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Dear colleague

Re: North Wales League Proposals

At the recent Annual General Meeting, it was agreed to review the operation of the North Wales League with a view to strengthening its structure and assisting in the development of players of all ages.

As you know, the North Wales League has had a difficult time during this decade as ambitious clubs have increasingly moved their elite teams to the North West League as this is the route to National League hockey. In response, your Executive Committee has developed alternative strategies allied to a more flexible approach so that adult hockey can be played on a competitive basis within the region, particularly as some clubs are not able to enter the English pyramid owing to their geographical location. These strategies have included moving the match day to a Sunday and permitting players registered with one club to play for another in an effort to develop and sustain the sport.

However, now is the time to establish a clear way forward for the League and, therefore, I include two proposals that all clubs should consider at the earliest possible opportunity. The Executive would welcome feed back on the proposals but would be grateful if clubs could consider as their number one priority the development of hockey within the region and not solely what best suits clubs at the current time.

All comments should be received by the Committee by September and a Special General Meeting will be held in November where a route forward will be decided upon.

Thank you for your co-operation in making sure that the region continues to provide suitable hockey for all in North Wales.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Upton
Chairman