



Dear Karen Carney,

On Sunday 19th March, Lewes FC will make club history playing in the FA Cup Quarter Finals. We are no strangers to making history. We are the first club in the world to assign equal playing budgets to its men's and women's teams. We are Equality FC.

As the players of Equality FC, we have decided to use our progress in this competition as a platform for positive change, and we ask you, as Chair of the 'Future of Women's Football Review', to help us do this.

We want an #EqualFACup with equal prize money for men and women.

Our progress in this season's FA Cup has so far earned us £45,000 in prize money, incomparable to the £450,000 our male counterparts would have earned. As concerning, the prize gap is getting bigger. The women's FA Cup prize fund increased to £3 million this year, but the men's increased by close to £4 million. Every season, female players up and down the football pyramid invest more time and personal resources into football. These are the demands of the growing game which are reflected in the constantly improving standard and product of women's football. We are proud to drive the game forward, but we ask for fair reward.

#EqualFACup sends a clear signal to society: Female footballers deserve equal recognition and reward.

Sharing the total combined prize fund equally between men and women has the power to be transformative in the women's game. It would allow clubs to invest more funds in player wages, facilities, equipment, medical care, staffing, travel costs, and everything the women's football pyramid needs to thrive, and grow. Put simply, it will allow us to focus on football.

Karen, your review has the power to positively change women's football for our generation and the next. Therefore, we ask that your recommendations address the gender inequality in English football's greatest prize.

Keep the magic - just make it equal.

Thank you and regards,

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