Candidate Statement – Matt Jackson

Proposer: Joe Uglow **Seconder: Robin Causley**

I am a committed Torquay United supporter, a club shareholder and an active member of the Trust's Inclusivity Group. I live in Okehampton with my young family and attend as many games as I can. I am standing for the Board because I believe the Trust has a vital role to play – for supporters, for the club and for the wider community.

Experience

I am Quality & Testing Manager at Rugged Interactive, a Bodmin-based manufacturer of interactive sports and gaming equipment for the fitness and leisure industry. My career has been in quality management, compliance and governance across the pharmaceutical, defence, food and sports sectors. I am used to writing policy, managing risk, using data to make decisions and turning plans into practical results. Through Rugged, I have also provided games and support for fan zones and Trust events.

Within the Trust, I volunteered to draft the Inclusivity Group's first inclusivity policy and have contributed to its early work, including support for an LGBTQ+ supporters' group. I have ADHD and am open about it. It gives me a real understanding of supporters whose needs are not always visible, and it shapes how I approach inclusion.

Why the Trust matters

I have a genuine passion for community. A football club is far more than what happens on the pitch – at its best it brings people together and does real good in its town. The Trust is well placed to support that as a positive, constructive partner to the club and a strong voice for supporters. Living outside the Bay, I would also represent the many members and fans across the rest of Devon.

What I would deliver and support

- **Governance:** clear, practical policies and processes that help the Board work effectively and transparently.
- **Inclusion:** take the Inclusivity Group's work forward so every supporter feels welcome at Plainmoor.
- **Membership:** help grow and broaden the membership, including fans living beyond Torbay.
- **Partnership:** a positive, aligned relationship with the club, focused on shared goals.
- **Community:** use my industry links to support fan zones, events and community activity.

- **Practical support:** I am a practical, hands-on doer. I will bring enthusiasm, get behind the great ideas and initiatives already under way, and follow through on what is agreed.

I would be proud to serve on the Board and to bring professional skills, energy and a positive approach to the role.