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Hello everyone!

My name's Caroline Parker and I'm a Reading fan. I was born in Reading and grew up in Tilehurst a few minutes away from the beloved Elm Park.

Recent years have been a struggle on and off the pitch and to be honest, it's been devastating to see what's been unfolding. The 'Sell Before We Dai' campaign was created and I honestly felt compelled to do something.

I genuinely couldn't make peace with being a bystander so got involved.

I managed to assist with the process of gaining political support by contacting key Reading Councillors including the Leader Jason Brock. He has engaged magnificently to date, and allocated a Councillor to specifically help support the campaign - Councillor John Ennis.

As a result of this initial work, political exposure and support for the club has grown week on week with political leaders doing TV and press interviews. All Berkshire MP's are aware of the situation at Reading Football Club, and furthermore, the Bracknell MP James Sunderland MP has met the minister for Culture, Media and Sport Lucy Frazer to lobby for reform and governance within football, as well as bringing much needed central government eyes to our plight.

I feel quite proud to have played a role in this to date and am passionate about protecting Reading FC, and pushing for better football governance as a long term aim. I think as fans, we all want a fair and sustainable game don't we?

Professionally I'm a qualified accountant by trade and now specialise in local government strategic transformation and project management work. This career has undoubtedly helped with my campaign work and would no doubt continue to do so, should I be elected to STAR. I feel having local political engagement and support is a critical success factor to the future of the club.

I could witter on and on but fundamentally I want to do whatever I can to make sure this club exists and is sustainable.

I'm very down to earth and approachable and more than happy to speak to fans about concerns and ideas they have.

It would be a great honour to represent STAR officially, and do my bit to protect this wonderful club so if you fancying throwing a vote my way, that'd be lovely! Come on URZ!

