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Dear Boris,

I am writing to urge you to reconsider your decision not to screen England's World Cup games on big screens in London.

You will be aware that public screenings have been successful in Leeds, Manchester, Bristol and – in the past – London. It is simply not acceptable that England's capital city has been left behind and Londoners are being denied the opportunity to enjoy the games together.

I note your comments in the press that if England reach "the final stages of the World Cup" you would be "keen to see a suitable celebration". I am urging you to go much further and to organise screens in London for fans to watch the remainder of England games in public. England fans across London would, I'm sure, welcome this and congratulate you.

The erecting of screens, the positive atmosphere, and the picture of a city embracing the World Cup would I'm sure create the image we all want the world to see as we bid to host the competition in 2018.

In 2002 I understand 12,000 people watched England play in the World Cup together in Trafalgar Square. If there are compelling reasons why this cannot be done again I would be extremely interested to hear them.

Yours sincerely

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