



## **Trust Statement – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**The Shrimpers Trust can confirm that representatives from the organisation met with the prospective new owner of Southend United Football Club, Justin Rees, and Anna Firth, MP for Southend West, on Tuesday 29th August.**

We thank Justin and Anna for their time during a constructive conversation about our club's future, and all parties have committed to maintaining a dialogue over the coming days and weeks.

We would like to take this opportunity to reassure supporters that, although we have agreed not to share specific details concerning our discussion, the Shrimpers Trust is continuing to represent the very best and varied interests of fans and the wider community in our attempts to safeguard Southend United FC and provide supporters with a greater voice in its operation.

**The Shrimpers Trust Board.**