

Statement by the National Council of the Football Supporters Federation (FSF)

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In 2002, the legal entity that was Wimbledon FC was successful in its appeal to move to Milton Keynes, and subsequently changed its name to that effect. Because of this, it is recognised that the current MKD Dons Club does not in any sense represent the community of Wimbledon and cannot morally lay claim to the honours and history of Wimbledon FC prior to 2002. It is also recognised that AFC Wimbledon is a new legal entity, formed by Wimbledon supporters who wished to maintain the connection with that Community, and is not legally the same club as the former Wimbledon FC. In effect, therefore, two new football clubs arose out of the appeal decision.

In this situation, neither MKD FC nor AFCW should lay claim to the history of the former Wimbledon FC prior to 2002, in their match programmes or anywhere else. The right course of action would be for any honours or memorabilia of that period which are held by MKDons FC to be placed in a public building in the Borough of Wimbledon (e.g the Town Hall, the public Library or a museum) accompanied by a statement outlining the history of the matter as stated in the paragraph above.