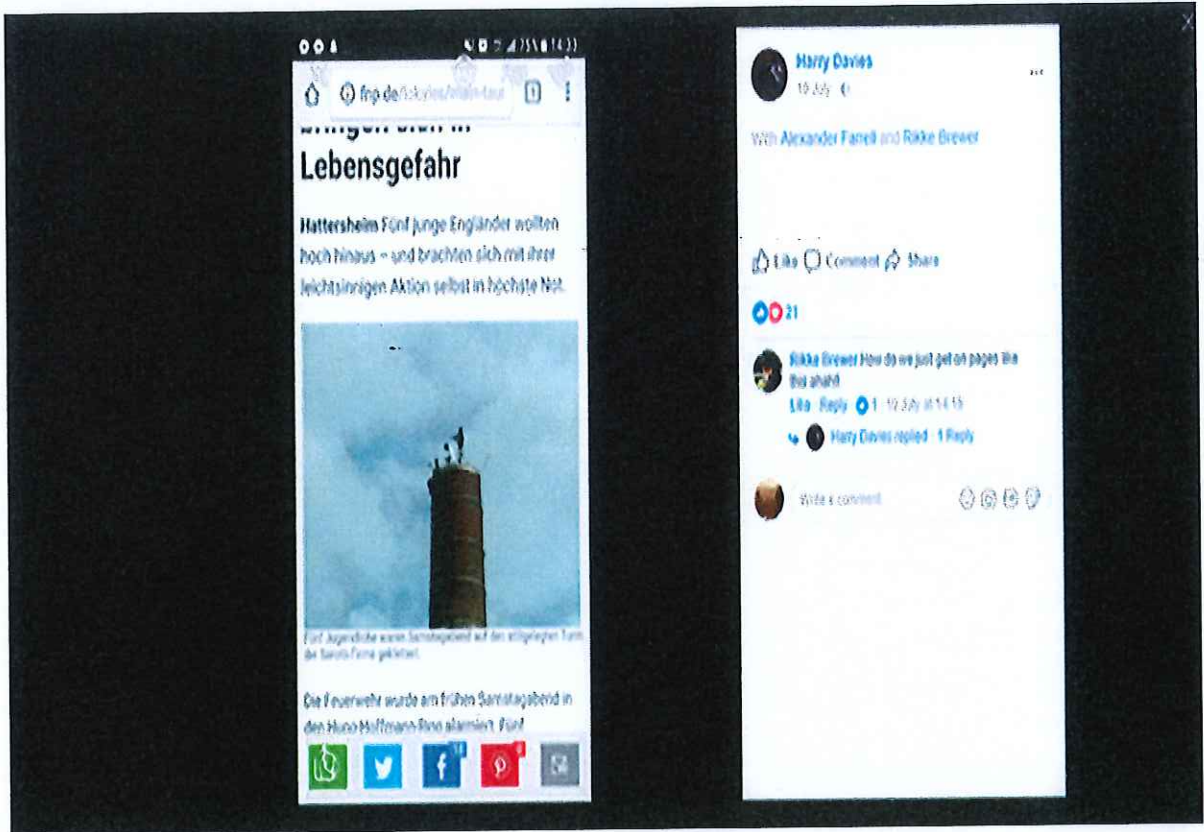
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British freerunner facing prosecution for Paris metro 'surfing' stunt



By **Rory Mulholland**, PARIS

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A British teenage freerunner is facing prosecution in Paris after he filmed himself and friends leaping onto the top of a metro train and dramatically “surfing” it over the River Seine with the illuminated Eiffel Tower lighting up the night sky behind them.

Rikke Brewer and his fellow parkour enthusiasts also got into trouble when they broke into the Paris headquarters of nuclear power company Areva, and wandered freely through its offices before performing death-defying stunts on the roof of the skyscraper building.

The 17-year-old Londoner posted videos of both events on his Youtube channel, where he describes himself as “a new and upcoming urban crazy explorer/vlogger.”

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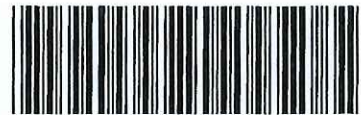
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For the year ended 31 May 2016

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Strategic Report

The Directors present their annual report on the affairs of the Group and Company, together with the audited financial statements, for the year ended 31 May 2016.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the Group is the operation of professional football clubs as well as providing football and commercial services to other organisations.

Business review and key performance indicators

The Group and Company's financial statements were prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ('UK GAAP') until 31 May 2015. The Group has elected to prepare its consolidated financial statements for the year ending 31 May 2016 under International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS') as adopted by the European Union, applying a transition date of 1 June 2014 (note 29).

The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under Financial Reporting Standard ('FRS') 100 issued by the Financial Reporting Council ('FRC'). The Company financial statements have therefore been prepared in accordance with FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' as issued by the FRC and with those parts of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to Companies reporting under FRS 101.

City Football Group Limited was created in January 2013 and holds investments in multiple football clubs around the world, specifically Manchester City Football Club, New York City Football Club and Melbourne City Football Club, as well as holding a smaller stake in Yokohama F. Marinos. During the year, the Group welcomed overseas investment in the form of Chinese Media Capital ('CMC') which now owns a minority stake in the Group. The investment shown by CMC demonstrates the value created by the City Football Group and its global subsidiaries. The minority shareholder will also assist the Group and subsidiaries to grow its presence in China.

The Group has reported a bottom line loss of £37.1m for the year (2015: £32.3m) as the newly formed service companies and New York City Football Club continue to build their business, offset by the profitability of Manchester City Football Club.

Manchester City Football Club generated revenue of £391.8m, an 11% overall increase on the previous season and the Club generated growth in all three revenue categories. Matchday revenue increased by 21% to £52.5m, broadcasting revenue was up 19% to £161.4m and commercial revenue grew 3% to £177.9m.

The increase in matchday revenue of 21% was driven by an extended Champions League campaign, increased average attendance at Premier League home games as a result of an improved fan experience and the completion of the expansion of the Etihad Stadium. Broadcasting revenue increased largely as a result of the most successful Champions League performance in the Club's history, reaching the semi-finals.

New York City Football Club generated revenues of £23.6m during the period, from its first full year competing in the MLS. The Club has attracted over 20,000 founding members, significantly beating its original target, and demonstrating the local presence the Club has established in the city of New York. Melbourne City Football Club, purchased in February 2014 contributed revenues of £5.5m in 2015/16, an increase on the 2014/15 season.

Employee benefit expenses were £249.4m, incurred mostly by Manchester City Football Club with the Club's wage turnover ratio now at 50% (2015: 55%).

The Group's financial position remains strong. The Group has net assets of more than £850m and continues to operate with zero financial debt.

The Group measures key performance against the following indicators:

Key performance indicator	Result
First team performance – MCFC – Premier League finishing position	4 th place
First team performance – MCFC – UEFA Champions League	Semi-final
First team performance – MCWFC – FA Women's Super League 1 (2015 season)	2 nd place
First team performance – NYCFC – MLS Eastern Conference finishing position (2015 season)	8 th place
First team performance – Melbourne City FC – A-League finishing position	4 th place
First team performance – Melbourne City Women's FC – W-League	1 st place
Employee costs/revenue – MCFC	50%
Average home league attendance – MCFC	54,041
Average home league attendance – MCWFC (2015 season)	1,500
Average home league attendance – NYCFC (2015 season)	29,016
Average home league attendance – Melbourne City FC	11,052
Commercial revenue – year-on-year growth	7%
Profit on player trading	£20.8m

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Directors' Report

Directors

The Directors who held office during the period were as follows:

K Al Mubarak (Chairman)
M Edelman
S Pearce
M Al Mazrouei
J MacBeath
A Galassi
R Li (appointed 15 December 2015)

Result for the period

The loss for the financial period was £37,059,000 (2015: £32,309,000). The Directors do not propose a dividend (2015: £nil).

Political and charitable contributions

The Group made no political contributions. Donations to UK charities amounted to £3,065,068 (2015: £3,008,754). This amount includes £1.9m supporting Premier League youth and community development.

Employment policies

Disabled employees are given full and fair consideration for all types of vacancy. If an existing employee becomes disabled, such steps as are practical and reasonable are taken to retain him/her in employment. Where appropriate, assistance with rehabilitation and suitable training are given. Disabled persons have equal opportunities for training, career development and promotion, except insofar as such opportunities are constrained by the practical limitations of their disability.

Within the bounds of commercial confidentiality, staff at all levels are kept fully informed of matters that affect the progress of the Group and are of interest to them as employees.

Financial risk management

Financial risk management policies are discussed in note 26 of the consolidated financial statements.

Events after the reporting date

Events after the reporting date are discussed in note 28 of the consolidated financial statements.

Environmental and local community

The Group acknowledges its responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment in which it operates and endeavours to maintain or enhance its local environment through the development and maintenance of shared facilities that are accessible to all communities' members.

The Group's policy is to develop structures for the future in addition to fulfilling the immediate requirements of the football clubs that it operates.

Future developments

Future developments are discussed in the Strategic Report.

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Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of City Football Group Limited

We have audited the Group financial statements of City Football Group Limited for the year ended 31 May 2016 which comprise the consolidated income statement, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of financial position, the consolidated statement of changes in equity, the consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and IFRS as adopted by the European Union.

This report is made solely to the Group's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Group's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Group and the Group's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Group financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the Group financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the FRC's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the Group financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's affairs as at 31 May 2016 and of the Group's loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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Consolidated Income Statement

	Note	2016 £000	2015 £000
Continuing operations			
Revenue	5	423,195	368,703
Other operating income	6	4,897	3,385
Operating expenses	6	(482,552)	(413,929)
Operating loss before profit on disposal of player registrations		(54,460)	(41,841)
Profit on disposal of players' registrations		20,757	12,899
Operating loss		(33,703)	(28,942)
Finance income	8	2,301	1,150
Finance costs	9	(1,792)	(666)
Stadium finance lease costs		(4,567)	(4,167)
Loss before tax from continuing operations		(37,761)	(32,625)
Income tax	10	702	316
Loss from continuing operations		(37,059)	(32,309)
Attributable to:			
Owners of the parent		(32,124)	(31,874)
Non-controlling interests		(4,935)	(435)
		(37,059)	(32,309)

The notes on pages 15 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Registered number: 08355862

	Note	2016 £000	2015 £000	2014 £000
Non-current assets				
Intangible assets	11	276,867	202,099	215,652
Property, plant and equipment	12	410,219	403,318	343,850
Investments	13	60,202	60,202	60,202
Trade and other receivables	16	13,810	25,235	22,555
		761,098	690,854	642,259
Current assets				
Trade and other receivables	16	171,763	145,971	143,970
Derivative financial instruments	14	-	490	-
Cash and cash equivalents		242,963	97,511	42,863
		414,726	243,972	186,833
Assets classified as held for sale	15	-	3,000	3,000
		414,726	246,972	189,833
Total assets		1,175,824	937,826	832,092
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	17	(148,486)	(110,151)	(141,882)
Derivative financial instruments	14	(353)	-	-
Deferred income	19	(44,693)	(32,464)	(15,032)
		(193,532)	(142,615)	(156,914)
Net current assets		221,194	104,357	32,919
Total assets less current liabilities		982,292	795,211	675,178
Non-current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	17	(123,887)	(109,938)	(99,058)
Deferred income	19	-	(1,028)	(1,073)
Deferred tax liabilities	20	(8,043)	(8,937)	(8,937)
		(131,930)	(119,903)	(109,068)
Total liabilities		(325,462)	(262,518)	(265,982)
Net assets		850,362	675,308	566,110
Equity				
Share capital	21	516,145	441,444	298,892
Share premium		424,632	284,969	284,969
Merger reserve		694,522	694,522	694,522
Foreign currency translation reserve		(3,873)	(2,549)	-
Retained earnings		(781,081)	(747,336)	(715,462)
Equity attributable to owners of the parent		850,345	671,050	562,921
Non-controlling interests		17	4,258	3,189
Total equity		850,362	675,308	566,110

The notes on pages 15 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 16 September 2016 and were signed on its behalf by:


J MacBeath
 Director

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

	Note	2016 £000	2015 £000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Loss before tax from continuing operations		(37,761)	(32,625)
<i>Non cash adjustments to reconcile loss before tax to net cash flows</i>			
Finance income		(2,301)	(1,150)
Finance costs		1,792	666
Stadium finance lease costs		4,567	4,167
Profit on disposal of players		(20,757)	(12,899)
Amortisation of players' registrations		93,973	70,177
Amortisation of other intangible assets		272	527
Investment impairment		1,013	867
Depreciation		15,011	9,645
(Profit)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		(189)	1,719
Fair value loss/(gain) on derivative financial instruments		843	(490)
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables		(48,021)	33,486
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables and other deferred income		18,448	(18,059)
Release and amortisation of grants		(1,073)	(45)
Net cash flow from operating activities		25,818	55,986
Cash flows from financing activities			
Interest paid		-	(5)
Interest element of finance lease payments		(3,494)	(4,437)
Interest received		653	1,342
Issue of shares		214,364	142,552
Capital element of finance lease rental payments		(330)	(571)
Net cash used in financing activities		211,193	138,881
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchases of players' registrations		(130,865)	(84,907)
Purchases of other intangible assets		(102)	(9)
Proceeds from players' registrations		58,525	16,083
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(22,069)	(70,999)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		2,754	(124)
Purchase of investments		(1,013)	(867)
Net cash used in investing activities		(92,770)	(140,823)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	25	144,241	54,044
Exchange gains on cash and cash equivalents		1,211	604
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 June		97,511	42,863
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 May	25	242,963	97,511

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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements *(continued)*

2 Significant accounting policies *(continued)*

New and amended standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

Amendments to IFRS 5 Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations
Amendments to IFRS 7 Financial instruments: disclosures
Amendments to IFRS 10 Consolidated financial statements
Amendments to IFRS 11 Joint arrangements
Amendments to IFRS 12 Disclosure of interests in other entities
Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of financial statements
Amendments to IAS 16 Property, plant and equipment
Amendments to IAS 19 Employee benefits
Amendments to IAS 27 (revised 2011) Separate financial statements
Amendments to IAS 28 (revised 2011) Investments in associates and joint ventures
Amendments to IAS 38 Intangible assets
IFRS 9 Financial instruments: classification and measurement
IFRS 15: Revenue from contracts with customers
IFRS 16: Leases

The adoption of these standards, amendments and interpretations is not expected to have a material impact on the Group's income statement, net assets or equity. Adoption may affect the disclosures in the Group's financial statements.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the City Football Group Limited ('the Company') and its subsidiary undertakings up to 31 May 2016.

The Company was incorporated on 10 January 2013 and acquired Manchester City Limited ('MCL') on 2 February 2013 as part of this restructure. Shares in the Company were exchanged for shares in MCL. This has been accounted for using merger accounting principles.

Where merger accounting is used, the investment is recorded in the Company's balance sheet at the nominal value of the shares issued together with the fair value of any additional consideration paid.

Subsidiaries

In the Group financial statements, merged subsidiary undertakings are treated as if they had always been a member of the Group. The results of such a subsidiary are included for the whole period in the year it joins the Group, being the date on which the Group obtains control. The corresponding figures for the previous year include its results for that period, the assets and liabilities at the previous reporting date and the shares issued by the Company as consideration as if they had always been in issue. Any difference between the nominal value of the shares acquired by the Company and those issued by the Company to acquire them is taken to reserves.

The results of overseas subsidiaries are translated at the average rates of exchange during the year and the statement of financial position translated into pounds sterling at the rates of exchange ruling on the reporting date. Exchange differences which arise from translation of the opening net assets and results of foreign subsidiary undertakings are recognised in other comprehensive income.

Results of subsidiaries with non-coterminous year ends within three months of the Group's year end are consolidated in these financial statements.

All intra-Group balances and transactions are eliminated in full. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements *(continued)*

2 Significant accounting policies *(continued)*

Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the contracted rate or the rate of exchange ruling at the reporting date. All differences are taken to the income statement with the exception of all monetary items that form part of a net investment in a foreign operation. These are recorded in other comprehensive income until the disposal of the net investment, at which time they are reclassified to the income statement. Tax charges and credits attributable to exchange differences on those monetary items are also recorded in other comprehensive income.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates as at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value is determined. The gain or loss arising on translation of non-monetary items is recognised in line with the gain or loss of the item that gave rise to the translation difference (translation differences on items whose gain or loss is recognised in other comprehensive income or the income statement is also recognised in other comprehensive income or the income statement respectively).

Group companies

The assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated into pounds sterling at the rate of exchange prevailing at the reporting date and their income statements are translated at exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. The exchange differences arising on the translation are recognised in other comprehensive income. On disposal of a foreign operation, the component of other comprehensive income relating to that particular foreign operation is recognised in the income statement.

Any goodwill arising on the acquisition of a foreign operation subsequent to 1 June 2014 and any fair value adjustments to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities arising on the acquisition are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign operation and translated at the closing rate.

Prior to 1 June 2014, the date of transition to IFRS, the Group treated goodwill and any fair value adjustments to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities arising on the acquisition as assets and liabilities of the parent. Therefore, those assets and liabilities are non-monetary items already expressed in the functional currency of the parent and no further translation differences occur.

Revenue recognition

Revenue represents the fair value of considerations received or receivable from the Group's principal activities, excluding Value Added Tax, other sales taxes and transfer fees. The Group's principal revenue streams are matchday income, TV broadcasting income, commercial activities relating to the Group and donations. The Group recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured; it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity and when specific criteria have been met for the principal activities described below.

Matchday

Matchday revenue is based on men's and women's football matches played by the clubs within the Group throughout the year. Revenue from each match is recognised only after each match is played throughout the year.

Matchday revenue includes revenue generated from the three clubs for the competitions outlined below.

United Kingdom

Manchester City Football Club domestic and European matchday activities played at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester (men's first team) and The Academy Stadium (women's first team and Elite Development Squad ('EDS')), together with the Group's share of gate receipts from domestic cup matches not played at the Etihad Stadium and revenue generated from pre-season tours. The share of gate receipts payable to the opposition club and competition organiser for domestic cup matches held at the Etihad Stadium is recognised as an operating expense once the match has been played.

Matchday revenue received in advance of the year end, relating to the following year is treated as deferred income until such time that the related match is played when the revenue is recognised. Deferred matchday revenue mainly relates to seasonal facilities at the Etihad Stadium.

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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements *(continued)*

2 Significant accounting policies *(continued)*

Taxes

Current income tax

Current income tax assets and liabilities for the current period are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted, at the reporting date in the countries where the Group operates and generates taxable income.

Current income tax relating to items recognised directly in equity is recognised in equity and not in the income statement. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in the tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulations are subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on temporary differences at the reporting date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which deductible timing differences can be utilised.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the year when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Deferred tax items are recognised in correlation to the underlying transaction either in the income statement, other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current income tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

Tax benefits acquired as part of a business combination, but not satisfying the criteria for separate recognition at that date, would be recognised subsequently if new information about facts and circumstances changed. The adjustment would either be treated as a reduction to goodwill (not exceeding goodwill) if it is incurred during the measurement period or in the income statement.

Deferred tax assets are only recognised by the Group when management is certain they can be utilised in the foreseeable future.

VAT and other sales taxes

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of VAT or other sales tax, except where the VAT or sales tax incurred on a purchase of assets or services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the VAT or sales tax is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item as applicable.

The net amount of VAT or sales tax recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations

Non-current assets and disposal groups classified as held for sale are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. Non-current assets and disposal groups are classified as held for sale if their carrying amounts will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. This condition is regarded as met only when the sale is highly probable and the asset or disposal group is available for immediate sale in its present condition. Management must be committed to the sale, which should be expected to qualify for recognition as a completed sale within one year from the date of classification.

Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets including player registrations, once classified as held for sale are not depreciated or amortised.

Leases

Finance leases which transfer to the Group substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the leased item, are capitalised at the commencement of the lease at the fair value of the leased property or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. Lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease liability so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are recognised in finance costs in the income statement. A leased asset is depreciated over the estimated useful life of the asset or the term of the lease.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an operating expense in the income statement on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements *(continued)*

2 Significant accounting policies *(continued)*

Players' registrations and football staff remuneration

Initial recognition

Players' registration costs including transfer fees, agent fees, Premier League levy fees and other directly attributable costs are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration payable for the acquisition. When a player registration is acquired, management will make an assessment to estimate the likely outcome of specific performance conditions. Contingent consideration will be recognised in the players' registration costs if management believes the performance conditions will be met in line with the contractual terms. Periodic reassessments of the contingent consideration are completed. Any contingent amounts that management believe will be payable are included in the players' registration from the date management believe the performance conditions will be met. Any additional amounts of contingent consideration not included in the costs of players' registrations are disclosed separately as a commitment. Amortisation of costs is on a straight line basis over the length of the player's contract.

Renegotiation

The costs associated with an extension of a playing contract are added to the residual balance of the players' registration at the date of signing the contract extension. The revised net book value is amortised over the remaining renegotiated contract length.

Impairment

Group management believe the value in use of a player registration cannot be determined on a player by player basis unless a decision has been made to dispose of the player or the cost is recovered through an insurance claim, for example if a player were to suffer a career threatening injury. If such a case were to arise, management would assess the registration's fair value less cost to sell in comparison to its carrying value. Where the estimated fair value less cost to sell of a single player registration was below its carrying value, management would record an impairment charge in the income statement immediately.

Disposal

Players' registrations available for sale are classified as assets held for sale when their carrying value is expected to be recovered principally through sale rather than continued use and a sale is considered highly probable. For sale to be highly probable, management must have committed to sell the registration, it must be actively marketed by the Group, with offers being received prior to the year end. For a registration to be classified as held for sale, management should expect to sell the asset within 12 months of the date of reclassification. These assets would be reclassified as current assets and stated at the lower of their carrying value and their fair value less cost to sell with any impairment loss being recognised in the income statement at the date of reclassification.

When a player registration sale is completed, the fair value of consideration receivable less any applicable transaction costs, is assessed against the registration's carrying value. Where the amounts are different, gains and losses arising as a result of the sale are recorded and disclosed separately within profit and loss on players' registrations in the income statement. Contingent consideration receivable from a sale of a player's registration is only recognised in the income statement once the performance conditions within the contract are met.

Remuneration

Player remuneration is recorded in the income statement in line with the conditions of the individual contracts. Performance bonuses are recorded as they become legally or contractually payable on a player by player basis. Loyalty and signing on fees payable are recorded in the income statement in the period to which they relate.

Investments

The Group assesses each of its investments to assess whether control or significant influence exists. When the Group assesses that it has control of an investment, the investment is treated as a subsidiary whose financial results are consolidated into the Group's financial statements. If control or joint control does not exist, the Group assesses the investment for significant influence. When significant influence does not exist, the investment is treated as a financial investment by the Group.

Based on the Group's assessment of control and significant influence, it has concluded that it does currently exert significant influence over any investments. As such, the Group's investments are classified as either subsidiaries or other investments.

Other investments include investments not deemed to be associates, jointly controlled entities or subsidiaries by managements. These investments are stated at fair value and includes the Group's investment in Major League Soccer ('MLS').

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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements *(continued)*

2 Significant accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial liabilities

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, loans and borrowings, payables, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

The Group's financial liabilities include trade and other payables, loans and borrowings including bank overdrafts, financial guarantee contracts and derivative financial instruments.

Subsequent measurement

The measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification, as described below:

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial liabilities are classified as held for trading if they are incurred for the purpose of repurchasing in the near term. This category also includes derivative financial instruments entered into by the Group that are not designated as hedging instruments in hedge relationships as defined by IAS 39.

Gains or losses on liabilities held for trading are recognised in the income statement.

Financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition at fair value through profit or loss are designated at the initial date of recognition, and only if the criteria in IAS 39 are satisfied. The Group has not designated any financial liability as at fair value through profit or loss.

Loans and borrowings

After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the EIR method. Gains and losses are recognised in the income statement when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the EIR amortisation process.

Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortisation is included as finance costs in the income statement.

Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the income statement.

Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the consolidated statement of financial position if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements *(continued)*

3 Significant accounting judgments, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the Group's consolidated financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities, at the end of the reporting period. However, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in future periods. Estimates and assumptions used by management are based on historical experience and other relevant factors.

Player registrations

The costs associated with players' registrations are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration payable for the acquisition. Subsequent reassessments of the contingent consideration payable are included in the players' registration. The estimate of the amount of contingent consideration payable requires management to assess, on a player by player basis, the likelihood of specific performance terms being met which would result in the payment of contingent consideration.

Management will perform an impairment review of player registrations, if events indicate that the carrying value is not recoverable through an inflow of future economic benefits. Whilst management do not feel it is appropriate to separate an individual player registration from a single CGU, being the operations of the club in possession of the registration, there may be limited circumstances in which a registration is removed from the CGU and recoverability assessed separately. Where such indications exist, management will compare the carrying value of the asset with management's best estimate of fair value less cost to sell.

Goodwill and other intangible assets

Management tests goodwill for impairment on an annual basis with the recoverable amount of the related CGU being calculated based on its value in use. Estimates and assumptions are used to calculate the future estimated cash flows and the selection of a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value of future cash flows.

Management will perform an impairment review of other intangible assets, if events indicate that the carrying value is not recoverable through an inflow of future economic benefits. Where such indications exist, management will compare the carrying value of the asset with management's best estimate of fair value less cost to sell.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments due to be settled or received in greater than one year are discounted when the time value of money is considered by management to be material to the Group. In such instances, management will estimate the timing of future cash flows and select an appropriate discount rate in order to calculate the present value of future cash flows related to the financial instrument.

Fair value of MLS investment

Management must assess the fair value of the investment it has made in the MLS on an annual basis. Management will estimate the fair value of the MLS investment using publically available information on other franchises entering the league over time. Changes in fair value of the investment will be recorded through OCI.

Recoverability of receivables

Management assesses the recoverability of receivables on a case-by-case basis and provides for doubtful debt where deemed necessary.

4 Business combinations and acquisition of non-controlling interests

On 30 June 2015, City Football Group Limited acquired the 20% non-controlling interest of MHFC Holdings Pty Limited, the parent company of Melbourne City Football Club Pty Limited. The non-controlling interest was acquired for cash consideration of £927,521 (AU\$1,873,593) and the carrying value of the non-controlling interest acquired was £693,800. The difference between the consideration paid and the carrying value has been recognised in retained earnings within equity.

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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

7 Employees

Employee benefits and average number

The average number of employees and directors during the year is set out and analysed by category in the table below:

Average number of employees	2016	2015
Football staff – including players	325	304
Commercial/administration staff	437	405
	762	709

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	£000	£000
Wages and salaries	222,977	203,722
Social security costs	25,114	26,876
Other pension costs	1,337	899
	249,428	231,497

Key management compensation

Key management personnel include the management team of City Football Group Limited. Non-executive directors receive no remuneration from the Group. The compensation paid or payable to key management personnel for employment services is shown in the table below:

	2016 £000	2015 £000
Salaries and other short term benefits (including bonuses)	4,339	3,468
Post-employment benefits	71	40
	4,410	3,508

8 Finance income

	2016 £000	2015 £000
Bank interest	659	64
Unwinding of discount factor on player transfer receivables	473	435
Fair value movement on forward foreign exchange contracts	-	490
Other	1,169	161
	2,301	1,150

9 Finance costs

	2016 £000	2015 £000
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	5
Fair value movement on forward foreign exchange contracts	353	-
Unwinding of discount factor on unpaid MLS expansion fee and player transfer payables	1,439	661
	1,792	666

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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

11 Intangible assets

	Player Registrations £000	Goodwill £000	Software and website development £000	Other £000	Total £000
Cost					
As at 1 June 2014	440,386	5,813	5,236	1,644	453,079
Additions	97,902	-	552	-	98,454
Disposals	(128,097)	-	(3,279)	-	(131,376)
Exchange differences	-	-	-	(234)	(234)
As at 31 May 2015	410,191	5,813	2,509	1,410	419,923
Additions	175,355	-	102	-	175,457
Disposals	(62,059)	-	(13)	-	(62,072)
Exchange differences	-	-	1	391	392
As at 31 May 2016	523,487	5,813	2,599	1,801	533,700
Amortisation					
As at 1 June 2014	233,184	-	4,243	-	237,427
Charge in the year	70,177	-	527	-	70,704
Disposals	(87,067)	-	(3,240)	-	(90,307)
As at 31 May 2015	216,294	-	1,530	-	217,824
Charge in the year	93,973	-	272	-	94,245
Disposals	(55,233)	-	(3)	-	(55,236)
As at 31 May 2016	255,034	-	1,799	-	256,833
Net book value					
As at 31 May 2016	268,453	5,813	800	1,801	276,867
As at 31 May 2015	193,897	5,813	979	1,410	202,099
As at 1 June 2014	207,202	5,813	993	1,644	215,652

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13 Other investments

The Group holds a membership interest in Major League Soccer LLC and Soccer United Marketing LLC through its subsidiary, New York City Football Club LLC which is classified in other investments with the 19.9% minority stake in Yokohama F. Marinos Limited ('YfM'). The Group has assessed control and influence over YfM under IFRS and has concluded that the Group does not exert significant influence over YfM and it is therefore not accounted for as an associate but held in other investments

Other investments	£000
Cost/valuation	
As at 1 June 2014	60,202
Additions	867
As at 31 May 2015	61,069
Additions	1,013
As at 31 May 2016	62,082
Provisions for impairment	
As at 1 June 2014	-
Charge for the year	867
As at 31 May 2015	867
Charge for the year	1,013
As at 31 May 2016	1,880
Net book value	
As at 31 May 2016	60,202
As at 31 May 2015	60,202
As at 1 June 2014	60,202

14 Financial instruments

	2016 £000	2015 £000	2014 £000
Financial assets			
Available for sale			
Other investments	60,202	60,202	60,202
At fair value through profit and loss			
Derivative financial instruments	-	490	-
Loans and receivables			
Trade and other receivables excluding prepayments	175,367	164,005	157,994
Cash and cash equivalents	242,963	97,511	42,863
Total	478,532	322,208	261,059
Financial liabilities			
At fair value through profit and loss			
Derivative financial instruments	353	-	-
Other financial instruments at amortised cost			
Trade and other payables excluding social security and other taxes (Note 17)	254,771	206,185	225,674
Total	255,124	206,185	225,674

Derivative financial instruments consist of forward foreign exchange contracts executed to mitigate the foreign exchange risk between pounds sterling and euro.

15 Assets classified as held for sale

The Group classified a training facility as held for sale from the point at which management was committed to selling the facility. At this date, the facility was reclassified as held for sale in current assets and measured at fair value (being the selling price less cost to sell) as the sale was highly probable and the facility was in a condition that would mean it could be sold immediately. The reclassification occurred in a prior year as a GAAP conversion adjustment as UK GAAP does not require assets to be classified as held for sale. See note 29 for further details.

The loss upon reclassification recognised in the 1 June 2014 brought forward reserves was £1,281,000. The sale was completed at its carrying amount in the year ended 31 May 2016.

There are no discontinued operations associated with the sale of the facility as the operations have continued elsewhere.

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17 Trade and other payables

	2016 £000	2015 £000	2014 £000
Obligations under finance leases (note 18)	66,670	67,000	67,571
Trade payables	10,590	5,533	5,259
Payables arising from player transfers	76,386	28,297	12,313
Payables to related party undertakings	299	3,905	4,487
Accruals	100,826	101,450	136,044
	254,771	206,185	225,674
Other taxation and social security	17,602	13,904	15,266
	272,373	220,089	240,940
Less non-current amount			
Obligations under finance leases (note 18)	66,323	66,669	67,000
Payables arising from player transfers	26,922	8,425	2,829
Accruals	30,342	34,844	29,229
Non-current trade and other payables	123,887	109,938	99,058
Current trade and other payables	148,486	110,151	141,882

18 Borrowings

Maturity of obligations under finance leases:	2016 £000	2015 £000	2014 £000
Within one year	347	331	571
Between one and two years	365	347	331
Between two and five years	1,210	1,151	1,096
After more than five years	64,748	65,171	65,573
	66,670	67,000	67,571

Finance Leases

Obligations under finance leases include future obligations under the lease of the Etihad Stadium. Details are provided within note 12.

The maturity of obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts is as follows:

	2016 £000	2015 £000	2014 £000
Within one year	3,550	3,550	3,806
In the second to fifth year	14,200	14,200	14,200
Over five years	153,825	157,375	160,925
Less future finance charges	(104,905)	(108,125)	(111,360)
	66,670	67,000	67,571

19 Deferred income

	2016 £000	2015 £000	2014 £000
Deferred income	44,693	32,419	14,987
Deferred credit for capital grants	-	1,073	1,118
	44,693	33,492	16,105
Less non-current amounts			
Deferred credit for capital grants	-	1,028	1,073
Non-current deferred income	-	1,028	1,073
Current deferred income	44,693	32,464	15,032

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22 Pensions

Defined benefit scheme

Manchester City Football Club ('the Club'), a subsidiary of the Group, participates in the Football League Pension and Life Assurance Scheme ('the Scheme'). The Scheme is a funded multi-employer defined benefit scheme, with 92 participating employers, and where members may have periods of service attributable to several participating employers. The Club is unable to identify its share of the assets and liabilities of the Scheme and therefore accounts for its contributions as if they were paid to a defined contribution scheme.

The last actuarial valuation was carried out at 31 August 2014 where the total deficit on the on-going valuation basis was £21.8 million.

The accrual of benefits ceased within the Scheme on 31 August 1999. The Club pays monthly contributions based on a notional split of the total expenses and deficit contributions of the Scheme.

The Club currently pays total contributions of £63,857 per annum which increases at 5.0% per annum (first increase due as at 1 September 2016) and based on the actuarial valuation assumptions detailed above, will be sufficient to pay off the deficit by 31 August 2022.

As at 31 May 2016, the present value of the Club's outstanding contributions (i.e. their future liability) is £396,313. This amounts to £65,272 (2015: £62,913) due within one year and £331,041 (2015: £330,265) due after more than one year.

The funding objective of the Trustees of the Scheme is to have sufficient assets to meet the Technical Provisions of the Scheme. In order to remove the deficit revealed at the previous actuarial valuation (dated 31 August 2014), deficit contributions are payable by all participating clubs. Payments are made in accordance with a pension contribution schedule. As the Scheme is closed to accrual, there are no additional costs associated with the accruing of members' future benefits. In the case of a club being relegated from the Football League and being unable to settle its debt then the remaining clubs may, in exceptional circumstances, have to share the deficit.

Upon the wind-up of the Scheme with a surplus, any surplus will be used to augment benefits. Under the more likely scenario of there being a deficit, this will be split amongst the clubs in line with their contribution schedule. Should an individual club leave the Scheme, they may be required to pay their share of the deficit based on a proxy buyout basis (i.e. valuing the benefits on a basis consistent with buying out the benefits with an insurance company). The Club is a member of the Scheme, a pension scheme providing benefits based on final pensionable pay. As this subsidiary is one of a number of participants in the scheme, it is unable to identify its share of assets and liabilities and therefore accounts for the contributions payable as if they were made to a defined contribution scheme. The Club is advised by the scheme administrators of the additional contributions required to fund the deficit. The administrators have confirmed that the assets and liabilities cannot be split between the participating entities.

Defined contribution scheme

Group contributions to the defined contribution pension scheme are charged to the income statement in the period in which they become payable. The total contributions in the year amounted to £1,625,194 (2015: £1,034,669). As at 31 May 2016, contributions of £298,000 (2015: £228,000, 2014: £56,000) due to the pension scheme were unpaid and recorded in current liabilities.

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25 Analysis of changes in net cash/(debt)

	As at 1 June 2014 £000	Cash flows £000	Exchange gains on cash £000	As at 31 May 2015 £000
Cash at bank and in hand	42,863	54,044	604	97,511
Net cash (excluding finance leases)	42,863	54,044	604	97,511
Finance leases	(67,571)	571	-	(67,000)
Net (debt)/cash	(24,708)	54,615	604	30,511

	As at 1 June 2015 £000	Cash flows £000	Exchange gains on cash £000	As at 31 May 2016 £000
Cash at bank and in hand	97,511	144,241	1,211	242,963
Net cash (excluding finance leases)	97,511	144,241	1,211	242,963
Finance leases	(67,000)	330	-	(66,670)
Net cash	30,511	144,571	1,211	176,293

26 Financial risk management

The Group's principal financial instruments, other than derivatives, comprise borrowings, cash and liquid resources, and various items such as trade and other receivables and trade and other payables that arise directly from its operations. The main purpose of the financial instruments is to finance the Group's operations.

The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments are market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The Board of Directors oversees the management of these risks. All derivative activities for risk management purposes are carried out by specialist teams that have the appropriate skills, experience and supervision. It is the Group's policy that no trading in derivatives for speculative purposes shall be undertaken.

The Board of Directors reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks which are summarised below.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market prices comprise two types of risk: currency risk and interest rate risk. Financial instruments affected by market risk include borrowings, payables and receivables arising from player trading and derivative financial instruments.

The market risks and sensitivity analyses are described below.

Currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Group's exposure to the risk of changes in foreign exchange rates relates primarily to the Group's operating activities (when revenue or expense is denominated in a foreign currency) and the Group's net investments in foreign subsidiaries.

Income received in euros as a result of participating in the Champions League is a significant portion of broadcasting revenue.

The Group owns football clubs in USA and Australia and is therefore exposed to foreign currency risks on the income generated and costs incurred by those subsidiaries, mainly denominated in US Dollars and Australian Dollars.

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26 Financial risk management (continued)

Previously, the Group hedged a floating rate financial liability with an interest rate swap. The financial liability is now repaid; however, the repayment terms included the continuation of the interest rate swap executed to hedge the financial liability. The Group entered into an equal and opposite swap to offset the fair value changes of the initial swap, with legal right of offset. As such, the fair value of each swap equates to a fair value of zero and the fair values are not disclosed on the statement of financial position.

Interest rate sensitivity

As the Group is only exposed to minimal interest rate risk on interest bearing financial assets, a reasonable change in interest rate of +1%/-1% is deemed to have an immaterial impact on profits before tax and equity; as such, the sensitivity has not been disclosed.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counter party will not meet its contractual obligations under a financial instrument or customer contract, leading to a financial loss. The Group is exposed to credit risk from its operating activities (primarily for trade receivables) and from its financing activities, including deposits with banks and financial institutions, foreign exchange transactions and other financial instruments.

The maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of each financial asset in the statement of financial position. The Group does not expect material losses from the non-performance of the contractual obligations of its counterparties, over and above those already provided for.

The concentration of credit risk with the Group is low with the majority of credit risk at the reporting date relating to player trading which is mitigated by the governing bodies of national and international football associations.

Liquidity risk

The Group monitors its risk to a shortage of funds using cash flow forecasting and budgeting that is reviewed on a regular basis by the Board of Directors. Management information tools are used to constantly monitor and manage the liquidity needs of the business. Annual cash receipts are generally cyclical in nature based on season card holders and competition monies receivable.

The Group does not have any other formal borrowing facilities and does not foresee a requirement for such facilities in the near future. The table below summarises the maturity profile of the Group's financial liabilities based on contractual undiscounted payments.

	Less than 3 months £000	3 to 12 months £000	1 to 5 years £000	Over 5 years £000	Total £000
Trade and other payables excluding social security and other taxes	108,188	16,853	63,060	-	188,101
Finance lease obligations	-	347	1,575	64,748	66,670
Financial derivatives cash outflow	353	-	-	-	353
As at 31 May 2016	108,541	17,200	64,635	64,748	255,124

	Less than 3 months £000	3 to 12 months £000	1 to 5 years £000	Over 5 years £000	Total £000
Trade and other payables excluding social security and other taxes	93,449	2,421	36,858	6,457	139,185
Finance lease obligations	-	331	1,498	65,171	67,000
Financial derivatives cash inflow	(490)	-	-	-	(490)
As at 31 May 2015	92,959	2,752	38,356	71,628	205,695

	Less than 3 months £000	3 to 12 months £000	1 to 5 years £000	Over 5 years £000	Total £000
Trade and other payables excluding social security and other taxes	115,357	11,283	25,579	5,884	158,103
Finance lease obligations	-	571	1,427	65,573	67,571
As at 31 May 2014	115,357	11,854	27,006	71,457	225,674

Capital risk management

The Group manages capital to ensure the Group and its subsidiaries are able to continue as going concerns. Capital includes everything described as 'Equity attributable to owners of the parent' in the statement of financial position plus net debt/cash. Net debt/cash is calculated as total borrowings (being the total finance lease obligation and overdrafts) less cash and cash equivalents.

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29 Reconciliation of equity and profit between UK GAAP and IFRS

These financial statements, for the year ended 31 May 2016, are the first the Group has prepared in accordance with IFRS. For periods up to and including the year ended 31 May 2015, the Group prepared its financial statements in accordance with the previously extant UK GAAP.

Accordingly, the Group has prepared financial statements which comply with IFRS applicable for periods ending on or after 31 May 2016, together with the comparative period data as at and for the year ended 31 May 2015, as described in the accounting policies. In preparing these financial statements, the Group's opening statement of financial position was prepared as at 1 June 2014, the Group's date of transition to IFRS. This note explains the principal adjustments made by the Group in restating its UK GAAP statement of financial position as at 1 June 2014 and its previously published UK GAAP financial statements (total comprehensive income and statement of financial position) as at and for the year ended 31 May 2015.

Exemptions applied

IFRS 1 first-time adoption of international financial reporting standards allows first-time adopters certain exemptions from the retrospective application of certain IFRSs.

The Group has applied the following exemptions:

IFRS 3 (R) business combinations has not been applied to acquisitions of subsidiaries, which are considered businesses for IFRS, or of interests in associates and joint ventures that occurred before 1 June 2014.

Use of this exemption means that the UK GAAP carrying amounts of assets and liabilities, which are required to be recognised under IFRS, is their deemed cost at the date of the acquisition. After the date of the acquisition, measurement is in accordance with IFRS. Assets and liabilities that do not qualify for recognition under IFRS are excluded from the opening IFRS statement of financial position. The Group did not recognise or exclude any previously recognised amounts as a result of IFRS recognition requirements.

IFRS 1 also requires that the UK GAAP carrying amount of goodwill must be used in the opening IFRS statement of financial position (apart from adjustments for goodwill impairment and recognition or derecognition of intangible assets). In accordance with IFRS 1, the Group has tested goodwill for impairment at the date of transition to IFRS. No goodwill impairment was deemed necessary at 1 June 2014.

The Group has not applied IAS 21 retrospectively to fair value adjustments and goodwill from business combinations that occurred before the date of transition to IFRS. Such fair value adjustments and goodwill are treated as assets and liabilities of the parent rather than as assets and liabilities of the acquiree.

Therefore, those assets and liabilities are already expressed in the functional currency of the parent or are non-monetary foreign currency items and no further translation differences occur.

The Etihad Stadium was carried in the statement of financial position prepared in accordance with UK GAAP on the basis of the valuation performed on 31 May 2012 with additions recognised at cost thereafter. The Group has elected to regard those values as deemed cost at the date of the revaluation since they were broadly comparable to fair value.

Cumulative currency translation differences for all foreign operations are deemed to be zero as at 1 June 2014.

Estimates

The estimates as at 1 June 2014 and at 31 May 2015 are consistent with those made for the same dates in accordance with UK GAAP (after adjustments to reflect any differences in accounting policies). The estimates used by the Group to present these amounts in accordance with IFRS reflect conditions at 1 June 2014, the date of transition to IFRS and as at 31 May 2015.

An explanation of how the transition from UK GAAP to IFRS has impacted the Group's statement of financial position, income statement and other comprehensive income is set out in the following tables and accompanying notes. The cash flows have not been materially impacted by the transition and so have not been presented in this note.

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29 Reconciliation of equity and profit between UK GAAP and IFRS (continued)

Group reconciliation of total comprehensive income for the year ended 31 May 2015	UK GAAP £000	A £000	B £000	C £000	D £000	E £000	IFRS £000
Continuing operations							
Revenue	368,703	-	-	-	-	-	368,703
Other operating income	3,385	-	-	-	-	-	3,385
Operating expenses	(414,624)	-	278	-	126	291	(413,929)
Operating loss before profit on disposal of player registrations	(42,536)	-	278	-	126	291	(41,841)
Profit on disposal of players' registrations	13,821	-	-	-	(922)	-	12,899
Operating loss	(28,715)	-	278	-	(796)	291	(28,942)
Finance income	715	-	-	-	435	-	1,150
Finance costs	(5)	-	-	(535)	(126)	-	(666)
Stadium finance lease costs	(4,167)	-	-	-	-	-	(4,167)
Loss before tax from continuing operations	(32,172)	-	278	(535)	(487)	291	(32,625)
Income tax	316	-	-	-	-	-	316
Loss from continuing operations	(31,856)	-	278	(535)	(487)	291	(32,309)
Other comprehensive income							
Unrealised gain/(deficit) on revaluation of properties	8,869	(8,869)	-	-	-	-	-
Foreign currency translation differences	(2,741)	-	-	(339)	-	-	(3,080)
Income tax effect	-	-	-	531	-	-	531
Other comprehensive profit/(loss) for the year, net of tax	6,128	(8,869)	-	192	-	-	(2,549)
Total comprehensive (loss)/profit for the year, net of tax	(25,728)	(8,869)	278	(343)	(487)	291	(34,858)
Attributable to:							
Owners of the parent	(25,293)	(8,869)	278	(343)	(487)	291	(34,423)
Non-controlling interests	(435)	-	-	-	-	-	(435)
	(25,728)	(8,869)	278	(343)	(487)	291	(34,858)

A: Reversal of the 31 May 2015 revaluation following management's decision to use the 31 May 2012 Etihad Stadium valuation (being the latest valuation performed at 31 May 2014) as deemed cost upon transition.

B: Reversal of depreciation charge in the year following the reclassification to assets held for sale and adjustment to fair value of a training facility that management intended to sell within 12 months of the transition date. All operations linked to this facility continued at another site.

C: Unwinding of discount factor on MLS expansion fee as interest cost for payments made in the year and adjustment to disclose the income tax effect of the foreign currency translation reserve.

D: Adjustment to recognise deferred consideration of debtors and creditors arising from player transfers at fair value and the unwinding of the interest cost and income thereon.

E: Adjustment to add back amortisation of goodwill. Goodwill is assessed for indicators of impairment on an annual basis.

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Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of City Football Group Limited

We have audited the parent company financial statements of City Football Group Limited for the year ended 31 May 2016 which comprise the balance sheet, the statement of changes in equity, and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice 'UK GAAP').

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the statement of Directors' responsibilities, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the parent company financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the parent company financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the FRC's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the parent company financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the parent Company's affairs as at 31 May 2016 and of the Company's loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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Company Balance Sheet

Registered number: 08355862

	Note	2016 £000	2015 £000
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	5	139	207
Tangible assets	6	2,540	778
Investments	7	634,345	653,200
		637,024	654,185
Current assets			
Debtors - amounts falling due within one year	8	62,134	43,701
Cash at bank and in hand		186,841	628
		248,975	44,329
Creditors – due within one year	9	(35,304)	(23,111)
Deferred income – due within one year	10	(333)	(95)
Net current assets		213,338	21,123
Net assets		850,362	675,308
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	11	516,145	441,444
Share premium account		424,632	284,969
Profit and loss account		(90,415)	(51,105)
Shareholders' funds		850,362	675,308

The notes on pages 50 to 56 form part of these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 16 September 2016 and were signed on its behalf by:


J. MacBeath
Director

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Notes to the Company Financial Statements

1 Authorisation of financial statements and statement of compliance with FRS 101

The parent company financial statements of City Football Group Limited (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 May 2016 were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors and the statement of financial position was signed on the Board's behalf by J MacBeath on 16 September 2016. City Football Group Limited is a private company limited by share capital incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales under the Companies Act 2006. The registered office is Regent's Place 14th Floor, 10 Brock Street, London, NW1 3FG.

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with FRS 101 under the historical cost convention.

No profit or loss account has been presented by the Company as permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006. All income and expenditure is recognised in the profit and loss account meaning that no statement of other comprehensive income has been presented.

The results of the Company are included in the consolidated financial statements of City Football Group Limited which are presented above.

2 Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies applied in the preparation of the financial statements are the same as those set out in note 2 of the Group financial statements with the addition of the following:

Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less any provision for impairment. Provisions in the Company are made to ensure the net assets of the Company do not exceed that of the Group and where investments are deemed to be impaired.

The financial statements are prepared in pounds sterling and are rounded to the nearest thousand ('£000').

Basis of preparation

The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 100 issued by the FRC. Accordingly, in the year ended 31 May 2016, the Company has undergone transition from UK GAAP to FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' as issued by the FRC. The Company financial statements have therefore been prepared in accordance with FRS 101 and with those parts of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to Companies reporting under FRS 101. Transition tables showing all material adjustments are disclosed in note 15.

The Company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions under FRS 101:

The requirements of paragraph 62, B64(d), B64(e), B64(g), B64(h), B64(j) to B64(m), B64(n)(ii), B64(o)(ii), B64(p), B64(q)(ii), B66 and B67 of IFRS 3 (R) Business combinations.

The requirement of IFRS 7 Financial instruments: disclosures.

The requirements of paragraphs 91 to 99 of IFRS 13 Fair value measurement.

The requirements of IAS 7 Statement of cash flows.

The requirements of paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors.

The requirements of paragraph 17 of IAS 24 Related party disclosures.

The requirement in paragraph 38 of IAS 1 Presentation of financial statements to present comparative information in respect of: (i) paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1; (ii) paragraph 73(e) of IAS 16 Property, plant and equipment; (iii) paragraph 118(e) of IAS 38 Intangible assets; (iv) paragraphs 76 and 79(d) of IAS 40 Investment property; and (v) paragraph 50 of IAS 41 Agriculture.

The requirements in IAS 24 Related party disclosures to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of the Group, provided that any subsidiary which is a party to the transaction is wholly owned by such a member.

The requirements of paragraphs 134(d)-134(f) and 135(c)-135(e) of IAS 36 Impairment of assets.

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7 Fixed asset investments

	Subsidiary undertakings £000	Other investments £000	Total £000
Cost			
As at 31 May 2015	683,782	3,793	687,575
Additions	21,695	1,013	22,708
As at 31 May 2016	705,477	4,806	710,283
Provisions for impairment			
As at 31 May 2015	33,508	867	34,375
Charge for the year	40,550	1,013	41,563
As at 31 May 2016	74,058	1,880	75,938
Net book value			
As at 31 May 2016	631,419	2,926	634,345
As at 31 May 2015	650,274	2,926	653,200

Subsidiary undertakings	Principle activities	Country of incorporation and operation	Proportion of voting rights and share capital held
Manchester City Limited	Intermediate holding company	England	100%
City Football Marketing Limited	Commercial and marketing services	England	100%
City Football Services Limited	Sporting services	England	100%
Manchester City Women's Football Club Limited	Professional football club	England	100%
Manchester City Football Club Limited	Professional football club	England	100%
Manchester City Investments Limited *	Issuer of loan notes	England	100%
City Football Image Rights Limited	Management of image rights	England	100%
City Football Academy Manchester Limited	Property investment	England	100%
City Football Group USA LLC	Intermediate holding company	United States	100%
CFG Stadium Group, LCC*	Stadium operations	United States	100%
City Football Group US Holdco, LCC*	Intermediate holding company	United States	80%
New York City Football Club LCC*	Professional football club	United States	80%
MHFC Holdings Pty Limited	Intermediate holding company	Australia	100%
Melbourne City Football Club Pty Limited*	Professional football club	Australia	100%
City Football Middle East FZ LLC	Commercial, marketing and sporting services	UAE	100%
City Football Japan KK	Commercial, marketing and sporting services	Japan	100%
City Football Singapore Pte Limited	Commercial, marketing and sporting services	Singapore	100%

* denotes indirect investments.

On 30 June 2015, City Football Group Limited acquired the remaining 20% shareholding of MHFC Holdings Pty Limited.

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12 Related party transactions

City Football Group Limited, the parent of City Football Group Limited, is a company incorporated in England and Wales. The Company is 89% owned by its ultimate parent undertaking Abu Dhabi United Group Investment and Development Ltd, a company registered in Abu Dhabi and wholly owned by His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The remaining 11% is owned by China Media Capital Holdings.

The following transactions were carried out with related parties:

Transactions with parent undertakings

Transactions during the year ended 31 May 2016 with the parent undertaking, Abu Dhabi United Group Investment and Development Ltd and China Media Capital Holdings consisted of the subscription for additional shares in the Group outlined in note 11. A balance receivable from Abu Dhabi United Group Investment and Development Ltd of £721,000 (2015: £4,000) was included in debtors within one year.

Transactions with non-wholly owned subsidiaries of City Football Group Limited

Transactions during the year ended 31 May 2016 with New York City Football Club LLC consisted of the provision of services of £448,000 (2015: £261,000), the purchase of services of £435,000 (2015: £201,000) and the provision of cash loans. A balance of £37,749,000 is included in debtors due within one year (2015: £28,933,000).

Transactions with Brookshaw Developments Limited

The Company provided cash loans to Brookshaw Developments Limited, a company also owned by Abu Dhabi United Group Investment and Development Ltd, and a balance of £1,163,000 (2015: £1,200,000) is included in debtors due within one year.

Transactions with Yokohama F. Marinos

Transactions with Yokohama F. Marinos consisted of the investment in the club. A balance of £299,000 is included in creditors due within one year (2015: £nil).

Purchases of goods or services from other related parties

J MacBeath was a director of the Group throughout the year. Fees for services of £6,000 (2015: £6,000) were incurred during the year, in the ordinary course of business, to John MacBeath and Company Limited, a firm in which J MacBeath is a shareholder.

Key management compensation

Details of key management compensation are listed in the notes to the Group financial statements in note 7. The Group's key management personnel are employed by the parent Company and so no further disclosure has been provided.

13 Auditor remuneration

The Company paid £21,000 (2015: £16,000) to its auditors in respect of the audit of the financial statements of the Company.

Fees paid to the audit firm and its associates for non-audit services to the Company itself are not disclosed in the individual accounts of the Company because Group financial statements are prepared which disclose such fees on a consolidated basis.

14 Reserves

Equity share capital

The balance classified as called up share capital includes total net proceeds (both nominal value and share premium) on issue of the Company's equity share capital, comprising £1 ordinary shares.

Profit and loss account

The balance classified as profit and loss account includes all retained earnings and losses accumulated since the incorporation date of the Company.

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Notes to the Company Financial Statements *(continued)*

15 Reconciliation of equity between UK GAAP and FRS 101 *(continued)*

Reconciliation of equity as at 31 May 2015	UK GAAP £000	A £000	B £000	FRS 101 £000
Fixed assets				
Intangible assets	-	207	-	207
Tangible assets	985	(207)	-	778
Investments	673,471	-	(20,271)	653,200
	674,456	-	(20,271)	654,185
Current assets				
Debtors - amounts falling due within one year	43,701	-	-	43,701
Cash at bank and in hand	628	-	-	628
	44,329	-	-	44,329
Creditors – due within one year	(23,111)	-	-	(23,111)
Deferred income – due within one year	(95)	-	-	(95)
Net current assets	21,123	-	-	21,123
Net assets	695,579	-	(20,271)	675,308
Capital and reserves				
Called up share capital	441,444	-	-	441,444
Share premium account	284,969	-	-	284,969
Profit and loss account	(30,834)	-	(20,271)	(51,105)
Shareholders' funds	695,579	-	(20,271)	675,308

A: Reclassification of software and website development costs between tangible and intangible assets.

B: Reduction in investment carrying value as a result of adjustments to subsidiary net assets following the IFRS conversion.

Filed on behalf of the Applicants

Witness Statement of Graham Smith

Statement No. 1

Date: 19 September 2017

Exhibits: GS1

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MANCHESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY
BETWEEN:**

**(1) CITY FOOTBALL GROUP LIMITED
(2) MANCHESTER CITY FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED**

Applicants

-and-

- 1) HARRY DAVIES**
- 2) HANZA AHMED**
- 3) ALISTAIR LAW**
- 4) ALEXANDER FARRELL**
- 5) KLAUS GUIP**
- 6) RIKKE BREWER**
- 7) ADAM MARR**
- 8) PERSONS UNKNOWN**

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF GRAHAM SMITH

I, **GRAHAM SMITH** of 50 Delph Road, Denshaw, Oldham OL3 5RY, **WILL SAY** as follows:

1. I am a Senior Security Supervisor for G4S Secure Solutions UK Limited ("G4S"). I am currently based at the Etihad Stadium (the "Stadium"), the home of Manchester City Football Club. I have worked for G4S for three years now and have been based at the

Stadium since 1 September 2016. I supervise the on-duty security officers at the Etihad Campus site (the "Campus"), within which the Stadium is located (see page 1 of GS1 (as referred to at paragraph 3 below) for a map of the Campus and the buildings it comprises). I am responsible for the general safety and welfare of the site and, if there are any issues with security, it is my job to deal with them in the first instance. In recent months, two separate breaches of security at the Stadium have occurred and I wish to provide details of these incidents in this witness statement. The first incident took place on 29 July 2017 (the "First Incident") and the second on 27 August 2017 (the "Second Incident") (together the "Incidents").

2. Save where stated to the contrary, the facts and matters contained in this witness statement are within my own knowledge and are true. Where facts and matters are outside my knowledge, the source is stated and I believe those facts to be true.
3. During the course of this statement I will refer to certain documents, copies of which are exhibited in a paginated bundle marked 'GS1' which accompanies this statement.
4. I make this witness statement in support of the Applicants' claim for an interim injunction against the Respondents.

The First Incident

5. On 29 July 2017, between the hours of 18:00 and 06:00 (30 July 2017), I was the on-duty Senior Security Supervisor at the Stadium. For the duration of the First Incident, I remained in the Campus' 'control room'. From there, I can see exactly what is happening on the site via our extensive CCTV network. I can also co-ordinate and direct the security response to any incidents as the security staff all carry 2-way radios. On any evening there are a number of security staff on patrol both inside and outside the Stadium; and other security staff available to provide assistance if required.
6. At around 23:34hrs, I was alerted to the sight of 6 individuals walking around the perimeter of the Stadium from the west entrance reception area to the south side of the Stadium. The Stadium's CCTV operator, Ms. Lisa Grice, told me that the individuals were looking up at various points in the Stadium where the support cables enter the Stadium walls. As they reached gate M1 (see page 2 of GS1), the individuals stopped and one of them started to climb up the Stadium wall using a channel in the wall for assistance.
7. In response, I radioed the external mobile security officers (i.e, the security staff patrolling the outside of the Stadium), Mr. Stephen Smith and Mr. David Buckley, and deployed them to gate M1 to intervene. I also radioed the internal security patrol officer, Mr. Michael Ryan, and deployed him to the internal stairwell that is adjacent to

gate M1. While this was happening, I could see that the individual climbing the wall had already reached the gap where the support cables enter the Stadium.

8. A second individual then proceeded to climb the same route as the first individual. At that point, I decided to contact the police. At 23:45hrs, I called 999 and, after giving details of what was happening, requested police assistance. I informed the police that the incident involved a group of youths climbing the Stadium's walls. The call-operator told me that the issue would need to be categorised and that the police would call me back. I understood that to mean our incident would be put in order of priority with other incidents that were occurring that evening. The police would then make a decision as to whether they needed to deploy their officers.
9. Whilst I was on the phone with the police, Mr. Smith and Mr. Buckley arrived at the entrance to gate M1 and challenged the four individuals left on the ground. According to Mr. Smith and Mr. Buckley, they also asked the individual attempting to climb the wall to get down. He duly obliged. Mr. Smith and Mr. Buckley informed me that, at that point, the pair asked the group of individuals what they thought they were doing on the premises. The group then said that they would *"normally attempt to gain entry in the early hours of the morning but thought they'd give it a try earlier."* Mr. Smith and Mr. Buckley have told me that the group were extremely calm and flippant about their exploits; they even bragged about the fact that they had recently managed to enter West Ham United FC's stadium, the London Stadium, without being caught.
10. Whilst Mr. Smith and Mr. Buckley were speaking to the individuals on the ground, Mr. Ryan had apprehended the first individual who had made the climb; he was struggling to get through the gap in the Stadium wall. Mr. Ryan directed him to the best route to get down and ensured his safety. The individual was then taken to perimeter gate M2 and he was led back to the other individuals.
11. Mr. Ryan, Mr. Smith and Mr. Buckley relayed to me that they asked for the personal details – names, addresses, contact details – of the two individuals who had climbed the Stadium walls. One individual stated that his name was Alex Smith (DOB: 11/02/1996) and that he resided at 2 Botley Road, Surrey SU18 5XL. The other individual stated that his name was Charlie Miggs (DOB: 01/02/1997) and that he resided at 22 Basingstoke Road, GYL 4XR.
12. None of the 6 individuals produced any form of identification. No police officers were in attendance so we were unable to verify the details provided by the two individuals. Ms. Grice was contacted by the police by telephone at 00:44hrs on 20 July 2017. Ms. Grice informed me that the call was to confirm that the police would not attend but that a local community officer would come to the Stadium later that day.

13. The following day, the local community officer collected some CCTV footage from our office. We did not hear from the police again in respect of the First Incident.

The Second Incident

14. On 26 August 2017, between the hours of 18:00 and 06:00 (27 August 2017), I was the on-duty Senior Security Supervisor at the Stadium. For the duration of the Second Incident I remained in the Campus' 'control room', save for the period of time I spent with the individuals the police apprehended.
15. At around 01:36hrs, I was alerted to the sight of 7 individuals within the grounds of the Campus, close to gates 5 and 6, in the area that leads out to the Nexen Bridge on Alan Turing Way. The gates to the Campus had just been locked by security officers at 01:31hrs. The Stadium's CCTV operator, Mr. Tony Black, radioed external mobile security officers Mr. Iain Barrow and Mr. Paul Sweeney to inform them that the individuals were inside the perimeter. Mr. Black followed the individuals on CCTV as they ran towards J tower which they then started to climb up the side of, thus gaining access to the upper levels of the Stadium's east stand. On the radio, Mr. Black contacted the internal security patrol officer, Mr. Waheed Bakhtyar, and deployed him to the J tower at level 3 to lock a perimeter door which we use for patrol purposes.
16. At this time, I contacted the police to ask for assistance. Mr. Black deployed Mr. Barrow and Mr. Sweeney to the J tower. I was informed by Mr. Black and Mr. Sweeney that, by the time they arrived, the individuals had already reached level 2 of the J Tower. The individuals then proceeded on foot up to level 3 of the J tower where access was gained into the east stand of the Stadium via the unlocked patrol door (that Mr. Bakhtyar had been deployed to lock).
17. Mr. Barrow and Mr. Sweeney then drove to the external access door where they could gain entrance to the Stadium to help Mr. Bakhtyar locate the individuals. On entering the Stadium, Mr. Barrow and Mr. Sweeney went into the Stadium bowl to locate the exact position of the individuals. Mr. Barrow radioed the control room and said he had located the individuals climbing up the east stand gantry access ramp and service ladder, which gives access to the roof of the east stand. At this time, I was still in contact with the police via 999 and informed them the individuals had gained access to the Stadium roof. The police confirmed to me that officers were on route to the Stadium and I proceeded on foot to unlock external perimeter access gate 11 on Rowsley Street to allow access to the police upon arrival.
18. At around 01:42hrs, four police response vehicles arrived and they were directed down the service tunnel to access the Stadium. Mr. Black directed officers to liaise with Mr. Bakhtyar, Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Barrow who were on level 3 of the Stadium's

east stand. I was told by Mr. Barrow that the police arrived on level 3 and began talking to the individuals and told them to come down off the Stadium roof. The individuals complied and were held in the top row of the seating area. I made my way up to where the individuals were being held in order to liaise with the police. On my way up to see the individuals, I contacted the club's Safety Officer, Mr. Stephen McGrath, who asked me to take photographs of the individuals involved. Mr. McGrath wanted to see if any of the individuals involved in the Second Incident had also been part of the First Incident. I proceeded to take photographs of the individuals while the police obtained their details (see pages 3 to 6 of GS1). Shortly after this, one of the police officers allowed me to copy down the individuals' details from his notebook. The below details were provided by the individuals, who I now know to be the Respondents, and verified by the police:

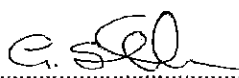
- 18.1 Mr. Harry Davis (DOB: 20/08/1997). Address – 42 Rolleston Avenue, Pettswood, London BR5 1AL;
- 18.2 Mr. Hanza Ahmed (DOB 04/10/1995) Address – 848 Kingsway, Burnage, Manchester M19 1QJ;
- 18.3 Mr. Alistair Law (DOB 11/02/1997) Address – 1 Hepworth Close, Southampton SD19 OST;
- 18.4 Mr. A Farrell (DOB 17/01/1999) Address – Middlehill House, Crondal Road G051 5SS (mobile: 07443485245);
- 18.5 Mr. Klaus Guip (DOB 30/09/2002) Address – 19 Hamilton Road, London W5 2EE (mobile 07429675122) (Claudia Ceausu (mother): mobile: 07576334423);
- 18.6 Mr. Ricky Brewer (DOB 01/02/1999) Address – 20 Belle Vue Road, Aldershot GE12 4RX (mobile: 07958483178); and
- 18.7 Mr. Adam Marr (DOB 12/04/1993) Address – 32 Rigby St, Salford, Manchester M7 4BJ (mobile: 07958 483178).
19. After obtaining their details, the police officially cautioned each of the individuals.
20. Later that day, at the end of my shift, the police arrived at the Stadium to take a witness statement from me. I duly obliged (see pages 7 to 11 of GS1). During our meeting, I asked the police to put 'names to the faces' and showed them the photographs I had taken. The police provided the names to fit the photographs. In light of this, having also been involved in the First Incident, I can confirm that four of the Respondents, namely Mr. Law, Mr. Brewer, Mr. Guip and Mr. Farrell, were also involved in the Second Incident. I realised this after reviewing CCTV footage of the

First Incident and comparing those individuals to the photographs taken. The names provided by the two individuals caught climbing the Stadium walls in the First Incident ('Alex Smith' and 'Charlie Miggs') were false. In fact, those individuals were actually Mr. Law and Mr. Brewer.

21. I found the Second Incident to be incredibly frustrating. The Respondents had absolutely no care whatsoever for me, my fellow security officers or the police – they were so cocky and had no respect. I was angry with them as they had put my security officers at risk that night. Any one of my officers could have injured themselves chasing after these trespassers who just wanted a thrill. They had to act quickly and under pressure because what the trespassers did was extremely dangerous and risky, even if they didn't think anything would happen to them.

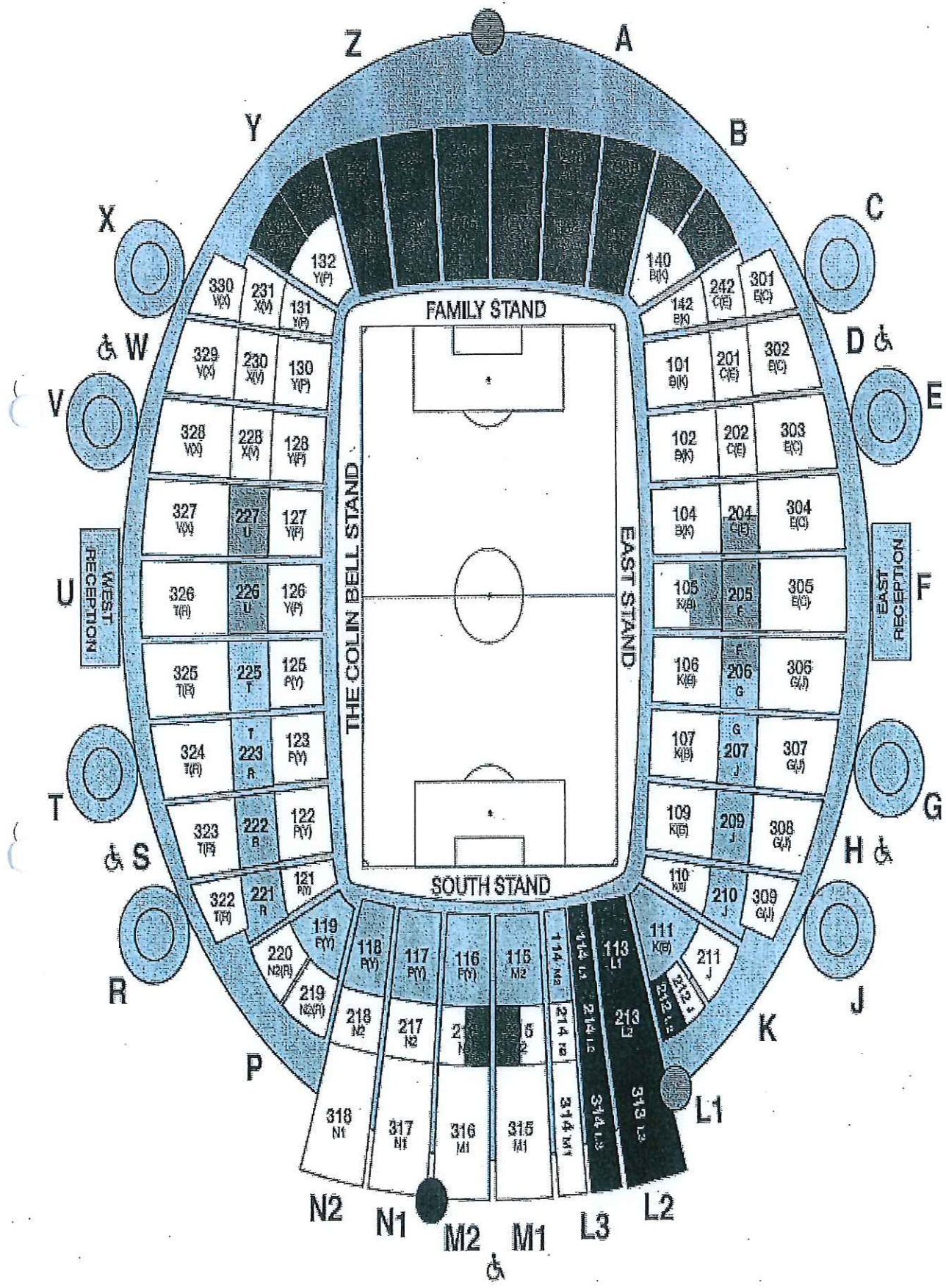
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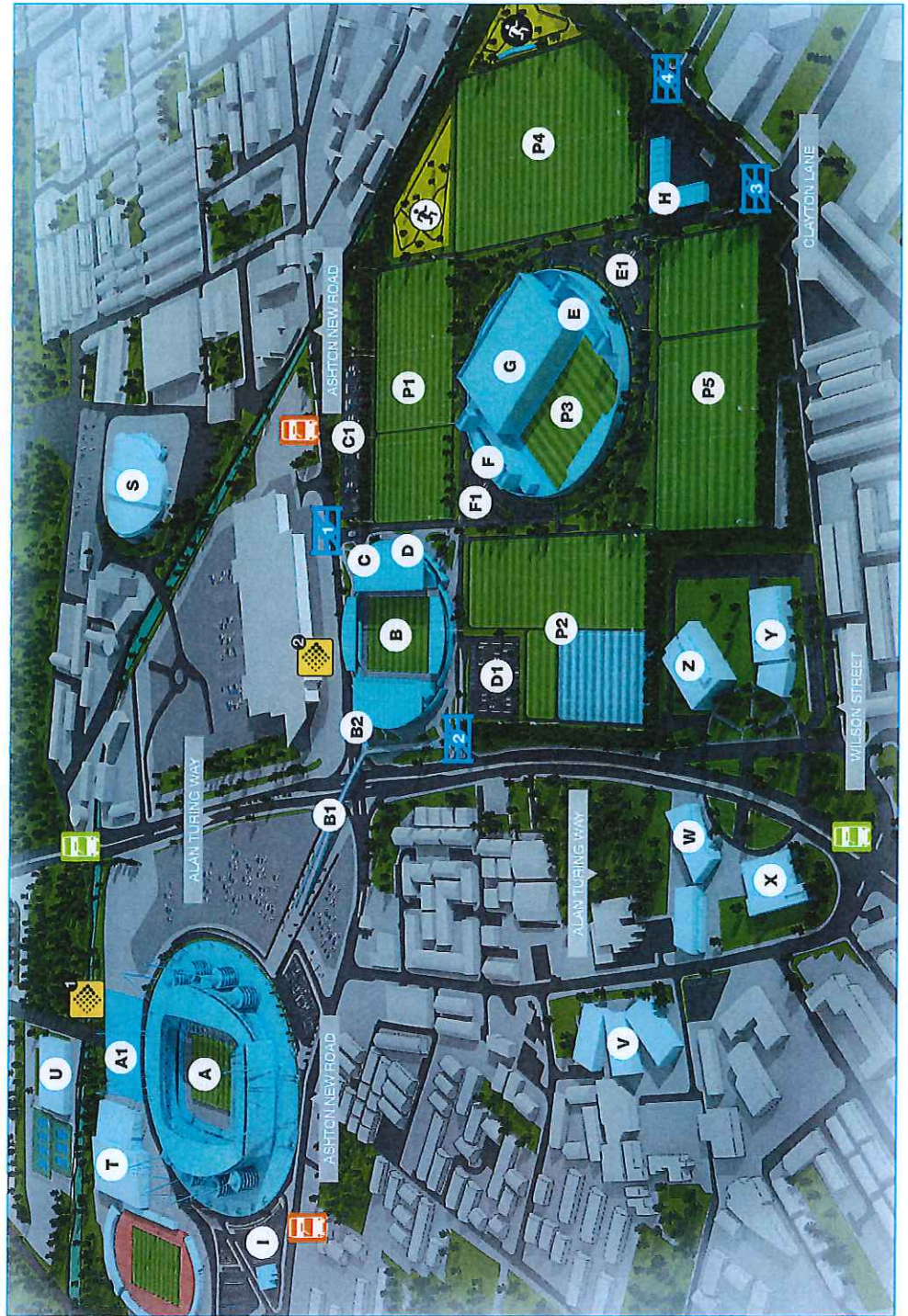
22. I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed 

GRAHAM SMITH

Dated: 19/09/2017





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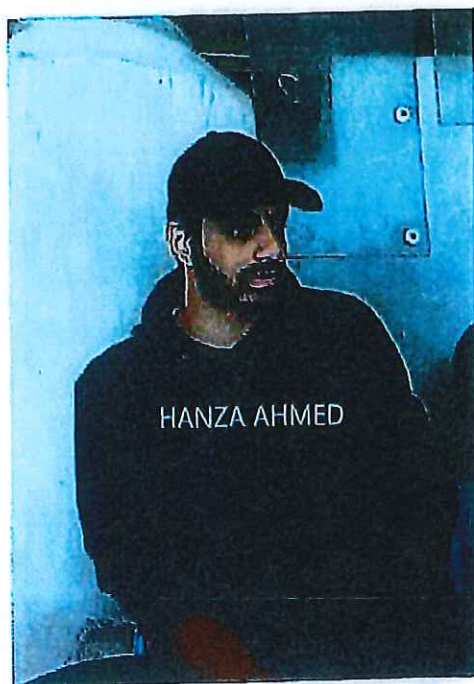
Etihad Campus including City Football Academy

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|-----|--------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------|
| A. | Ethihad Stadium | (F) | Fitness Trail - Academy |
| A1. | City Square | S. | National Cycling Centre |
| B. | Academy Stadium | T. | National Squash Centre |
| B1. | SuisseGas Bridge | U. | Football & Tennis Centre |
| B2. | City Plaza | V. | East Manchester Academy |
| C. | Media Zone | W. | Beswick Village (2015) |
| C1. | North Car Park | X. | East Manchester Leisure Centre |
| D. | City Football HQ | Y. | Manchester Institute of Health & Performance (2015) |
| D1. | West Car Park | Z. | Connell Sixth Form College |
| E. | First Team Centre | 1. | 1. North Gate Entrance |
| E1. | First Team Car Park | 2. | 2. West Gate Entrance |
| F. | The Academy | 3. | 3. South Gate One Staff Entrance |
| F1. | Academy Car Park | 4. | 4. South Gate Two |
| G. | Indoor Pitch | 1. | 1. Etihad Campus Metrolink Tram Stop |
| H. | Facilities Management Building | 2. | 2. Velopark Metrolink Tram Stop |
| I. | City@Home | | Bus Routes: 188, 216, 217, 218, 231, 236, 237 |
| P1. | Senior Youth Pitches | | Bus Routes: 53, 217, 218 |
| P2. | Junior Academy Pitches | | |
| P3. | Private Pitch | | |
| P4. | First Team Pitches | | |
| P5. | EDS Pitches | | |
| | Fitness Trail - First Team | | |

1. Harry Davis. IC1. DOB 20/08/97. Address – 42 Rolliston Ave. Pettswood. London. BR5 1AL.



2. Hanza Ahmed. IC4. DOB 04/10/95. Address – 848 Kingsway. Burnage. M19 1QJ.



3. **Alistair Law. IC1. DOB 11/02/97. Address – 1 Hepworth Close. Southampton. SD19 OST.**



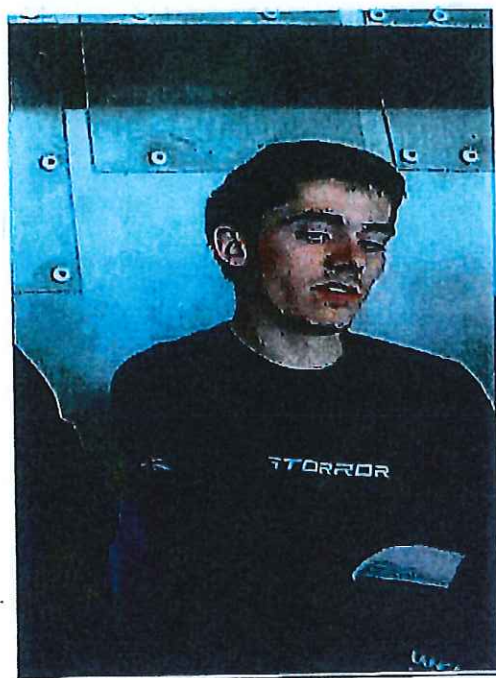
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7. Adam Marr IC1. DOB 12/04/97 Address - 32. Rigby Rd, M7 4BJ.
Mobile 07958 483178



WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s9; MC Act 1980, ss SA (3) (a) and 5B; MC Rules 1981, r 70)

Statement of: Graham SMITH

Age if under 18: OVER 18

Occupation: G4S Senior Security Supervisor

This statement (consisting of 5 pages signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Signature:

Date: 11.09.2017

I am the above named person currently employed by G4S Secure Solutions UK Ltd as a Senior Security Supervisor. I am currently based at Manchester City Football Club, Etihad Stadium, Manchester M11 3FF.

I can confirm I was the duty Senior Security Supervisor on the 29/07/2017 18.00hrs to 06.00hrs and on the 27/08/2017 18.00hrs to 06.00hrs on which dates we had two separate incidents of individuals attempting to gain access to the stadium building.

The first attempt to access Etihad Stadium occurred on 29/07/2017 at 23.44hrs.

CCTV operator officer Lisa GRICE saw 6 IC1 males walking around the stadium externally from West reception around to the South end of the stadium. Officer Grice alerted me that they were looking up at various points where the support cables enter the stadium wall. As they reached Gate M1 they stopped and one of the youths started to climb up the stadium wall using a channel in the wall for assistance. I radioed the external mobile security officer's Steven SMITH and David BUCKLEY and deployed them to stadium perimeter gate M1 to intervene. I also radioed internal security patrol officer Michael RYAN and deployed him to the internal stairwell adjacent to Gate M1. While this was happening, the youth had already reached the gap where the support cables enter the Stadium. A second youth then started to climb the same route as the first. I rang the police at 23.45hrs on 999 and after giving details of what was happening requested their assistance. He was told that the issue would have to be categorised and the police would call back. Whilst I was on the phone external patrol Officers BUCKLEY and SMITH had arrived externally at gate M1 and challenged the 4 youths on the ground and the youth attempting to climb the wall, he got down when challenged. The patrol officers asked the youths what they thought they were doing. They replied that they would normally attempt to gain entry in the early hours of the morning but thought that they would give it a try earlier. They were extremely calm and flippant bragging that they had recently entered West Ham Football Club's stadium without being caught. While this was going on internal officer RYAN had apprehended the first youth who was struggling to get through the gap in the stadium wall. RYAN directed him in the best route to take to get down for his safety onto the stairs. Once there he was taken to perimeter gate M2.1 which was opened and the youth was led outside to the other youths before leaving the site. The two youths who were observed attempting to access the stadium were asked for their details and provided the following information;

Signature:

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Witness Signature:

Alex SMITH (DOB 11/02/1996) Address - 2 Botley Rd, Surrey SU18 5XL.

Charlie MIGGS (DOB 01/02/1997) Address - 22 Basingstoke Rd, GYL 4XR

No ID was produced by any of the 6 males. No police were in attendance so we could not verify the details above. As stated in the original Incident report the police did not attend this incident saying that it will be categorised and that they would call back which they did at 00.44hrs 30/07/2017 saying that they would not be attending but the Local Community Officer would call round later that day.

The second attempt to access the Etihad Stadium occurred on 27/08/2017 at 01:36hrs.

At approximately 01.36hrs CCTV Officer Tony BLACK noticed 7 male youths inside the Etihad campus within the gate 5/6 area that leads out to the Nexen bridge on Alan Turing Way. The gates to the campus had just been locked by security officers at 01.31hrs. BLACK radioed external mobile security officers Iain BARROW and Paul SWEENEY to inform them that the males were inside the perimeter. BLACK followed the youths on CCTV as they ran towards J tower which they then started to climb up the side of gaining access to the east stand upper levels. BLACK immediately radioed internal security patrol officer Waheed BAKHTYAR and deployed him to level 3 J Tower to lock an external perimeter door which we use for patrolling purposes. I began to make contact with the police at this time via 999 to inform them of the situation. BLACK then deployed BARROW and SWEENEY to J Tower. By the time they arrived the youths had already reached level 2 J Tower then proceeded on foot up to level 3 where access was gained into the east stand of the stadium via the unlocked patrol door. BARROW and SWEENEY then drove round to external access D Door where they could gain access to the stadium from the outside to help BAKHTYAR locate the youths. On entering the stadium, they went into the stadium bowl to locate the youths. BARROW radioed control and said he had located the youths climbing up the east stand gantry access ramp and service ladder which gives access to the east stand roof. At this time I was still in contact with the police via 999 and informed them the individuals had gained access to the stadium roof. The police confirmed officers were en route to the location and I proceeded on foot to unlock external perimeter access Gate 11 on Rowsley street to allow access to the police upon arrival. At around 01:42hrs four police response vehicles arrived and were directed down the service tunnel to access the stadium. BLACK directed officers to liaise with BAKHTYAR, SWEENEY and BARROW on level 3 east stand. The police arrived on level 3 and began talking to the youths and told them to come down off the roof. The youths complied and were held in the top row of the seating area. I made my way up to level 3 east stand to liaise with the police and started to take details from the police for the individuals. The below details were provided by the youths and verified by police;

Harry DAVIS (DOB 20/08/1997) Address – 42 Rolleston Avenue, Pettswood, London BR5 1AL

Hanza AHMED (DOB 04/10/1995) Address – 848 Kingsway, Burnage, Manchester M19 1QJ

Alistair LAW (DOB 11/02/1997) Address – 1 Hepworth Close, Southampton SD19 0ST

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Witness Signature:

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Mobile 07443485245

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Mobile 07958483178

Adam Marr (DOB 12/04/1993) Address – 32 Rigby St, Salford, Manchester M7 4BJ
Mobile 07958 483178

I can confirm that four of the youths involved in the incident on the 29/07/2017 were also involved in the incident on the 27/08/2017 for which I have produced the below CCTV stills.



Alistair LAW (DOB 11/02/1997) Address – 1 Hepworth Close, Southampton SD19 0ST

Signature:

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Witness Signature:



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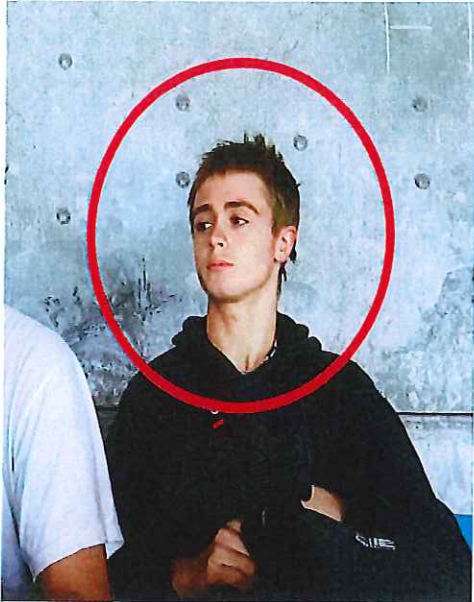


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Witness Signature:



I have read/been read over the above statement and have been able to correct or add anything I wish. This statement is true and I have made it of my own free will.

Signed.....

Signature:

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