



ARSENAL SUPPORTERS' TRUST

Safe Standing Survey of Arsenal Supporters
Full list of supporters' comments
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Below are all the comments pertaining to safe standing that were left by respondents to the survey.

Responses from fans who wanted to use safe standing

1. Safe standing area(s) will generate higher volume of singing and chanting and this will definitely improve atmosphere around the whole stadium -- not just those standing. 2. Will directly improve the personal matchday experience for those allowed to stand. 3. Loud vocal support is sensed by the team and the 12th Man produces a reaction on the pitch.

100% in favour of safe standing at all grounds

A bigger issue is the type of people who can afford to go games. Renting in London is expensive for someone young like myself on a low wage. When I do go to games it makes me sick to see American women chatting the whole way through the game.

A no brainer - just look at how great it has been abroad.

A return to full terracing would be better and safe standing is just a bare minimum required to help address the appalling atmosphere in modern British football. Arsenal and all clubs should be looking with ambition to bring back standing in as large a sections as possible. Preferably the entire section of one end of the stadium.

A very worthy debate. Well done for taking this forward

A wonderful idea for Arsenal to champion the trial of safe standing in the EPL. We should lead by example and show that it's going to improve atmosphere in the stadium for the better.

About time we, as a club, take charge and are the first/one of the first clubs to introduce safe standing, the atmosphere is dire and it won't fix the problem, but it would go a long way to fixing it.

Adequate arrangements would need to be made to ensure any fans not wishing to stand, could not have their view obstructed by people standing in front of them.

AFC stewards are always telling AFC fans to sit down, but never do this to the away section. It's unfair, and diminishes the atmosphere.

All I will suggest is IF AFC go ahead and try the safe standing (and I hope they do) that they really think about where they locate it within the stadium.

Allowing the option of safe standing can only benefit the league, it also provides an area where the more vocal fans can chant, chat and enjoy the game! Imagine the goal celebration!

Also needs to be organisation of fans to get atmosphere going in any standing section - like meeting in a certain pub beforehand or something similar - currently the red action zone at the emirates, where I have a season ticket, does not live up to being the part with a better atmosphere

Also The FA should look at safe standing at Wembley

An important part of the question is price, are supporters more likely to attend if they can buy cheaper safe standing tickets, guess the answer would be a resounding "yes"

Anything that can be done to improve the emirates atmosphere should be taken advantage off. I wouldn't go to a gig if I had to stand I would like the same opportunity at football games

Atmosphere needs improving - this could do the job.

Arsenal can become a leading figure in an area of the industry which they're often (unjustly) vilified for – this is an opportunity the club should take.

Arsenal desperately needs safe standing to improve the atmosphere for fans and players.

Arsenal fans like to blame the atmosphere on everything but themselves. It's quite clear that the stadium design isn't ideal for creating an intimidating atmosphere, but you frequently will see someone standing up to start a chant and get nothing back whilst being stared at. Also, I used to have a season ticket in block 6, the 'standing section' with my dad and although it definitely is the loudest part of the stadium, (although the back of block 26 in the clock end where I currently stand has great noise, but as it's the family section there's only limited numbers of people who are really going to sing) really it wasn't exactly electric atmosphere. I feel like the atmosphere at Arsenal is never going to be top quality and that's because of the fans, but safe standing would massively improve it and also bring back the terrace culture, which could bring back some old faces who are still just as passionate, but they've been priced out of it.

Arsenal has an opportunity to forge a strong relationship with its fans. If Arsenal believe they already have a good fanbase relationship, they are wrong. Since the stadium move and decline in success, season ticket holders are feeling disconnected by a soulless and faceless corporate machine. However, the bond could be reconnected. By introducing and pioneering a scheme like safe standing, Arsenal would encourage active participation from fans. I believe this type of project would deliver the sought after atmosphere the stadium requires, which should transfer onto the players. Arsenal be bold, be industrious and remember the virtuous bear onerous duties.

Arsenal have taken the lead in many things over the years: the Clock; night-time lighting; just being better than any one else! Let's do it over this. Paul T.

Arsenal should be the forefront of football innovation that way marketing might improve as well.

Arsenal won't do this, they are followers and not open to any innovation. It is not in the clubs board to bother with this so they won't. This attitude is one of the main reasons I no longer attend (used to attend 15+ home 5+ away) any more. Awful atmosphere and general experience.

As a (mostly) away fan, due to living in Scotland, I can honestly say that the atmosphere is improved by standing, as this is what most away fans do. Having a Safe standing area will encourage a livelier atmosphere, with no security/safety downsides (proven numerous times in a variety of grounds around Europe), given proper forethought and planning to address these important concerns. No REAL fans want to go back to the bad old days, but having sections of the ground where fans can stand will benefit our club by improving the atmosphere at the Emirates.

As a club with (generally) well behaved fans, as well as the most modern and spacious facilities, I think Arsenal would be an excellent place to trial safe standing.

Surely one of the biggest gripes fans have with stewards is being told to sit down, so without this constant argument I am certain that there would be a more harmonious atmosphere. I think it's safe to say that stewards would prefer not to have to tell fans off for this petty offence too. And if implemented then you can be sure that if you are being warned by a steward for something then you are clearly doing something wrong, rather than just standing up. I think it would strengthen steward's authority.

Any fan that doesn't want a safe standing area should have the option of sitting somewhere else.

As a fan who has attended games in Croke Park, where one section of the ground (Hill 16) is entirely standing, I am wholeheartedly behind its introduction in Premier League stadia.

As a youngster affordable match day experiences bonded me with the club and other fans As everyone knows red action area and most of the North Bank stand regardless of the rules introducing safe standing would mean that those buying tickets from ticket exchange would know what to expect in advance and wouldn't more regular fans by moaning.

As I stated above, the reason I cancelled my silver membership was because I could no longer afford match tickets. However, in Germany and other countries I know the safe standing match tickets are cheaper than the seating tickets so I'm very hopeful that if this comes in I will be able to afford match tickets again, and I would love to stand anyway so I'm hopeful that this will come in because it would be a win-win for me personally. After all, 'Arsenal for everyone' is the motto, not just the wealthy!

As one of the largest clubs in the UK with one of the most modern stadiums in the league I think it is our responsibility to be at the forefront of campaigns such as this. As far as I can tell, implementation of rail seating or a safe standing area would be relatively straight forward in the off season. The safety issue doesn't really come into the debate in my opinion, particularly at a modern stadium such as ours. I think it can only help to improve the atmosphere at the ground as well, which is no bad thing.

At the moment going to the games is like going to the gym, up and down for 90mins. I prefer to stand and stay standing.

At the moment, Arsenal have a reputation for having a lack of atmosphere and are often mocked in many media outlets for this. As a life long fan, I have never felt less valued as a fan. This has been exemplified by cringing comments made by our current board. Therefore, it would fill my with immense pride of The Arsenal were the first Premier League club to introduce safe standing at home games. It would improve the club's image and mend relations between the club and fans. Let's stay true to our values. Victory Through Harmony.

Atmosphere at away games were we often stand is much better and I feel more of a part of a community and collective vision. In away games you are with the hardcore fans and not those who me to the emirates as a tourist. I don't have anything against tourists coming to the emirates but is stifles the atmosphere. Safe standing would attract core fans and discourage tourists so everyone wins. All tourists get a seat and hardcore fans stand together.

Atmosphere differences can be seen when sitting in the clock end or North bank. The stewards on the clock end constantly make fans sit down and say it's unsafe to stand, so the atmosphere constantly dies. However stewards allow the north bank to stand which creates an atmosphere and people are more likely to join in and chant. I haven't witnessed a problem that would infringe health and safety whilst standing in the north bank. Personally the stewards at the clock end should be told to allow some fans to stand for however long they like, instead of trying to make fans sit down all the time, that's not what modern day football is.

Atmosphere for home matches has been an on-going issue and believe that safe standing is something that could help. I've visited many grounds in Germany currently using Safe Standing and it works well. Good Luck

Atmosphere has been a problem at the Emirates since the move from Highbury, it has improved more with great work from Red Action and also the introduction of the famous clock end. However I think the biggest problem we face is Arsenal fans that want to sing are too scattered around the ground. The introduction of a safe standing area would allow all fans that would like to sing to be able to move their season tickets there or the club could notify and arrange a swapping system for those who don't want to stand. This would be a massive step for the club.

Atmosphere is awful at the emirates compared to watching Arsenal away. Away support normally out sing the home one's mainly due away supporters being tolerated when standing by home stewards. Atmosphere is get worse throughout England due all seating stadiums this needs to change immediately. The rest of Europe have moved on so MUST we.

Atmosphere is one of the greatest aspects of the EPL. The Emirates can use the juice from a standing area to generate some electricity.

Away fans section too close to the junior gunners section, maybe safe standing located behind the goals and the junior section moved. Also we need a song to identify with The Arsenal!
COYG

Be first and lead from the front.

Been going to Arsenal games for 30+ years, and the atmosphere over the last 5 or so has been the worse I can remember. Introducing safe standing would help bring back that atmosphere as it has done at Celtic.

Being able to stand up at a football match is a human right.

Brentford have terracing and it's fantastic!

Bring back football.

Bring back standing asap, at a sensible price, before the 16-30 age group (who tend to make the most noise) are priced out of football forever. #lostgeneration

Bring back standing at football. If we had safe standing the Hillsborough Disaster would never have happened. We need to improve the atmosphere at Ashburton Grove and safe standing will significantly help .

Bring back stands (also in the away ends), let more people in there and most important: lower the prices!

Bring back the terraces , much better atmosphere.

Bring safe standing to improve our atmosphere.

Can you please provide a platform where fans can communicate with the club, openly. Rather than Q&As at the end of the season. It's not that it's not satisfying, it's not often enough I feel.

Certain areas of the ground stand already, and its frustrating constantly standing up at times in the game then sitting down again, also not knowing the rules when you can/can't stand, whether you are annoying the people behind you even though if somebody is standing in front of you there is nothing you can do other than stand. Standing areas would end all this, those who want to sit can without people getting in their way, those that want to stand can.

Compare the atmosphere now to that of grounds back in the '80s. The difference is stark. We have the technology and the desire to make safe standing work. Let's always remember the disasters that led to all seater stadia but move forward for the good of the game.

Consulting existing season ticket holders isn't necessarily the right step to take, introducing rail seating will allow other people to attend the games and make arsenal a more accessible club. Please do this.

Crowds will stand, stewards are powerless. I can't remember the last time I sat down at an Arsenal game, if I did I wouldn't see a thing. The least we could do is change this to safe standing.

Directly behind the goal would be the best

Discuss about dedicated singing sections also.

Do it. It's a no brainer. The atmosphere is absolutely woeful this season, the worst it has ever been imo.

Do not consult the current ticket holders as they could be biased against standing areas. The fact is everyone knows the standing areas are the people who bring the spirit. Arsenal needs more of that. Fan spirit.

Drums and such instruments should be allowed in so that the stadium and its properties will not be dammed in trying to create an atmosphere.

Emirates stadium is generally devoid of atmosphere for most matches. Standing areas would in my view begin to address that.

English football desperately needs this to improve our game. The atmosphere is what fans around the world wants to hear & whilst the fans that go want to be part of it. Footballing stadia has move on a lot since the Hillsborough tragedy & it's about time standing sections were reintroduced!!

Especially to create a hostile atmosphere at the emirates - safe standing is a great idea we need to make emirates a fortress like how old Highbury once was

Feel atmosphere can be greatly improved, Vital part of the experience for all and can see the atmosphere created in stadiums such as Dortmund

Football has changed since Hillsborough, as has the fan culture. There is no reason nowadays why safe standing cannot be trialled and introduced to the PL.

Football is a passion for most fans and remaining seated removes some of the excitement that used to be so special to the match day experience. It would certainly help the atmosphere around the grounds and inspire younger people to attend more matches.

Football is nothing without the fans.

For me it is a no brainer to have safe standing areas as the people who want to stand, want to have a good time watching & vocally supporting their team! We seem to have become a business only club who don't understand the concept of the passion & pride that supporters who chant & sing have for their club, only the bottom line in what true fans are prepared to pay to give their support before like myself cannot justify the on going increasing cost of being a special part of OUR CLUB! Atmosphere? What atmosphere? The ground needs a true heart that can keep the rest of the ground buzzing, alive with true passion like our fantastic away support does & does the rest of us proud when we hear it on radio or TV. My days of bouncing up & down singing my heart out are probably over but I would still have to burst my lungs out for the team in that kind of group created atmosphere. One last thing cast your mind back to Highbury before all seater stadium sitting, standing all generating the buzz which was down to the ordinary working people who stood in Freezing temperatures many with their children (Safely I might add) for years with nothing in the way of trophies to show unlike a lot of today's supporters who whine because we're a big club without a title recently boo hoo! Thick & thin is what my dad taught me over the years he took me to the North bank with his friends from the age of 5yrs old. Sterile grounds have been created by sterile people behind closed doors. Clubs have maximised profit as a business (maybe rightly so) but at the cost of the future of the game, what if everybody started watching at home? Just how long would the clubs survive?

GAA stadia in Ireland all have standing (terrace) areas - consultation with the relevant authorities may be worthwhile?

Get it done asap

Get it done, it will change the Emirates forever

Get safe standing in asap!

Given the choice I would always prefer to watch football standing than sitting down.

Good luck with it, most TRUE fans will support it!

Good luck! Safe standing is the future....

Good luck! An excellent way to improve atmosphere at games with more affordable pricing.

Great intuitive guys! Come on the Arsenal!!

Having been an Arsenal follower for 56 years I am in favour of standing in a safe area, having been educated in the history of the North Bank I fell in love the whole atmosphere and the people who came and stood together for one cause. I was brought up also watching Southampton or Bournemouth on Boxing Day, always standing. Bring it back in a safe way please.

I believe that standing should be allowed at all grounds that have the ability to implement and regulate the standing areas safely. I believe it will dramatically improve the atmosphere which is certainly not what it should or could be in many arenas that hold 50k plus fans and it is fairly obvious that a large portion of fans at most grounds want to stand as many stadia have the 'problem' of persistent standing. There are of course those who want/need to sit and I don't think anyone would suggest that there shouldn't be seating sections in most areas of the ground in one way or another to cater for everyone's viewing preference. At a ground like the Emirates the lower tier is almost 'designed' for standing as the incline is relatively shallow and a lot of the safety concerns can be eliminated easily (I'm thinking about crash barriers that are either staggered or across every row to stop surging, a large 'run-off' area at pitch side, strict controls that are already in place regarding number of fans that can enter the ground etc.) In the past and particularly since the Hillsborough disaster among others, it is clear why we moved to all seated stadia but as technology (including electronic ticketing) and policing has improved most of these concerns, if not all, are able to be addressed.

I believe that we should not only be campaigning as fans and a club to have safe standing areas for Premier league games but also be a voice within Europe so that in fact the locking seats such as those in use at Celtic and some German clubs are not even necessary and we can have full terracing with barriers, as I believe that even if standing were allowed in the Premiership it is an even bigger task to have it as an option in European competition(?). It would still be advantageous to have the locking seats if it means that standing can be allowed in the short term but I see it as only solving half the problem. In my opinion it is also an opportunity for clubs around the country to increase the number of fans through the turnstiles each week at a lower cost and go back to the days where season tickets are affordable for the average person. Imagine an Arsenal game where behind both goals (for example) there were thousands more fans at each end creating a better atmosphere and at the same time increasing club revenues and allowing ticket pricing to become more attainable at the lower end of the spectrum, surely that has to be a win/win situation for the club and fans?!

Hillsborough is the emotive issue around any standing debate. The biggest problem there was the fencing. Rails seem a very sensible and safe way to reintroduce standing.

Hillsborough was an absolute tragedy - there's no doubt about it. However, you cannot compare what happened there with today's stadiums, especially when there's option like the rail seat which would not allow the crowd to surge in any direction in mass.

Honestly the only issue I have with standing is that I'm not the tallest of people and would be a little concerned that my view would be obstructed by someone taller.

Hopefully standing tickets would be more affordable

Hoping it would lower prices

I also feel that if introduced it should try and sell a large percentage of the standing seats to 18-25 year olds to further improve the atmosphere and give students and young people the chance to get access to cheaper (&slightly more affordable) tickets.

I am 6'5" I really hate standing in the seating areas when everyone else is because I know I will be blocking the person behind. In safe standing it is much easier to position to get around people like me

I am a season ticket holder at my local club in Korea. The stadium is all-seater but standing is permitted anywhere, although mostly only occurs in the north and south ends behind the goals. While I have never seen any injuries, standing in a seating area causes far more problems than I think standing in a designated area would. I also think standing causes huge and disproportionate antagonism between stewards and fans. Removing this issue could lead to more effective stewarding of crowds.

I am an Arsenal fan, but also A season ticket holder for FC København - in Copenhagen we stand up and watch football giving A much better atmosphere and also A better relation with the people you stand next to.

I am desperate for safe standing to be introduced at the club and I feel 100% that it would improve the atmosphere at the Emirates. It's been a huge success wherever it has been implemented and knowing how passionate not only Arsenal fans, but English fans in general are, I feel it would be a massive step forward for English football. I'd also like to see the introduction of flags and drums in designated areas as I feel they would also help with the atmosphere and it would encourage more fans to get involved with the songs.

I am in favour of standing - the difference in atmosphere (and its impact on urging on the team) compared to everyone sitting quietly and politely in their seats is vast. Hence the prevalence of standing at 'big' games as a matter of course - everyone seems to inherently understand that creating the atmosphere conducive to raising the level of the team requires standing up to do it. My only concern - and it is possibly a selfish one - is the impact on other areas of the stadium that would not be within the safe standing area. I sit/stand near the away fans, who presently invariably stand. Would the away end (and I mean at all grounds) be safe standing or would they be expected to sit? Aside from enforcing it in the first place, the latter would adversely affect atmosphere, not improve it. And if away ends are standing but adjacent areas are not, would these areas be expected to sit? Again, this would not be conducive to improving the atmosphere. As I say, I know it's selfish, but I like being able to stand at some games (albeit without permission presently) and would find enforced sitting all the time quite unbearable. I moved from the upper tier because of the sterile atmosphere - if a small section of the lower tier is to be allowed to stand but everyone else would therefore be definitely instructed to sit, this wouldn't improve the atmosphere, rather diminish it and isolate it in a distant corner of the ground. If all the lower tier (perhaps minus the family enclosure) went to safe seating, that would be another matter.

I am one of many who love Arsenal passionately but my attendance has declined. This is because I can't back the team in the vocal manner I'd like. The atmosphere frustrates me. Safe standing would improve things immeasurably. Arsenal have a heritage of being forward - thinking pioneers. I trust they can do the right thing here. The time has come.

I attend away matches regularly, we always stand, and at certain grounds e.g. front of upper section at White Hart Lane, if there is a surge (when a goal is scored for example) it is frankly dangerous with the current standard seating in place. I fully support the introduction of safe standing as soon as practically possible. Thank you.

I attend games on terraces at Stevenage FC and it is problem free. I believe it is time to bring safe standing to Arsenal to avoid losing young fans to our rivals; this happens already as we appear to be viewed as the 'middle class, affluent London club.' We have to rekindle an atmosphere at The Arsenal or the club will suffer in the future as a result.

I believe there is no doubt that a standing section would greatly improve the atmosphere at games. I much prefer going to away games where I know standing will be taking place and the atmosphere improves because of that. That can already be seen at the Emirates in a small section of the stadium where fans stand already, regardless of the current rules. However, I would hope that any standing only section will not be restricted to just gold and silver members and allow Red members a chance to obtain such tickets.

I believe this is essential looking to the future in order to improve the atmosphere at the emirates and make it a fortress for the team

I believe this subject is massively important for our football club to take seriously. I'm flying over to watch the Arsenal once every season from Denmark, and sometimes I'm saddened by the atmosphere at The Emirates. I've been looking enviously at Celtic FC. What they have achieved by granting rail seating is remarkable. There was a time were The Arsenal were first movers. Sadly we aren't anymore, but we can still "win the race" in England. Hope the club will give the fans what we are hoping for.

I believe this will massively improve the atmosphere at the ground, an atmosphere I have rarely experienced since we left Highbury.

Hopefully this will help to decrease altercations and issues with stewards who insist we remain seated at all times.

By introducing safe standing it would also be positive if the club could reduce the prices for these areas and make attending games more accessible to the local community. Again, since we have left Highbury the club has lost a lot of its community feel.

I believe trialling safe standing as well as rail and fanzones for true Arsenal supporters should be at least trialled as I believe at its best Arsenal fans in particular our away support are among the best in the country introducing trials and standing will help add more passion from our sometimes questionable fan support and go a long way to connecting the clubs fans with our prestigious history and reconnect the fans and players as Highbury crowds did in the past.

I can see no good argument AGAINST safe standing, as long as it is only in part of the ground. It will increase capacity, improve atmosphere and - as the name implies- be safe! I loved standing on the North Bank at Highbury, and would like my children to be able to experience the unique passion and togetherness of a standing crowd without the dangers I faced as a teenager.

I currently live and work in America. I grew up in America and Greece, and lived in Greece from 1990-1998 for middle school and high school. I began following Arsenal, as well as clubs in other leagues shortly after moving. I was lucky enough to grow up in an era of relatively cheap and hassle free travel between European countries, and got to see a lot of great football as a result. Having seen the lows that are possible in the old, terrace style seating first hand, I always understood the safety concerns. There is simply no place for violent behavior in any walk of life, not just sports. The sometimes rampant hooliganism in Athens was something that took a long time to overcome, and still mars the sport on occasion. Many footballing nations have faced this issue. Unfortunately, the response has left a fairly sterile footballing environment in its wake. With the increasingly corporate environment I've witnessed in newer stadiums across all sports, in both the U.S. and abroad, it has been harder to capture the magic of live sporting events. With ticket prices going up globally, and live sports becoming an extravagance unavailable to an increasing percentage of fans, the atmosphere becomes one of the most important factors. Simply put, it is very hard to condone spending all the money involved in flying from Connecticut to London, as well as the highest ticket prices in the league, only to have to sit down and not partake in the game. I didn't make pilgrimages to Highbury to sit there laconically, and the fact that I have to at the Emirates has largely kept me from attending games. A whole generation of fans is now growing up without the singular experience of a mass of humanity on their feet, sharing a united sporting experience. It is truly out of this world, and should be reintroduced in a newer, safer form. This is truly the world's game, and like many beautiful things, requires passion to sustain.

I do not know enough about the possible consequences to say Arsenal should champion the introduction of safe standing but should certainly lead or be strongly involved in the development of the concept.

I don't want Arsenal trialling anything. It'll be disruptive. Either do it full on or don't at all. But preferably do.

I feel embarrassed like most fans, with the atmosphere during most games at the Emirates. I feel the Emirates is a great stadium but is in danger of being too bland! No flags! No drums! NO ATMOSPHERE! Tottenham new stadium plans look revolutionary and will take all the hype away from the Emirates! That is why putting in a standing section is a good idea to keep up with the times.

I feel more distant from the club now than ever. It nearly makes me feel unwelcome sometimes.

I feel very sorry for people who want to sit, but have people standing in front of them. I feel sorry for people who want to stand but cant. Also, I have arthritis in my knees. Getting up and down is hard work at times. Last game I attended, I had to remain seated in the second half and missed a lot of the game. To stand would be much easier, and I would assume I am not the only person in this position.

I fill since Hillsborough there has been some reservation on this issue and rightly so. However, now that matter is finally being resolved, I support the notion of reassessing safe standing as indeed it appears to work to build a atmosphere at a ground and frankly at the moment the emirates desperately is lacking in one compared to the Highbury days.

I fully support safe standing but I hope the club create a new area and don't take the easy option of making block 6 safe standing. Block 6 already standing and there are no complaints so very easy to implement. Does block 6 make enough noise now? No, the club should look at making a new area perhaps 12/13.

I go to matches with my father in law who is 82 and we both stand, block 19. It is important that he can sit down at half time but we both love it. The atmosphere around block 19 is great, we even have a favourite steward, Rolly.

I have been in the Stratford end of old Trafford where everyone stands even though there are seats. The atmosphere is excellent! People seem more willing to sing and I felt more connected to the group of fans around me than if I was sitting.

I have long been an advocate of safe standing at the Emirates since its completion in 2016. I believe that if the lower tier was safe standing, which it almost already is with the majority fans standing throughout the game, the atmosphere would be improved dramatically.

I have never understood why standing continues to be band at all ticket matches! Though I do think turnstile control needs to be improved to ensure only one person enters per ticket - especially in away fans areas. I think the HSE should be given the job of designing the specification for "Safe Standing" areas of grounds. This would specify gradients, step sizes, gangways, barriers, entrance/exits and pitch boundaries etc; and most importantly how many people can stand on a square meter of terrace. Then the club can only sell the amount of tickets derived from the area of their terrace. As long as the club only sell that amount of tickets, safety should be ensured. My question with "rail seats" is, in the space of one seat, how many fans can stand there when in standing mode? I have never heard anyone address this question in all the discussion I have followed. Cheers!

I have stopped going to watch Arsenal as I really do not enjoy the stadium. We now go and stand in the big bank at Exeter city it's the real way to watch football. So much better than watching a match sitting down.

I hope arsenal listen, there is nothing wrong with it

I live abroad now and grew up getting carried 10m by the crowd when we scored at the clock end. My dad was terrified for me, I loved it! Whilst we will never see a return to that, I think compromise is possible, desirable for significant numbers of people, profitable and, above all, safe. Fully in favour and it would be the only way I watched when back in London.

I live in Sweden and here all the clubs have standing sections were the most hard core fans stand and sing. I believe the standing sections at the stadiums here in Sweden help to create a loud atmosphere.

I live in Sweden and we have safe stands. It improves to atmosphere to have all singing fans together instead of having them all over the stadium

I love this club to pieces and I love going to the games! I just want our home games to have the same atmosphere as what the fans at away games generate! It would make games far more exciting and would bring fans, players, coaches and all involved at Arsenal together more! It's got to a stage now where I want to move my seat into a more lively/vocal area because I feel out of place singing and making noise where I sit currently!

I only answer "Disagree" to question 16 because they should go ahead with it without full and formal consultation.

I only go to games now when offered free ticket. Why pay to sit and watch match with zero atmosphere when 99% of our games are on TV anyway. Sad.

I protested on the old north bank when it was decided this should be all seater. We need standing in football grounds it encourages more of an atmosphere.

I regularly attend games of hurling in Ireland with stands which have no chairs at all.

I stood at Highbury for many years of going to my earl matches and never had any trouble

I stopped going because the atmosphere is so bad, bring back standing

I think a safe standing area at The Emirates would be great! It would no doubt improve the atmosphere hugely.

I think also these safe standing areas should be unallocated whereby your season ticket gets you in the block then you can stand anywhere - this would get people in the ground earlier and improve atmosphere as friends and like minded people can group together and sing

I think it will bring much needed atmosphere to the emirates

I think it would be brilliant

I think it's a good way to get likeminded people in the same place, and thus as a result causing an improvement in atmosphere. It could also improve our attendance, taking it above Tottenham's new stadium ;)

I think it's a great opportunity for Arsenal to take the first step out of all the clubs in the Premier League. As long as the correct steps are taken to alleviate concerns over safety, and the fans are proactively responsible, then safe standing could be very successful. It would not only help stadium atmosphere but also be good for Arsenal to set the example for others.

I think safe standing will make a better atmosphere at the emirates as quite bad. 😂 I think like doing the display every game like on champions league

I think season ticket holders should be consulted to ensure they would accept any impact to their season ticket and potential move that may be required. I don't think we shouldn't campaign for a standing area just because season ticket holders disagree.

I think the entire North Bank should be standing and importantly cheaper entry for fans. Arsenal should be looking to attract younger, local lads to come to matches and cheaper standing tickets would go a long way, plus I'm sure a slightly rowdier crowd will generate a better atmosphere, which is much needed.

I think the option of standing would bring a lot of people together and make the atmosphere more enjoyable. The crowd would be more exciting and (hopefully) thus the Gooners on the field would be more excited about playing for a loud and supportive fan base. Go Gooners!!!

I think the stadium atmosphere needs to improve and this would go along way, I go to less matches now as there is no atmosphere in the stadium and I find it embarrassing.

I think the traditional leaning barriers (such as at the Highbury north bank) could be replicated safely with only minor adjustments, such as narrowing the terrace width and reducing the gaps between them. Having smaller sections would also help prevent potential mass sprawl, such as that which lead to the Heysel and Hillsborough disasters. I don't currently attend many games because I don't "feel" as though I can influence the game in any way, I am only watching rather than "participating". I call the Emirates a "cinema experience" stadium. Please let me stand again!

I think the way football is heading it is a given that safe standing will return at some point. Having a section at the emirates for me would undoubtedly improve the atmosphere. I do think however it would be difficult in regards to season ticket holders i.e if you have ST holders there who don't want safe standing do they get moved somewhere else etc?

I totally and utterly support the introduction of safe standing areas at grounds.

I used to live in Bremen, and the safe standing at the Weser Station was brilliant, added a lot of atmosphere. Emirates stadium needs to be louder, with consistent chanting, safe standing would be the best way to do that!

I want standing areas!!!!!!

I would be more likely to watch Arsenal matches on TV in the US if I knew the atmosphere at the Emirates was more lively with a standing area

I would come back to games, and bring my kids more if standing was introduced. It should be across the Clock End

I would expect a reduction in prices for safe standing areas and also a proportion of tickets available on the day of the match, paying on entry to avoid touts buying them all up.

I would feel much safer in safe standing area as with seating when we score crowd surges forward and people fall across seats I personally am afraid I will get hurt

I would like to know if this portion of the ground would be available as a season ticket and the pricing policy.

I would love to see designated safe standing area just behind the goal posts. Bringing home fans closer to the pitch.

I would love to see the introduction of safe standing so my son can partly experience what I did when I was a teenager of dancing and singing and fully expressing joy of loving a great football team.

I would love to see this implemented at The Emirates Stadium!!

I would personally love to see rail seating in the entire lower tier, as a minimum I think rail seating in the lower tiers of the North Bank & Clock End would transform the atmosphere at the Emirates & being back some much missed Highbury atmosphere.

I would sincerely appreciate safe standing at the Emirates and think it would be great for the atmosphere but also because it would allow more people to attend games more regularly due to (hopefully) cheaper tickets. I am Swedish and have had a season ticket in the standing area at Malmö FF for nearly ten years. Therefore I have a lot of experience in the area and have to point out the positives. The cheaper tickets allows young people (and others) to go to more games, it's easier to go as a group friends since you don't have particular seat, and lastly and the most important thing - THE ATMOSPHERE! If you watched some of Malmö's home games in the Champions League you would've known what I'm talking about.

I would support entirely the introduction of safe standing in specified blocks (keeping the seats) rather than the rail seating. There has been a tacit agreement for years around blocks 4-6 and others that the stewards won't stop us standing, and it's working extremely well, generating atmosphere and not risking safety (at least as far as I have seen). It just needs to be made official. Thanks for conducting the survey.

I'm an Arsenal supporter from Lebanon. I have been to only 4 matches before. The most recent was the CL match against PSG. I recall that I spent 70% of the match standing, as everyone in the section I was seated in was. I think the idea of rail seating would be perfect, as the supporter would be more engaged in the match atmosphere and with having less physical difficulty to keep standing for the whole 90 minutes.

I'm from Chicago. Went to a game at the Emirates for the first time in November vs PSG. Amazing experience, but the fact that the Paris fans created a bigger atmosphere in our own stadium pissed me off. A lot has been said, hope you come through and realize that we need this to compete with the best clubs in the world.

I'm from Germany and not able to visit a game in London so far, but the Bundesliga shows perfectly how safe standing perfectly works out. We have some issues with fans willing to use violence, but this doesn't depend on the standing. The atmosphere gets upgraded and people like this places. Very important for fans that wants to enjoy the community and solidarity while games (jumping, singing together). That's hard to do when bound to the seats.

I'M IN THE BLOCK 6 AND WE STAND ALL OF THE TIME. WILL AFC THEN MAKE STANDING CHEAPER?

I've been at Irish sport matches in terraces and the atmosphere is just incredible fans jumping and celebrating with each other, it's an incredible experience that every fan would never forget

I've had enough of modern football 'experience'. I have two young boys and if there is safe standing I'm more likely to take them to games. Also, safe standing at Arsenal should be in Clock End next to away fans, that would sort out the atmosphere straight away as long as it wasn't full of tourists

I've watched games from standing areas at smaller clubs like Yeovil Town and the atmosphere is amazing even at a small park like that. Also people stand anyway in seated areas which I think is potentially dangerous. Think, what would Jesus do

If it can be guaranteed to be safe (and in 2017, there's no excuse why it couldn't be), I think we all know at least 1 designated standing area can only improve the Emirates' atmosphere.

If safe standing tickets were potentially more cost effective than seated ones it would be a big incentive for younger fans such as myself to attend fans as going to games at the moment is financially improbable for me, thank you very much.

If safe standing was introduced (with considerably cheaper tickets, and if Wenger was no longer manager) I would consider returning to Arsenal.

If safe standing will result in season ticket holders' seats being moved- they should be informed as soon as possible.

If someone is vehemently against the idea of standing but chooses to sit in a quiet, tranquil area, that is their choice but they should not get a say in whether standing should be allowed for those that want to create a better atmosphere. A lot of Arsenal supporters now complain that the atmosphere has become so dull at the Emirates that it puts them off attending. It may be perfect for younger children and older citizens but those who want to generate noise and get songs going, often feel isolated and consequently give up their attempts. People who want to sing, will often feel more comfortable when standing.

If the club introduced safe standing then tickets should be at a cheaper price seeing as the cost of the Emirates is now paid for now 10 years on!! Ask all members for opinions on safe standing!!!

If there aren't safe standing areas built, at least allow us to stand at our seats!!!!

In favour to help the current poor atmosphere that we have

In my experience, most of the lower north bank stand now (certainly the rows towards the back. The atmosphere will only improve when there is a cash turnstile, first come first served, unallocated safe standing area. This would ensure the people in that area want to be watching Arsenal at that match as opposed to 'turning up because I've a season ticket'. Alternatively, the club need to offer no additional concession to a season ticket other than a seat at 26 matches. Priority on away tickets / cup final tickets mean that individuals have a season ticket for reasons other than just going to support the team at any particular match.

In my opinion, standing areas should never have been removed from football grounds. Hillsborough was a tragic event but it was a whole number of issues which resulted in the tragedy, not terracing itself. Clubs used the introduction of all-seater stadiums as a reason to increase prices whilst conveniently hiding behind the reason of 'safety grounds'. Fans are seen as nothing more than a paying inconvenience and this attitude must stop now. I have held a season ticket at Arsenal for 33 years and have been regularly attending since 1976. However, though through some misguided loyalty I find it hard to give up my season ticket, am and I sure many others have been priced out of attending. I transfer my tickets to a fellow supporter who can still afford to go. I live in the vain hope that standing will one day be re-introduced and that this may result in myself being able to afford to attend once more. I will keep my current season ticket as long as I can but I fear it may not be long enough to see changes that once again my football affordable to all.

In my section, people stand all game anyway. It creates a good atmosphere, and there's plenty of room to do so.

In terms of the introduction of standing, a pioneering Arsenal would not only help make the beautiful game more accessible to the fans but also help to change public opinion about the accessibility/price/inclusivity of the Emirates which I think is currently slightly damaging to the club and potential Gooners and game watchers

It has been a major success in Germany and Scotland and no major incidents. I would love for it to be introduced in the Premier League. Although I understand that the Hillsborough disaster was very unfortunate, safe standing will not cause a similar disaster to happen, it is very safe and can be very manageable as shown in the different examples in Scotland/Germany (Hillsborough was under very different circumstances). Supporters would have the opportunity to sing and stand without stewards silencing the passion some fans like to show. I am aware that this will probably help the atmosphere improve, which will also motivate the team more.

It has been proven across the world in various countries that standing areas can be deployed in stadia without any problems. The vast majority in opposition to standing areas are those who were born in an age where they witnessed the negative side of standing areas. This is a false equivalency as crowd theory has drastically developed since those days. I am certain that Arsenal using the safe standing scheme will give the atmosphere a real boost. Further, I feel if we are the club to champion the scheme, we could get a boost greater than that of our rivals which could translate to vital wins/points for the team.

It has to happen else we will get left behind

It is now widely understood (from AST meeting and interviews with those from FSF, EFL and Safe Standing Roadshow) that Arsenal are slacking in their support for safe standing. We are yet to formally announce our backing as a club and seem to have made minimal effort in comparison to some of the other big clubs to make strides on the matter. This is a perfect time for Arsenal to do so, as it requires a combination of our clubs, footballing authorities and government to come together before progress can be made.

It is ridiculous that when I buy a seat in block 5, from about row 15 onwards towards the back, nobody sits down during the match. The stewards do nothing about it. I would much rather be in a safe standing area.

It works in Germany, so there is no reason why it wouldn't work over here too.

It would be great for Arsenal to lead the way on the implementation of safe standing in English ground.

It would be great if we could have the safe standing in the Clock End so we can make that a focal point of support for the team and have it be something special when you score at the Clock End

It'll give so much back to the game, stopping all of the complaints about emirates being too family/tourist friendly.

It's a no brainer! Look at German football! Yes the FA has taken away drinking in stands which is foolish to me! Get standing back in football asap is what I say! I have so many views id be typing for years lol

It's hard to argue for affordable tickets in an era of opera-level pricing that has all but priced out those who aren't well off, and in the same breath to oppose the right of supporters to stand safely. The Taylor recommendations have made the stadium-going experience altogether safer, but at the cost of pasteurising the atmosphere to the extent of utter mediocrity. £40 minimum for a match hardly seems good value any more for those to whom that is a considerable sum. Everyone now knows standing was not the culprit at Hillsborough. Sort it out, it's only right.

It's common knowledge that the atmosphere at the Emirates Stadium is inferior to a lot of grounds in the UK. A big reason for this is being forced to sit down. I doubt there is a football fan under the age of 70 who disagrees with me

It's frustrating at games when the away team are standing and chanting and we get told to sit down. Yes we have to respect the stewards and club rules and to be fair on other supporters who want to sit to watch the game. Introduction of standing areas would be great as you have the option.

Just do it already, it works perfectly in Germany.

Just get safe standing introduced ASAP, stadiums have moved on, time for regulation to catch up.

Just makes sense.

Just need something in front of people so no one topples forward. Would still like a fold out seat for pre/post match and half time though if possible.

Let those who want to stand and sing safely do so and those who do not wish to sit in a place appropriate for them - the atmosphere at the Emirates is terrible and this will help - I also feel there should be block access for season ticket holders in these safe standing blocks and a then free allocation of Seats to promote friend groups and early arrival at the ground.

Long may The Arsenal lead the way.

Loyal arsenal fun and hate that we are told to sit down in big games, completely ruins the atmosphere! This safe standing campaign can really help the fans get behind the team.

Make it happen

Make it happen, the Emirates is a husk of a stadium. No atmosphere!

MAKE SAFE STANDING FOR OVER 5000 FANS!

More needs to be done to improve our home atmosphere. There's too many over zealous stewards that don't really let you support your team.

More people, cheaper tickets, better atmosphere, better performance and much safer than current standing in seated areas. It's an absolute no brainer and we should have been having this conversation years ago. Let those who want to stand stand and those who want to sit sit.

Most games we stand already in the North Bank.

Most Of The north bank currently stands anyway. I haven't ever sat down at a home game. If the north bank didn't stand and sing then there would be even less of an atmosphere than there is current. Making it officially safe standing zone with rails would mean you can fit more people into the area who want to stand and sing which equals better atmosphere it would also increase capacity of Stadium allowing the club to freeze or even reduce ticket prices for everyone... It's a win win situation

Move family zone and young guns areas, they are too close to away fans

Moving from Highbury to the Emirates has made many regulars stop attending home games. There are many reasons for this, but the atmosphere for sure is one major reason. It's just not the same anymore. The hardcore fans are spread out all over this massive stadium which makes it hard to create an atmosphere. By introducing a safe standing area there would be a place for all regulars to unite and make a change. Make this happen Arsenal, make a change, make the supporters happy, make the atmosphere better. Thanks.

My concern is for the view that smaller children will have - at the moment they can at least stand on seats...

My only problem with this is the club must actively help and support fans in the stadium who sit in different seats but want to move to the safe standing area together. The area should also hold more fans than it would do with seats as there is a bigger safer area to do so, whilst remembering fans safety

My season ticket is in block 7 and luckily we stand every game without any bother from stewards. My only concern about safe standing is the fact that it would mean moving people, people losing the rapport built with those who sat around them.

My seat is in the north bank row 23, just to the right as you look at the goal. I haven't sat in my seat for seasons. Effectively we have safe standing already.

Need to improve atmosphere to bring success

Never used to miss a game on the old North bank. Would be great to have some atmosphere back at the Arsenal.

North Bank should be rebuilt to an one tier safe standing stand, as for example Signal Iduna Park (Dortmund's Westfalen)

North bank block 6 to 12 should be the sections for standing. Maybe even the clockend 23 to 26 and moving family members to 27 to 30

Not just Arsenal, but ALL clubs, please listen to your fans. Without them, football is nothing.

Not only would it be good for football but it would bring back the atmosphere at stadiums, Just like those good old days

Now that the team from Middlesex THFC will have a larger attendance than us we should be proactive in readdressing this

One thing that the introduction of seating has done to football - particularly in the premier league - has been the opportunity to diversify the crowds away from being dominated by men aged 18-40, to one that is far more family orientated with more women and children able to attend matches in good viewing positions. It would be a pity for this to be affected by the introduction of standing areas - safe or otherwise.

Our atmosphere is genuinely awful something like this is needed to segregate fans who want to sing and should be where the junior gunner block is which is right next to away fans and hasn't worked that well

People are awkwardly standing behind goals at so many matches in seated areas that it is ridiculous not to turn them into safe standing areas.

People are standing anyway so lets bring it back safely and bring some atmosphere to the stadium especially pitch side to support our team.

Please god at least give this a go, get all the noisy young enthusiastic fans together in one area, this will then allow the rest to sit in peace! This can only be a good thing, Arsenal should be at the forefront of this movement, as we were when stadiums were turned to all seaters, and the atmosphere died a death at Highbury over night when the old North Bank was demolished! Up the Arsenal.

Please introduce this!

Please make Arsenal, Arsenal again.

Please make it happen!! It will improve the atmosphere no end

Please make this happen, the stadium is suffering quite a lot with its atmosphere and we need to change it.

PLEASE MAKE THIS HAPPEN!!!

Please please please arsenal. Agree to this and improve it'll help with the atmosphere of our wonderful home and that'll help the team

Put the safe standing zones in, and increase the density in the safe standing zones since there will be more space. More people will improve the atmosphere. And move those who don't want to be in the standing area well away. Also, introduce oyster touch out and fine people who leave early.

Q9 - my answer to this depends entirely upon pricing.

Regarding the introduction of safe standing improving the relationship between fans and stewards... It would all depend on how stewards are instructed by AFC (and PL) to police fans in these areas. I don't believe the introduction of safe standing would suddenly make fans more "hostile" but depending on instructions from the club, stewards may be told to view them this way. I would hope that's not the case and that the club would actually be able to treat fans with respect, like adults rather than naughty kids who need to be policed and told off at every opportunity.

Ridiculous this isn't a reality already.

Safe standing + designated singing sections would enable the club to get the best out of the stadium and improve the atmosphere instantly. In my opinion there should also be a team of employees in the club that are dedicated specifically to organising and creating atmosphere on matchdays. This group should be tasked with coming up with ideas and executing these ideas depending on the occasion. It would be a fun and engaging experience for team and fans. (A great example of what I mean: was the light show in the Champions League game- why can't these sorts of activities be every game?!) Just a thought.

This will all most importantly push the team forward on the pitch and attract good things for club.

Safe standing allows two fans for every one seat. Arsenal have a reputation for poor support at home games which will only grow. Spurs have a new stadium with a single tier like the famous Kop at Anfield and it will generate an atmosphere that will diminish our club further.

Safe standing and some form of ultras group within the stadium would massively improve the atmosphere in the stadium. Atmosphere at the Emirates has been an issue discussed frequently recently and we must do something about it. The impact a better atmosphere could be is huge, making the Emirates a fortress.

Safe standing has been proved to be effective. Almost every club has a whole area behind the goal where (although rail seats and formal safe standing haven't been added) supporters can stand without being threatened by stewards to be evicted (Kop end, Stretford end, Galloway end) whereas Arsenal has one small pocket behind the goal (Block 6). This has led to the atmosphere at home games being terrible. From a fans perspective it makes sense to put all those who want to stand behind the whole of the goal (block 5-12) so they don't block the view of those who want to stay seated. I understand that changing all of block 5-12 is a big ask but as a club you can at least trial the rail seats in block 6 with the aim of expanding it to blocks 5-12. Please listen to the fans

Safe standing has been tested and proven to be a success across many highly established clubs across Europe. Many fans are disgruntled at the poor atmosphere and seating arrangements at the Emirates, this is the best way in generating a "12th man".

Safe standing has to come into the Emirates I have stopped going to home games because the atmosphere is horrendous bring in safe standing and it will create some noise and I will consider going to home games again

Safe standing has to have allocated spaces and hopefully lower prices to try and attract more vocal supporters

Safe standing has various benefits: Atmosphere, might allow groups of friends to be together, affordability, higher attendances, better all round experience, and I'm 51!

Safe standing implemented correctly will strengthen the bond between fans and player again. If the whole lower North Bank becomes a safe standing area, I can only see a benefit to relations between fans, the stewards and a more positive atmosphere for the players.

Safe standing is a benefit to the supporters, ticket costs should be lower making it more affordable especially to younger fans as the average age of fans is increasing. Managed correctly there's no reason why standing can't be safe. It's now been proven that Hillsborough was caused by a breakdown of the policing on the day not the standing.

Safe standing is a great idea

Safe standing is a great more atmospheric way to watch football where you can bond and form a relationship with other fans through football and their love and passion for the club! It forms a sense of togetherness.

Safe standing is a non-issue, a large amount of countries are capable of doing it and clubs in England are more than capable of implementing it themselves

Safe standing is absolutely necessary in order to improve not only our atmosphere, but the atmosphere of premier league clubs stadiums. However if we do see the introduction of safe standing at the Emirates stadium, then what else do the board intend to do regarding our atmosphere? I feel that safe standing at the Emirates already would be a major breakthrough for our atmosphere, but would it also be worth thinking about having tifo? At not only matches against the bigger teams, but against all teams who visit the Emirates, as long as it is respectful, it could give us an advantage mentally, as the opposition when visiting our ground, may feel less relaxed when coming to the Emirates. Also, it may be worth thinking about the location of where safe standing should be, possibly in either corner of the North bank? As it is known that the north bank has the better atmospheric area in the stadium. Thank you, Tom.

Safe standing is absolutely needed in order to preserve any semblance of atmosphere in football games. It's still a emotional subject matter especially considering what has happened in the last couple of years but I do feel now is the time to properly explore safe standing and bring exciting atmosphere back to all football grounds

Safe standing is crucial to increase the amount of support towards the team that we all love. Up the Arsenal!

Safe standing is great but it MUST be cheaper than what we have already

Safe standing is just as safe than seating it also gives fans some options. The atmosphere would be better this everyone in the ground benefiting from a good atmosphere making it more memorable and also I believe making people want to come back. It would give fans whom used to go but can not afford it the chance to come back and its these real fans that have been forgotten and again these are the fans that generate atmosphere, something that the very best teams I. Europe have and helps with their success. Success not just in the pitch but secures as a happy club fans players and spirit. We all live Arsenal so please listen to us the biggest thing the club has is its fans. No fans no club.

Safe standing is needed to bring back some atmosphere and value for money. Football is now terrible value for money and becoming more corporate. The £30 away ticket max was a good start but this needs to be implemented at all levels of football on a sliding scale i.e. £20 max championship. £15 max league one etc.

Safe standing is not just about the club and stewards; fans need to also take responsibility for how 'safe' it actually is. If you have some younger fans in a safe standing area and some over-excited adult fans in the same area then this can be dangerous if people are irresponsible and crush each other in their excitement. In the North Bank at Highbury back in the day I remember times when a crucial goal was scored (we all stood in my section regardless of the rules) and we leaped around for this goal, literally leaped over seats hugging each other, total strangers, but in joy. This kind of emotion should be encouraged but not all people in the world are as considerate as each other. I don't quite know how the club should 'assist' this but emotion and 'enthusiasm' in the stands can be a difficult thing to 'manage' especially when people are less restricted in their movement (eg by seats).

Safe standing is probably safer than standing in a seated area. It would also improve the atmosphere.

Safe Standing is proven. It will help the atmosphere at grounds. It is about time the Premier League works with fans on what they want. It can be done safely!!

Safe standing is the future of Arsenal and British football! The Bundesliga is a perfect example on how safe standing, drums, flags etc can make an insane atmosphere! COYG <3

Safe standing is the way forward in order to improve the atmosphere at the Emirates. Some of the matches you watch; the atmosphere can be very dull and that can hinder the performance of the players. By having Safe standing, not only the atmosphere would improve but the performance of the players because they do not want to disappoint the fans who have paid expensive tickets to watch them play.

Safe standing is, as we all know, already practised in parts of the North Bank, and possibly elsewhere (big place, can't see). I'm not convinced of the need for or worth in changing the seats themselves, the fold-down ones, but knowing we're not going to get moaned at for standing because we're in an official 'safe standing' area would be useful I suppose. Thing is, the stewards already give us their tacit approval by never saying anything to stop us, so in truth I'm not in the best place to comment. But everyone loves a survey, right? One other thing - if safe standing becomes a thing in the Premier League, but as a result we're all forced to sit down for European games of any kind, we're better off with the informal system we have now.

Safe standing or the introduction of standing areas at The Arsenal would benefit all fans attending matches. The majority of games I've attended people standing or standing up from their seats throughout the course of the game seems to cause an issue for stewards or some portions of the crowd. Specified standing and seated section(s) would enable fans in all areas to concentrate their attentions on the game not problems between members of the crowd or stewards.

Safe standing section at Arsenal would really help with the atmosphere at the emirates. And it is really needed!

Safe standing should also make football cheaper meaning more working class people can return to watching the game they fell in love with.

Safe standing should be available as long as the fans in all areas can clearly see the pitch I respect for stewards it's about seeing fans clearly and for safety of fans post terrible football tragedies of the past and in the current climate of evacuating safely if needed but this can be managed better in a stadium of the size of emirates and the space available to make good effective changes

Safe standing should be promoted and led by Arsenal in the PL. Safe standing unofficially exists in lower block 5 and 6, in the 10 years I've been going there has never been any trouble. I've hardly ever sat in my seat!!

Safe standing should be seen as a positive to create a better atmosphere and allow the fans to get behind the team. Plenty of clubs in Germany have shown how it can work when done correctly. Arsenal as a football club have always shown an ambition in football being the first to have floodlights to being the first team to be shown on TV so I don't see why they shouldn't be one of the first teams to trial safe standing in the Premier League.

Safe standing should be tied to two things: lower ticket prices and a higher capacity. Enabling standing without lowering ticket prices for those standing, or increasing the capacity to generate a better atmosphere, will change nothing and simply mean that stewards don't have to antagonise fans who are standing in seated areas.

Safe standing should be used as a means to increase capacity and offer reduced ticket prices to younger and less well-off fans. This would also undoubtedly improve the atmosphere at grounds.

Safe standing should be used to make tickets more affordable. I.e. tickets for safe standing should be cheaper.

Safe standing should definitely be brought back to football. It's proven to work at many clubs and as far as I am concerned if it was brought in at Arsenal it would reduce the number of complaints about sitting/standing. It would then give supporters the choice to watch the match from where they want. I go to football for the atmosphere, enjoyment and quality. I pay a lot of money for this privilege and feel that I have the right to choose whether I can stand or sit.

Safe Standing will enable the fans who want to create an atmosphere to not be limited, but unite together. It will not restrict view and create friction between fans with different views. The best place for this is behind both goals, with the family enclosure further round. The family enclosure next to the away fans is not appropriate as there is a split between young adults who want to shout and sing, and younger children/parents who simply want to watch. A safe standing area can allocate like-minded fans together. Thanks for considering my points.

Safe Standing will improve atmosphere and allow greater access for ordinary working people to attend matches as the ticket prices will be cheaper

Safe standing will improve the atmosphere at games and is what fans want. Make it happen please.

Safe standing works very well in the Swedish league, would love to see it in the PL!

Safe standing works well here in Sweden, and if implemented in a good way it can be done even better in the Premier League.

Safe standing would be great if it could be implemented in such a way that kids and families were seated in other areas. You can't very well have a standing area with parents and kids unable to watch the game, also it may not be safe for kids. I am not sure how the season ticket member seating works at Emirates but surely if a standing area was going to be introduced this would need addressing. You would be asking people to vacate their current seat. However I think it could be a big boost to the Emirates in terms of atmosphere, think the yellow wall at Dortmund? Now that would rock.

Safe standing would directly improve atmosphere drastically at our beloved home ground. A better atmosphere will drive results on the pitch. Harmony in the stands, harmony on the pitch, victory through harmony.

Safe standing would greatly increase the atmosphere and reduce friction between stewards and fans. Would also allow fans who can't afford the current high ticket prices the opportunity to come and support their team (assume standing rate would be at a reduced price). Lets get the Emirates Rocking!!!

Safe standing would improve the dire need for a better atmosphere at the Emirates, both for spectators at the match and those watching on television.

Safe standing, with the emphasis on SAFE, should be bought back to The Arsenal to enable a far better atmosphere but more importantly to allow for cheaper standing ticket prices in order to bring back some grass roots support for the game & the club. I grew up paying one pound fifty to walk into the North Bank & fall in love with The Arsenal (& that standing was not safe). Today's children and families should be allowed to do the same. I would also go further & suggest that access to safe standing areas be closed 45 minutes before kick off, in order to build pre-match atmosphere & to prevent last minute rushes to the stadium. We used to arrive at 1pm for a 3pm kick off, get our spot in the middle of the North Bank, just above the peanut sellers walkway & sing for a couple of hours. Fans would soon learn that if they want the cheaper tickets, then arriving an hour before kick off is the pay back.

Sat in the North Bank lower for the game against Burnley, very nice atmosphere

Season ticket holders should be allowed in safe standing on the understanding it's any seat / stand or should be moved to other parts of ground. Make it more old school please

Should really have a 'prefer not to say' option for ethnicity.

Simple measures need to be taken to create a more enthusiastic and supportive environment for the players. The atmosphere will never be as quality with a divided fan base. Providing a standing area will show the club's taking responsibility to the fans. Don't turn English football into American baseball. It needs to be interactive between crowd and team. The club should invent new ways and invigorate old ways to encourage positive representation. Having periods during the game to wave flags at the breaks, chants, songs, motions, whatever. The players need to see the fan base is alive and well, not a group of moaners on the Internet. Since we moved from Highbury it has simply not been the same at all. Safe standing would ensure that we can maintain one of the most important (even if subtle) ingredients to modern football and curtail a negative trend that will, in the long run, have a detrimental effect to our beloved game.

Something has to be done, as I stopped going 3 seasons ago and the main reason was the atmosphere. But bringing back safe standing would tempt me to return.

Sort it out

Stadium expansion, the local tube station would need updating, AFC apply for European money for this prior to Brexit.

Standing areas in stadiums are not inherently dangerous if controlled and policed correctly. The Taylor report never actually stated that all seater stadiums were a compulsory requirement and the decision was a knee jerk reaction to a situation that could have and should have been avoided. If rugby can have large areas of standing terrace then this is a clear case of discrimination against both supporters and football clubs themselves as businesses.

Standing areas would certainly enhance the atmosphere at the stadium, which has been dead at times, due to the fact that you can pick and chose where you stand, always loved the atmosphere at Highbury when you could stand, and made friendships from seeing the same faces week in week out.

Standing at football games in a properly sized and designed area will bring back a traditional part of the game; something that is lacking in modern football.

Standing at football is a much-enhanced experience allowing the younger generations to be with their mates as opposed to designated seats. That's how the older generations watched football and the youngsters are being deprived of that

Standing could re-ignite fans passion in the game. Standing usually attracts more active fans, who generate more noise. It will allow more active fans to concentrate at one or two places at the stadium, which will support the atmosphere and will have a positive impact on the rest of the stadium. There are obvious pros for both, the team and the fans.

Standing in current seating areas would not work. There should be specific standing areas.

Standing is clearly no less so safe per se than being seated. Safety is about how it is designed, used by fans, stewarded by the club and, of course, policed. It is evident that standing is safe where it occurs in other major leagues such as the Bundesliga and should be re-introduced here as soon as possible.

Standing seems to be tolerated in certain parts of the stadium and they are generally the areas with the best atmosphere. It would make sense to encourage this and make it as safe as possible.

Standing should be at an affordable price and have a certain percentage of tickets reserved for the residents of Islington

Standing tickets must be cheap

Standing tickets need to be cheaper than seated, only then Will atmosphere be improved

Standing works at Celtic and when you see the yellow wall at Borussia Dortmund, please lets have that at The Arsenal

Standing would greatly improve the match day atmosphere within the stadium.

Stewarding is a major issue at the Emirates - unhelpful and antagonistic to home fans!!

Stood at Sutton game no problem

Thanks for your time organizing this survey!

The area between block 5 and block 11 at the Emirates should be standing only. There must be an effective way to implement this which would go a long way to solving the relationship between fans and stewards

The Arsenal Football Club were pioneers back in the day, no reason why we shouldn't be the flag carriers for standing

The atmosphere at Emirates Stadium is unacceptably bad - the club must proactively engage and consult with fan groups as to how we can best improve the atmosphere. The club must look at how safe standing can be implemented at Emirates and should champion its introduction. We don't have a single tier stand so I'm interested to know if safe standing could ever be introduced in the Upper Tier at Emirates - I would assume not but would argue we are at a disadvantage here, particularly when you look at Tottenham's single tier stand plans at their new stadium.

The atmosphere at The Emirates is appalling. I used to have a season ticket as a JG, but was priced out of it when I grew too old for it (I'm 25). I love singing at the games, but for 70 odd quid a pop, I would rather just attend away matches where people stand, sing and actually enjoy the matches like we have done at Highbury and at times, done so at The Emirates. Safe standing could be the god send for fans like me, who prefer away games, to get a more affordable ticket at home in an Arsenal Emirates Stadium that is rocking. I love our stadium. But as soon as the first whistle goes, it's like fans just dose off, the blame for which falls with a number of parties - THE FANS INCLUDED! This move could go a long way to repairing the ruptured relationship between fan and board and for that alone, I wholeheartedly support this. Thank you for taking the initiative on this, Red Action. Good boys.

The atmosphere at the Emirates is dreadful, if Arsenal wants to become an elite European club with a fortress, we need better home support. Safe standing is essential to that.

The atmosphere at the Emirates is terrible. If safe standing can be introduced, to get more local fans in behind the goals, with cheaper tickets, it can only be a good thing.

The atmosphere in Emirates is a disaster. Safe standing will most likely bring back the Highbury days. Get it done Asap.

The atmosphere in English stadiums is dying. We want to stand up, huddle together and jump around. Maybe even end up lowering some ticket prices eventually. It makes so much sense. Let's make this happen.

The atmosphere needs reviving and this would be sure to achieve that. Flags would look great as well. Must happen in my opinion at Arsenal!

The atmosphere would be greatly improved with standing area(s)

The club should speak to the fans as its causing issues that can only be resolved by the club, or fans giving up their tickets and support.

The crowd can be the difference in winning a title. Give them what they want.

The Emirates is in dire need of an injection of a better atmosphere, the fact that the atmosphere can be so consistently poor due to passive viewing is a great shame. Introducing safe standing will no doubt inject an extra sense of activity into the stadium along with a serious increase in atmosphere.

The family enclosure should remain seated, as children cannot get a clear view when people stand.

The introduction of safe standing is obviously an issue that should be handled with the utmost care and sensitivity. Stadiums and security have progressed greatly since the Hillsborough disaster yet it should always be considered a lesson in how things can go tragically wrong if miss-managed. I do, however, as an Arsenal fan have full confidence in the capacity of the club to make a massive, and safe, success of standing sections and feel that they would go a long way to helping Emirates Stadium capture more of its own atmosphere.

The issue in football stadia, going all the way through the Ibrox disaster, Bradford fire, Hillsborough and Heysel was never about sitting or standing. In every case the issue was the inadequacy of entrances and exits. The Taylor Enquiry and Report hopelessly misunderstood this basic question.

The only way to improve the atmosphere is get a singing section, so the standing section can be that because u don't need 1000 tickets together u can just watch where u like

The Prem league was created because the football 'brand' was not appealing to supporters and numbers were falling. Telling you where to place away fans shows that TV companies have a desire to broadcast games with atmosphere. Empty seats and quieter stadia are not the ways to generate what they want to buy.

The reason I don't attend as many Arsenal games as I used to is because it's so expensive and the atmosphere is rubbish so I may as well watch it on TV. The best thing about going to the games is meeting up with my mates and if we could all stand together rather than dotted around in seats in separate areas that would really add to the matchday experience.

The safe standing area should, ideally, be directly behind a goal. Tucking the home atmosphere (such as it is) in the corner isn't where I want to be standing and singing. It also comes over poorly on TV (i.e. You can see Away fans but never our supposed singing area!) For this, or any movement, STH would need to be consulted and given priority of choice on where they want to move to.

The sooner safe standing comes in, the better!

The stadium is nice but the atmosphere can be so embarrassing I have been put off from going to some games because there it is silent in the stadium most of the game. Something desperately needs to be done to fix this such as a 'proper' home end where all the noise can radiate from.

The time for safe standing as in Germany, is now.

The word SAFE is Very Important. Away Fans Mostly Stand anyway, They should be standing Safely along with (segregated obviously) Home Supporters who wish to stand too.

The world has moved on since the 70's, 80's, early 90's. Safety is and has to be paramount, but there is no reason why standing areas need to compromise safety in any way. I believe the future of football support in this country very much depends on standing areas being reintroduced as the all seaters have destroyed the atmosphere all over the country. I, and many like me, no longer enjoy attending matches due to the complete lack of atmosphere and camaraderie with those around me. If you are stuck in a seat next to somebody with different opinions to your own, you can't simply move to another spot - this does not help matters and can lead to conflict.

There are no questions about ticket pricing for safe standing. This is surely a big consideration in most people's decision-making.

There is a great divide between the club and the fans, make this club huge again, make the ground a feared place to come, big atmosphere big expectations. At the minute people come with 1/20th of the fans and drown us out and believe they can win. Make a change

There is no question that (safe) standing fans congregated in one area generate a better atmosphere and that is sorely needed at the Arsenal!

There is no reason why the two corners of the North bank lower can't be standing. Corners won't impede the view of the pitch for others. It would get the atmosphere up and encourage the rest of the lower tier and thus the ground. The whole point of a home ground is to make it a safe comfortable environment for the players, fans of that respective team. Atmosphere plays a massive part for driving the team on, this would certainly help. Big games at the emirates tend to have a good atmosphere, but it's the smaller games against teams that we struggle to break down, where a safe standing environment with more fans can help drive the team on. You should do it the day after the team from Middlesex complete their 61,000 ground so we move up to 63/64,000 as it will be hilarious.

This could absolutely transform the reputation the Emirates has as a quiet ground. There are thousands of passionate fans who would love to be in a group to sing and raise the atmosphere. Safe standing areas are the best place for this. Arsenal absolutely should be leading the way in introducing this and pioneering a new way to watch Premier League football. The Premier League should be embarrassed this hasn't progressed as a debate for years. With the sophisticated turnstiles installed at, for example, the Emirates and the ability to install rails and railed seating standing at football grounds IS NOT UNSAFE. Hillsborough was a tragedy and should never be forgotten but that situation could not possibly occur with the way ticketing and ground entry is now regulated so it shouldn't inform decisions made 27 years later!

This could also increase the stadium capacity, so more revenue for the board and the any rival club boasting 1k more seats than us can go rethink their obsession with getting one the Arsenal. FOYS!

This is an initiative which I think has no losers. Fans who prefer to stand (of which there are many) can enjoy that, bringing back a traditional cultural part of the football match going experience that has been lost. However, fans who prefer to sit and feel strongly about that will always have an option of rail seating and strictly seating areas.

This is an opportunity for Arsenal to take a lead in something other than the ability to suck money out of the match-going supporter. I strongly believe the result of Arsenal looking to implement safe standing will be an improvement in atmosphere (and quite possibly a resultant improvement in performance) and a strengthening of the bond between fans, staff, players and maybe even those in charge.

This is desperately needed as there is a myth about English football having great atmospheres, the stadiums are full but the noise 90% of games is silent almost and I believe safe standing would help massively at improving the atmosphere and in tern it also helps the players on the pitch. Main example spurs at home this season, local derby and the noise was pathetic, would never have known we was playing our local rivals.

This is great and it will also increase the capacity of the Emirates letting in more people for bigger games and making a better atmosphere

This really needs to happen

This really needs to happen and I am glad it has come to real fans like myself to advise on it. Stadiums are well built and stewarded nowadays. I'm pretty sure arsenal has the quietest stadium in the whole league and a safe standing area for real fans would he a massive boost to the atmosphere of the ground. There is only one corner of proper fans at the moment in block 6 and I think a dedicated section behind either of the goals would be fantastic. It would make jobs much easier for stewards as they constant tell people to sit down and the fans want to stand

This would be a great addition to the Emirates and can really help generate a better atmosphere at home games as at the moment there isn't a particular area or block that fans who want to create an atmosphere congregate in. I believe this would be that area and would make Emirates a better home ground for Arsenal.

This would be a sadly rare case of making a sensible decision that would benefit everyone.

Throughout our history Arsenal have been a pioneering football club and I believe we should take the lead on this issue. I understand why all-seated stadiums were introduced but standing during matches is now becoming problematic and there needs to be choice available for supporters who want to stand

Turn north bank lower into safe standing

Unfortunately I am housebound, but my grandsons would love to stand.

Unlike Celtic (corner), they should trial standing for the whole North bank Lower. Leave the clock end, as occasionally they will have away fans for cup games, so anything to less intensify there support is good!

Was recently at the Arsenal vs Burnley game and the atmosphere when Alexis scored the winning penalty (amazing) is the ilk that I believe would be more common with re-introduction of safe standing areas. Thanks

We have a horrendous relationship with the stewards in Block 19 because of the irrational and uneven application of the safe standing rules within the stadium. We all know that the Red Section is 'allowed' to stand, we also know that no stewards have any interest in talking to the away fans if they choose to stand. Not only does this mean that a) the rules are not applied evenly, but b) that the stewards are more interested in harassing the fans who pay for them to be there and who they are supposed to be there for the benefit of. Not only this but the 'chief steward' in B19 (Steve) has a confrontational method to talking to Arsenal supporters, often threatening them, and it might perhaps be the case that if the stewards had a more relaxed set of rules from above they 'might' have less of an ignorant method of approaching fans.

We have an ageing support which needs to be succeeded by the next generations and they simply can't afford tickets to go to games so this is imperative to ensure future next generational support

We have been standing for many seasons now - Gate C

We must do something to improve the atmosphere at our home games. It drives the team on and makes it a much more desirable experience for all the fans. Starting with the stewards allowing us to stand up and chant. The fact that we can't voice our support to the team is a joke. It's part of football, it's not going to cause problems. Let us sing and show our support!

We my ticket is located we don't even sit down! Safe standing sounds like a safe way to experience the atmosphere of past!!!

We need to bring the magic atmosphere back to football again. Standing would result in happier loud singing fans that would come together and connect with everyone.

We pretty much have a safe standing area in the north bank lower tier as it is. I've never seen anybody sit down in the last 4 or 5 years and I've also never seen any trouble whatsoever. Safe standing can only be a good thing for Arsenal and football on the whole. More fans, better atmosphere and a greater camaraderie within the crowds.

We stand at every match, all match already, so I would argue that we have safe standing today.

We stand every match anyway, so not sure what if any benefit there will be. If standing areas are brought in, the seats should be retained for pre-match & half-time comfort.

We the supporters change football not the governing bodies

We will need to increase the capacity anyway, once Spurs' new stadium capacity kicks in. The only other way is to squeeze more seats in and do away with the padding in certain areas of the ground

Well done on the great work! Let's hope Arsenal and the premier league listen...

When Arsenal played at Avaya Stadium in San Jose, California, one whole 'stand' is a standing zone. The atmosphere in the standing area was lively, there were no issues with crowding, pushing of fans and the environment felt very safe. There were fans of all ages, (one person was there with his 1 year old daughter), who were able to see the football without being crowded out or having to worry about safety issues.

When was the last time you saw a supporter in the away section of any ground in the EPL or Championship actually sit down on their seat? Answer: It doesn't happen, the only reason the seats are there is because of stupid government legislation.

Where my season ticket is located on the lower tier, everyone stands up anyway, and the atmosphere is a lot better than my previous seat in the upper tier.

Where my seat is currently located at the Emirates, I stand throughout the game and have never once felt my safety was in any way compromised. Having held a season ticket in a few other areas around the stadium, standing has only increased my enjoyment of the game.

While I wouldn't especially like to see the whole of the Emirates turned into a standing stadium I think the introduction of a section, preferably in the lower tier and probably near the goal, would be a good move. While I don't go to as many games as I'd like I typically prefer areas where you can engage with others in standing, shouting, singing, etc in a more boisterous fashion. However, I also occasionally enjoy having a seat in the upper tier where I can cheer sporadically but be free to really watch the game in its entirety. I imagine that this is reflected in the preferences of other fans where some would prefer a loud, aggressive section with everyone standing and others would prefer a quieter area where you can sit down for 90 minutes without losing your view of important moments. As such it seems giving fans this choice would improve the experience for many and potentially bring a small amount of extra supporters to the game. Introducing safe standing seems a sensible move towards this.

Whilst I now attend less than five games a season and have done for three seasons now, prior to this, I was a 15 game a season attendee for years. All away from home. The main reason why I used to follow the club up and down the country (and Europe) was that the atmosphere was so much better because of the fact you'd stand - albeit against the home clubs rules I know. But with ticket control a lot more stricter than it was decades ago, you essentially have one person standing per seat. When standing you have a natural tendency to shout/sing/cheer/make noise than you do when seated. In recent seasons we've seen the introduction of music played at football matches in an attempt to generate atmosphere. In my opinion you wouldn't have to generate atmosphere if more people were allowed to stand. I understand not everybody would want to, and that's why the introduction of specific areas where you could really help cater for all.

Will enable those who cannot afford seats to attend. Would attract many more younger supporters, the next generation of fans and create a greatly improved atmosphere.

Will the cost of a "safe standing" ticket be similar or cheaper/dearer to the present category of tickets. Grade A match...B,C. etc.

With standing already taking place in blocks 5 and 6 and no reported injuries in the 10 years since we have moved to the Emirates I can't see why we shouldn't be allowed to stand. It creates a better atmosphere which can only improve the experience for the fans and the performances on the pitch.

Would like to see the entire lower tier designated a safe standing area. Not only would it improve atmosphere it would also increase capacity of the ground. Not to mention the arguments it would prevent from the "siddahn!" brigade ;)

Would love to see standing back, it's the only way to watch football!!

Would love to stand at a football match as I've not experienced it at a football match. I have stood at rugby matches many times and think it adds to the atmosphere drastically.

Would make football even more enjoyable and would create a greater atmosphere, which is needed at the emirates

Would massively improve the atmosphere at The Emirates, which only reaches its potential in a select few games. That is not good enough for a club of our stature, and a standing section would massively help to improve the atmosphere for all games.

Would prefer any standing area to just be for season ticket holders because then you get an even better atmosphere because everyone there is extremely passionate compared to non-holders who are less involved in match atmospheres

Would standing tickets be cheaper than seated or would they be the same price as seated tickets?

Your survey fails to address the issue of ticket pricing. I am old enough to have stood on the North Bank, and the atmosphere at the new ground is pretty terrible. I have thought standing would provide the anonymity required for a better atmosphere for a long time. However, the introduction should also see a significant reduction in ticket prices. More people in the ground = higher revenue, has to lead to a lowering overall. And this is how the idea should be presented, as a TWIN opportunity to raise the noise and lower the prices.

Responses from fans who would not use safe standing, but still support its implementation at the Emirates

1. Please ensure my comments above are captured 2. Will safe standing have any detrimental impact on spaces for people with special needs? 3. The circumstances of lifelong members changes. I have standing section seat in Block 5 but I have arthritis in both hips and actually need to sit down occasionally during the match. Having the choice would be nice. 4. One issue with standing sections is safety not due to overcrowding but alcohol and smoking as more people creep into these sections and bring bad habits and behaviours with them (including discriminatory comments!). A safe standing section is exactly that - its not a licence to behave like mindless and selfish hooligan which is what sometimes happens. I support safe standing only insofar as idiots don't push out more responsible fans. We all represent the club badge at the end of the day. 5. We should go with the most cost effective and creative option. 6. Why should it be up to AFC to champion this? Its up to the fans to show them we respect the freedom and trust we have been given.

A dedicated singing section with drums permitted in those particular stands would also help the atmosphere immensely. A better pre-match anthem would also make the atmosphere at the Emirates much more authentic.

A safe standing area (in either the north stand or clock end) would drastically improve the atmosphere, and allow 'hardcore' fans to all stand and sing together. I am very much behind the motion of safe standing at the Emirates.

Although I am in favour of safe standing I am not in favour of open terraces. I am in favour of rail seating

Although I m disabled and would not be able to stand if people want to stand and its safe I m all for that

Although I understand why all seater stadia were introduced I strongly believe it was of a detriment to the atmosphere and indeed the enjoyment of the game I grew up with in the 70s and 80s. With some fine tuning and minor safeguards in place I hope my club will be at the forefront of trailing the introducing of safe standing again in British grounds

Although I would like to see a trial (based on rail seating) I am wary of a system that could re-introduce troublemakers who hide in standing crowds and then melt away as stewards/police approach. CC TV helps but these idiots tend to use scarves/hoodies to hide their identity in standing crowds.

Although I would like to see standing areas introduced I believe that they should only be done so after being thoroughly designed and tested. It is one thing to call the scheme 'safe' standing but the relevant procedures and assurances need to be in place to avoid repeating the failures of the past.

Anything that can help to reduce ticket prices and increase access to matches for younger fans is a good idea. Also improve the atmosphere at home games.

Arsenal fans are not the loudest and safe standing could very likely encourage greater vocal support for the team.

As tickets are so expensive at AFC, I would welcome safe standing in order for tickets to be more affordable.

At away matches all are required to stand because of the selfish attitude of those who will not sit. I do not understand why anyone wants to pay for a seat and then stand throughout the game.

At away matches those who want to sit are unable to do so due to the thoughtless behaviour of those who stand. If safe standing is to be introduced clubs should additionally provide seating areas for away fans who wish to remain seated.

Awesome initiative.

Besides the obvious advantage of allowing people to stand if they want to at a game, rail seating is definitely safer than people standing in a seating area.

Blocks 4,5,6 and the away fans routinely stand throughout the game. So it is already in place in some form, and should be made official, (and safer). Additionally, if you consider the chaos that happens when a goal is scored. It may be an advantage to install rails everywhere to protect fans while celebrating. The seat-backs are too low to do this, and I've seen fans trip over them and fall into the rows in front.

Bringing in Safe Standing is a must and will eventually mean cheaper areas for our up and coming younger fans who cannot possibly afford our prices at the moment! We need the next generation fans to truly get the 'BUG' to ensure our fan base is ongoing. We already, whether we like it or not, have a standing area - let's make that a SAFE STANDING ONE! Come on ARSENAL don't hang around for our prospective new fans to find other teams or sports to support - Do It Now! Before it's too late!!!!

Consideration should be shown to those who don't want to stand who currently sit in any areas concerned. I don't think all season ticket holders were treated fairly in seat reallocation in the move from Highbury to the Emirates.

Get it done. We don't want a library anymore!

Go for it! Only way to improve atmosphere. It would definitely work...

Go to a few games a season, went to Preston had to stand otherwise I couldn't see, if you can stop this I'm all in favour of safe standing.

Great idea let's do it without delay

I am 87 so my views are not likely to be typical. My first match was in 1938 with my Dad sitting on the crush barriers at the North end with my Dad behind me, arms around me. The only time I have felt threatened is outside the ground against Spurs.

I am not especially interested in standing at home games as I am now of an age where I appreciate my half way line view and the chance to sit down. I served my time on the North Bank terracing. However, I totally endorse the idea of standing areas in stadiums. The advantage to atmosphere and accessibility is undeniable and the culture of the terrace was an integral part of the football experience in my younger years. The introduction of safe standing should also be considered for away supporters. Away enclosures are effectively standing areas already but this does create friction with stewards and those who might wish to stay seated (although most seem to accept the standing culture). If away sections were predominantly standing but there was an optional seated area this would solve the issue and revert to the model that was in place before stadiums were converted to be all seated. I view the away match experience as different to the home one and would prefer to stand in the thick of it at away matches.

I am very much for safe standing at the emirates as it will liven up the home crowd and bring more of an atmosphere in the stadium and the players will up their game rather than being comfortable with quiet fans.

I attended many safe standing games in Germany, and the atmosphere is good natured and exciting even when the game is poor. You go to the game for the fans as much as for the team. And the fans definitely feel closer to the club because of this. Treating people like the adults there are and providing a safe environment to watch football don't have to be mutually exclusive.

I Believe THE choice should be to stand or sit or even both! Virtually every ground in premier spectators ARE standing thru out and it will not change. European grounds have standing with few problems and the Atmosphere is so much better

I do not know the background to why fans want to stand, not something I would want to do. Not sure how the ticket sales would work to differentiate types of seating. Seats high up would not be good for standing which means lower level would have to be used and if costs are reduced for lower level would be increased for higher level.

I have a bad back, so standing would not be possible for me, but I think it should be allowed in certain sections.

I have actually stopped going to all of the games this season as I am fed up standing, I don't want to stand throughout the whole game which I have to do as my ticket is in a area (North Bank) where everyone stands

I have always preferred to sit because I want an unrestricted view. I am happy for those who like to stand to have a place to do so. My worry is that if that happens it will embolden those who already continually stand in seated areas to do even more so

I have been an Arsenal fan for some 40 years, and came to study and live in London, specifically to see my heroes play live. This is still a desire, and I try to get to a couple of games a year. Some people will stand, even in all seater stadiums. They present an obstructed view of the game to others who may not wish to do so. However, to prohibit this also acts as a brake on their own enjoyment of the game, and they are often the most passionate fans. The Emirates does suffer from a lack of passion, though at the same time does afford opportunities for far more Arsenal supporters to see a game live. I now travel into London for a game or two and the cost factor (travel) is an influence on not attending regularly, which is not balanced by the positive factor of a raucous, passionate and partisan crowd. Being so often outsung by the opposition fans is also embarrassing. As a flavour, I have on my bucket list of going to a game - as a member of the football family - to see a game at the home of one of our European rivals. Whereas others might have Barcelona or Real Madrid on that list, mine is to see a live Bundesliga game at Borussia Dortmund. The crowd is the single reason for this. A live game can be enriched by the supporters and their excitement. The Emirates can really 'bounce' at those times where there is true excitement - last minute goals against Leicester, and recently against Burnley spring to mind. If this issue can be managed proactively by the club as far as they can, many of the benefits can be realised, while many of the drawbacks disappear.

I have been convinced, for many years, that it would be possible to have safe standing at football matches. The ban on standing at matches, introduced after terrible and tragic incidents, was a quick fix knee jerk reaction but should have been readdressed, more sensibly, years ago.

I have been to many games in Germany where safe seating works very well. With due respect to the families of the Victims of Hillsborough, that scenario could be negated by having specific turnstiles at the stand entrance to safe seating areas. If the area is designated say for 2000 fans then once 2000 have entered the turnstiles lock and thereafter work on a one out one in principle.

I have stood at Highbury and other grounds. I often could not see the whole pitch because my view was blocked (just like at Wembley and Anfield now - when people in the lower tier stand throughout a game). I also didn't always feel safe as a woman. I hope safe standing will involve proper stewarding.

I have stopped going to Emirates this season and sell my seats as I cannot justify watching a spineless overpaid team of players. Most should be ashamed that they belittle a great club like Arsenal

I pay over a £1k a year for a seat that I only get to sit in at half time. I can't see because of the bloke in front so I have to keep dancing around to follow the game. Fed up with it, if some want to stand, give them their own area so that others who want to sit and have paid to sit, can do so. Or make everyone sit down.

I personally would enjoy standing at games but I normally take my son or daughter with me and would feel less sure that it is appropriate for them, from a safety point of view to some extent but mostly just whether they would be able to see the game (ages 12-14). Cheers

I really enjoy the atmosphere at away games often because of the fact that generally away fans enjoy standing. I would enjoy standing at some games at the Emirates but as I am approaching 64 on balance would probably prefer to sit personally but really feel those that want to stand should be able to

I see many arguments between supporters who want to stand but block the view of those sitting. Safe standing would provide more choice for supporters and reduce these confrontations.

I stopped attending games as they were too expensive...

I support safe standing although at my age I prefer to sit, unlike many I do not think it will improve the atmosphere because knowing Arsenal the rules & regulations that they would apply would not allow a group of similar minded people standing next to each other. You would still have to have designated places to stand not like the old days when you just turn up & stand where you want with your mates. If done with a bit of thought it could be successful in improving the atmosphere but I wouldn't trust Arsenal to do it properly,

I think mixing of away fans with home fans in Club level creates risk to safety, animosity to stewards and affects atmosphere. I recommend creating an away section in Club.

I think more needs to be done to bridge gap between club and fans on many issue from safe standing to ticket prices to ideas of bringing the fan base more closer together to each other and the club and minimalism the hatred as we all LOVE THE ARSENAL

I think that safe standing areas are a good idea and should be offered as an option. They are not for me however as I am disabled and cannot stand!

I think the biggest advantage to Arsenal would be the atmosphere since moving to the Emirates we have lacked enough positive atmosphere in the ground it might turn it back into a fortress again people seem more passionate standing get more involved the right for all should be available though safe is the important word after the Hillsboro disaster and must come first if we can guarantee safe I would make both ends behind the goals safe standing

I would be especially supportive if it resulted in a lower minimum admission price.

I would hope that Safe Standing areas would increase capacity so that I can attend more games in the future.

I would like to see this adopted to help introduce cheaper seating for young locals. I used to pop on a train from Stevenage and watch a game for £5 on the North Bank. That's why I spend £1k p/ a now. We need this gateway for younger fans

I'm in favour of trialling an area of safe standing, but feel it's clearly inappropriate for the Family Enclosure. I personally would prefer a seat, but happy to support a mix of safe standing and seating in the stadium.

I'm not convinced standing would change the atmosphere. Also I wouldn't be able to stand for a whole match for health reasons (although I do currently stand for some parts of matches) and I am worried that if Arsenal introduce a standing area I would be forced to move, not attend every game or suffer extreme discomfort. (Where I sit would be a likely place for standing) I have sat there since we moved to emirates stadium.

I've been going to AFC since my dad took me on his shoulders in the early fifties, I think we need standing to bring the youngsters (our future) back

I've never attended a match as I live in the United States of America; but I intend to do so in the near future. As a television spectator, I think it would be great if there were a more lively crowd at Arsenal home matches. Furthermore, safe standing seems like a great way to offer more reasonably priced tickets for supporters that cannot afford seats, considering Arsenal average the highest matchday ticket price in the league. Finally - have you seen/heard what happens when big clubs go to play at Celtic!?!? We need that!!

If enough people want to do it why not? The ground is always quite and it would make a difference the players will know where to look at for the support when other fans are quite after the away team score, as a club our support of nothing compared top teams in Europe so let's try this and try to make a change

If fans have an area, where it's only standing. The current situation of fans, blocking the view, of nonstanders, would be cleared up, and avoid the current situation, where fans, who are no longer able to stand all thru games, have their view impaired by fellow fans.

If it is proved to be as safe as seating, then 100% this should be an option. We pay good money to watch our club, and safety permitting we should have an option of standing if desired. I think it would also stop the problem of people standing in seating areas and ruining the match for children or the elderly who sit behind them

If safe standing means cheaper tickets, and targeting local young people in particular, then I support it even more strongly. Too many old white men at the stadium these days ;) - For Arsenal to grow it needs to engage more with the more youthful demographic who live around the stadium, and I mean getting them into the games and not just community outreach work.

If supporters wish to stand I have no problem BUT I would object if it meant that regular seated supporters had a worse view - or had their match day experience comprised by standing supporters.

If the club provides a safe standing area then those of us that want to sit need to be protected from others that stand. We all jump up at times of excitement but the persistent standers need to go to the standing area. Some of us can't stand due to age or impairment and currently the serial standers in Block 7 ruin the game for many people.

If there was a section, say the North Bank, that had safe standing, then this would need to be sectioned off and access restricted as otherwise you would have extra people squeezing in that had brought a seat elsewhere in the ground. In turn this could cause dangerous overcrowding and reflect badly on our club with the amount of empty seats which have been vacated.

If this whole mission is about creating a better atmosphere in the ground then it needs to be coupled with cheaper tickets. For home supporters but especially the away support. The money in the game has increased beyond imagination, our wages haven't in the slightest. Time to give some back.

In some sections of our ground people stand for whole game anyway as otherwise people in front block their view so standing facilities good idea. Means more supporters can watch our games and cut season ticket waiting list!

Is it a coincidence that there has been less violence at matches since 100% seating was introduced? The whole of the North Bank stands anyway, so I'm not sure why the Club would need to change that arrangement? For me seating is important because I am too short to be able to see anything when people are standing....oh, and I'm getting old!

It really is about time that it was acknowledged that it wasn't standing on terraces that killed those poor people at Hillsborough, it was the perimeter fences that proved lethal.

It works in Germany without trouble.

It's not standing per se that is an issue, it is crowd control. That's not a problem at arsenal, and we should encourage safe standing.

Just DO IT ... if everyone who wants to stand had a specific area everyone in seated areas could actually SIT DOWN and see the match. My friend will give up her season ticket at the end of the season because she cannot stand for an entire match now that she is 75 years old and she has been coming for over 50 years!

Let's show commitment in creating an environment for the fans and for the players and show the football community that Arsenal's priority is the fans

Many fans stand now, ignoring stewards and impeding those who are happily seated, so a specific area for those people would make everybody happy.

More banners of Alexis' dogs.

My season ticket is towards the front of Block 2 near the dugout where safe standing wouldn't really be ideal or make sense. But safe standing areas behind the goals etc. would be great for atmosphere and I'd consider buying tickets there when available.

My seat is in block 6 lower tier at the Emirates, but due to the supporters in that area, we end up standing through the whole game now.

My seat is in the lower tier. I can't use it as everyone stands. I would support safe standing if standing in seats was prevented.

Needs to be limited to one area and only for fans who wish to stand. Club will need to facilitate seat moves for season ticket holders in these areas if they don't want to stand. Likewise kids need consideration.

Over & above the possibility of safe standing, which is I think about helping to create a more dynamic atmosphere, Arsenal & other premier league clubs need to be more generous regarding the costs that are incurred for away team supporters. The survey does not distinguish between free standing for home and/or away team supporters.

People will stand at matches. If it can be done safely then fine. I remember some of the truly terrifyingly times in grounds. Cannot blame teams of having a fear of those fearful times. Who would want to do it and have a crisis?

Perhaps for once Arsenal should be proactive and lead on this.

Please do it!!!!

Put costs of tickets down please!! I've been a supporter since 1967 and attended regularly but now I just cannot afford the price of a ticket the football Club are asking! The likes of me are being priced out from attending!!

Questions 14 &15 need an option more like 'could'. There may well need to be trials, somewhere and that could be at Arsenal, but it's not necessarily that Arsenal 'should' be that club. But we 'could' be. Much would depend on physical readiness of a stadium physically to trial it. Our stadium is new. I doubt Arsenal's desire to mess with it, as a trial. Alternatively, Spurs, as a new stadium being built, might be ideal.

Re 2. I attend all home games re 16. I think Arsenal should consult those who regularly attend matches rather than all members as many Silver and Red members are rare attendees

Ref point 7: For home games I prefer to sit. For away matches I prefer to stand.

Safe standing areas will hopefully mean that those that want to sit will be able to see. As ignorant people stand now!!!

Safe standing behind the goals. Away fans to get more tickets but a big safety division from home fans

Safe standing could create something like a youth movement (like young gunners who would actually make noise to push our team forward)

Safe standing is an important development

Safe Standing is such a good idea; I cannot see it being adopted. I hope to be proven wrong.

Safe standing may impact on the owners profit, however life and supporting The Arsenal is not all about profit

Safe standing should facilitate fans holding non-abusive banners & flags should they wish to do so, also a minimum limit & have to show proof of. Perhaps introduce a warning of unacceptable behaviour followed by a ban in extreme cases.

Safe standing should only be agreed if accompanied by safe seating: i.e. a total ban on standing in seated areas. My sister, a fellow season ticket holder who is only 5' tall, has her view of games regularly and totally spoiled by taller fans persistently standing in front of her. Stewards at Arsenal do nothing to intervene. Don't know what they do inside the ground. Waste of time!

Safe standing should only be brought back for juniors, family and under school or uni age.

Safe standing would enable English fans to show their enthusiasm with like minded fans without bothering supporters who don't want to shout and sing, and being in one area would start the atmosphere

Safe standing would improve relations between the club, stewards and fans provided rules about seating are properly enforced in all areas of the ground inc. away supporters.

Season Ticket holder of 22 years who would love to see Arsenal take the lead and embrace safe standing (Even if I'll probably stay seated due to health reasons). It would do a world of good

See no reason not to go with it

Should not be used as an excuse to pack more fans into the stadium in cramped conditions. Also, as it is, the gangways in the lower tier corners (especially around block 3) take far too long to clear when fans are exiting. I think this would be a safety issue if standing areas delayed this further. As a side note, improving this exiting time would also help improve atmosphere by making it less likely for fans to leave early to avoid the crowd delay.

Sometime needs to be done quickly to improve that atmosphere for home games. It's ok but just ok. We can do much better!

Standing areas should be priced cheaply and some tickets should be available on the day so young people can stand with their friends.

Standing at football is part of football culture. I am old enough to remember the bad old days, they were sometimes terrifying, but safe standing is not a return to that, it is hopefully a return to our roots.

Standing benefits tall and physically imposing supporters who can muscle in even when there is no space. Smaller, slighter supporters have their view restricted and their space invaded. (Personal experience)

Standing is rubbish for small or short people and children. We simply can't see anything and get battered when goals are scored and people jump around (I have been quite badly hurt sometimes). The atmosphere is usually great but that's not enough. Seating has meant I can see the match, and enjoy everyone jumping up and down at the goals largely because of the rake possible with seating that you can't have with standing. I really appreciate affordable seats rather than affordable standing and really expensive seats.

Standing is the norm in lower leagues - in theory, there is no reason why it should not be re-introduced in higher leagues. There is NO safety argument as in my experience, so many people stand to see the game, it's impossible to watch unless you also stand. Might as well do it in safe standing areas, then sitting could be enforced in seated zones, ensuring those incapable of standing can actually see the game!

Stewards don't always control the crowd re standing. I would rather stay sitting except when something dramatic happens like a goal is scored. Hopefully if there are standing areas the stewards will control the seating areas. Please note some people may find it difficult to stand for long periods - not true in my case yet anyway.

Supporters need to be aware of safe standing areas - those not in the designated areas must sit as they block views of other supporters who have same right/expectation to be able to watch game. It shouldn't be that those who shout the most get their way. Sorry rant over.

Thank you for trying to improve the atmosphere

Thanks for including the fans in this survey

The atmosphere at Arsenal is terrible to many fans tell others to be quiet or sit down, while stewards will hardly let you breathe. I could of got a season ticket this year but due to the high price and lack of atmosphere I would prefer to watch every game at home.

The atmosphere at Ashburton Grove would be immensely improved with a safe standing area

The atmosphere at The Emirates is in dire need of a vocal shake up. I believe safe standing areas will allow the kind of supporter who wants to sing, chant and make a noise to do so. I was able to do this when I was younger at Highbury and the feeling to be next to fellow supporters who wanted to do this was incredible. We should not deny this feeling to those supporters who want to feel the same incredible "high" following The Arsenal".

The atmosphere at The Emirates is not consistently loud and electric, as it should be. I believe safe standing would make fixtures a more intimate occasion for fans, whereby their passion could be expressed in a way that translates into more passion from the players on the pitch, improving our team's performance. This could also mean that our opponents would not get settled as easily, and mistakes could be forced from players' unease. I believe safe standing would be most effective if the loudest fans who wanted to be there were there. History proves that arsenal fans are more respectful than other clubs such as Tottenham, West Ham, Chelsea. Hereby, there is less risk for our stewards, although obviously measures must be taken seriously still. This can make the critical difference in Arsenal winning the premier league and champions league. Instead of scraping Burnley 2-1, West Brom 1-0, Palace 2-0, we beat them 4,5, or 6- to their 0 or 1. That is what Arsenal should be doing to those teams at home! Please go ahead with safe standing.

The cost of conversion is well within the 10% of fixed asset values the club try to spend on capital investments each season. Getting to 61000 would be good too given what is happening in N17

The idea of standing for more than about 10 minutes at a time just seems like punishment to me. This whole survey is pointless though because tickets prices are just mental and there's no way I can ever get to a game. And last game I went to my hair was actually wet from the spittle of the chap behind me who seemed to want to vent all of his life's frustrations and anxieties through the use of two or three crude swear words. Perhaps he would like to use a safe standing area. Good luck to us all.

The no standing issue was a reaction to terrible events and mindless idiots. I believe the time to reintroduce safe standing has come. These should be significantly cheaper. This should increase the stadium capacity (and match day income). Ideally I'd like to see a ring of standing support all round the ground.

The only reason I don't attend more games is because I am a pensioner.

The only thing is fans who want to stand be allowed without blocking the view of the short man behind him. That is uncomfortable manage the sight blocking thing and why not its a good idea. Consider the height of the short Man behind the Tall man standing, if that won't be a problem then the fans who want to stand should be allowed to throw their legs, arms, turn burst especially when Arsenal plays in anger. Good idea

The reason I would like safe standing area is so that I and my grandchildren can enjoy the game in our seat without people standing up spoiling our view which happens every game

There will always be difficulties in reintroducing safe standing as season ticket holders will have to move to accommodate the change but it is undeniable a good idea. I attend 90% of Arsenal away games and never want to sit. Good luck with the campaign.

These areas should be cheaper than seating and no prices anywhere in the Stadium should rise because of it

They MUST ensure that "safe seating" will be enforced too. If safe standing allowed then NO standing in seated areas. That's an absolute MUST!

This will make a huge difference in atmosphere and spectacle at stadiums. Will allow more younger fans to attend together and affordability. Hopefully, it will increase capacity and enable more fans to attend! We really miss the great atmospheres generated on the terraces!

Unlikely I know but a safe sitting area at away games would be very welcome for people like me who struggle to stand for whole game- they would have to acknowledge that currently everyone stands the whole time to do anything about it so prob won't happen but you have to ask!

When I met David Miles at Highbury years ago he told me the new ground would have the capacity to increase by 5000, we cannot allow Tottenham to be bigger surely? We must increase the size and safe standing is most certainly a way, plus it would make the atmosphere so much better.

While I agree that safe standing is something that should be introduced as many people want it, I think that the current standing at Arsenal should be looked at. My seat is six rows back from the pitch (block 6) yet everyone in front of me stands for the whole match. Stewards used to stop this, but don't now. I am 73 and not very tall and not being able to see over the heads of those in front of me is a real pain. Plus I find standing for two hours difficult. Consequently I now sell many of my tickets (I am a season ticket holder). So, by all means have standing areas, but stop the standing at the front of the pitch, PLEASE!

Whilst I'm all for safe standing, I would only agree to it if there was a substantial reduction in the ticket price

Would be more inclined to vote for safe standing if it increased attendance

Would definitely improve the atmosphere. Allow those who want to stand to do so and I like to think Arsenal would engage and champion this. A better atmosphere would enhance other fans and players. Please do it.

Would not object to safe standing but as I prefer to sit, I would not want a "safe standing" area to overspill to a seating area. Also standing tickets should be at a greater reduced price. It should also be taken into account that this would create more stadium capacity and as such could cause local transport issues gaining admittance and leaving the stadium.

Responses from members who do not want safe standing at the Emirates.

As the years pass the terrible disasters and deaths which occurred in football grounds prior to all seat stadiums seem to be slowly forgotten.

Does not consider the height of supporters where many are disadvantaged due to having a taller person in front of them and thus obscuring view of match. Supporters can find themselves paying the same price for ticket but discriminated regardless of height. Also, it does not take into account age or minor disabilities that may prevent standing for long periods. For supporters in any area designated as safe standing would an alternative equivalent seat and view be provided for those who prefer to stay seated during a match? In my opinion any money allocated for such a scheme would be better off used to reduce the cost of season tickets or to improve the existing seated match day experience by providing heated seating.

Don't be stupid. Save lives. Make idiots sit down.

Futile attempt to bring back so called atmosphere. The game is dominated by TV and prices that means the age demographic has changed for good. Stop wasting your time AST and do something more constructive.

Going back is never going forwards.

I am small so standing means I cannot see games.

I am very nervous about allowing standing in designated areas spilling over to seated areas. Taking a young child to areas where people are standing is not safe and this is happening currently in the family zone.

I don't agree with standing at football matches. It encourages moronic behaviour. I stopped going to away games when everyone started standing and acting like yobs in the seated areas. I don't like it when people stand at the Emirates, or at away games. It spoils everyone else's view, the same as when people stand in front of you at concerts. What is wrong with sitting down at a match? You get a designated seat and a great view. It's only the morons that insist on standing that spoil it for everyone else and safe standing areas would encourage like minded morons in the seats to also stand, to the detriment of those behind them.

I have a young daughter that I would be less likely to take to games where standing was used - impossible for her to see the football and also I think the atmosphere is more volatile. I went to football in the 'dark days' and we shouldn't go back to that.

I have been in frightening crushes on terraces and never want to see it return. Those who do should go and watch non league where they can stand in safety

I have paid a lot of money to sit in safety I have always hoped that standing to stop people watching should be illegal

I think any form of standing is a retrograde step. Also, those who insist on standing in seating areas should be made to sit down.

I'm a small female and would feel very unsafe watching from a standing enclosure. It would therefore limit my accessibility to tickets and my view of the game. A retrograde step in creating an all inclusive arsenal experience.

I've been to standing games and no matter how hard they try to make it safe it will not be safe enough

If safe standing is introduced, there should be stricter control and stop people standing in other areas of the stadium. At present more and more selfish people jump up and stay standing throughout the match. If one says anything the answer is abuse. Stewards do not act.

If we want the Emirates to stop being a library put all the singers fans together and introduce safe standing. I would bet my season ticket would we perform much better at home

If you allow standing in one part of the ground as a matter of routine by having 'standing areas' you can bet morons will take that to mean standing is allowed everywhere.

In my opinion this would be a major backwards step. Clubs should be doing more to stop people sending especially in the away areas.

In terms of atmosphere- the issue isn't over safe standing, it's with season ticket holders failing to attend games consistently resulting in the ground not being at capacity- despite a season ticket waiting list. Safe standing would not address this- only compound the problem.

It has been long time for all seat stadiums and although it works in Germany, it won't be for England because of the nature of the fans and trouble will follow and it will be very difficult to find the perpetrator

*It is not 'safe' standing itself that I object to. I have attended matches with Arsenal at the Allianz Arena and Signal Iduna Park a few times now. At both stadiums, the 'safe' standing supporters are contained within 10 feet high iron fencing. I find the fences to be sickening, and it is a wonder why a German stadium has yet to suffer a Hillsborough. There is then a 30-foot high nylon curtain to prevent missiles landing on the pitch. **As in Germany, 'safe' standing means fences.** Following the disgraceful ways the British authorities policed the game in the 80's I cannot believe there are plans to revert to this horrible method of crowd control. Simply examine the effects of 'safe' standing in the Germany stadiums and ask yourself: do we want these revolting huge fences to return to the English game?*

It shouldn't happen - it will only bring trouble

Nothing should be done until the families of the Hillsborough 96 have been consulted. Sitting down is a small price to pay compared to people dying. If they agree I would look at it. They should be asked first

Persistent standing ruins most games for me. I am happy to get up during exciting periods of play but the rest of the time I would like to see the match. The problem on the lower tier is that the seating is not steep enough unlike Highbury. As nothing can be done to alter this design fault the problem of persistent standing need to be addressed by stewards as it was for the first ten years at the new stadium. Everyone around me wishes to sit for most of the match but a few selfish people near the front insist on standing forcing everyone behind them to stand.

Please do not take away my seat behind the goal nearest to Arsenal station which I chose carefully as one of the first bondholders

Probably the one realistic option to boost atmosphere and bring back the 'average fan' to the ground.

Really sorry but I think people have short memories, it may improve the atmosphere but for me this would be a step backwards to a time that we all want to forget

Remember the dark days of hooligans bringing our national game to its knees. Look at the past to avoid mistakes in future.

Safe standing would require a change in the law which is not applicable in Scotland

Seating has nothing to do with the atmosphere of the game... Groups and individuals who don't even support the club are the problem. I was seated next to a Liverpool fan in the game Arsenal v Liverpool last season. Explain that. Maybe that's why there isn't such atmosphere because these people are able to get tickets easily but then being a member it's sometimes a struggle to get them. I wouldn't go to any games if I had to stand because I'm a female and not as tall as the men especially who attend. It's not ideal for the majority of women who have an average height of 5'5 and men almost 6'0. It's hard enough to see past men of such heights when they are seated. Even worse standing up. It will be disappointing to see this go ahead.

Standing at football matches is a thing of the past. Too many people stand at Emirates now blocking view for people who want to sit. Safe standing won't solve this

Standing for long periods is painful and if there's one thing I can't tolerate it's people standing in a seated area

Standing is an attempt by adult males to reduce the attendance by females and children who can't see the pitch.

The football violence of the 70s and 80s occurred because of terraces. Apart from rare instances like the West Ham vs Chelsea game this season, all-seater stadiums have pretty well removed football violence. I believe this change has made many complacent by underestimating the threat of the problem returning if standing was brought back (I refuse to put 'safe' immediately before 'standing' because the words are contradictory). I see the idea as crazy.

The lower tier of the Emirates is too shallow to allow supporters to view the game properly. I have had a season ticket in the north bank at both Highbury and the Emirates. I am 6ft, and can't fully see the game when the north bank persistently stand, which has started happening in the last 2 seasons. This was not a problem at Highbury or most away grounds, as the stands are steeper. Also the supporters that do stand don't not sing or make any noise, so in terms of atmosphere it is no different if seated or standing.

There have been too many lives lost through standing in the stands. Let us not forget them.

There was a very good reason why all seater stadiums were introduced. Standing up doesn't equate to a better "atmosphere". Assuming standing up will be a cheaper ticket and more people can fit into the same space (as opposed to being seated) does not mean a better atmosphere. Games such as Leicester last Feb and v Liverpool in the FA cup run in 2014 could never be bettered in terms of atmosphere. The fact is people in the clock end stand already. If standing is brought back it should be fixed to certain areas and those who want dedicated seating areas should be able to have those. Also, if standing is brought in what will happen to those season ticket holders whose seats will be affected but who still want to be in a seat in a seating area. If non-Arsenal fans get into the standing areas there is more potential for trouble and it will be harder for the stewards to control it.

This is a return to the dismal past. We do not need standing in top flight football.

This is not about creating a better atmosphere at the Emirates. It's purely a cash grab by Kroenke. By adding more capacity he will make more profit off Arsenal. Pure and simple. And Kroenke WILL NOT invest that money back into the team so Arsenal can win trophies, legitimately contend for the league title (because face it, our rivals spend freely and we can't compete with them with Wenger routinely signing youth players for the future) and actually advance past the round of 16 in Champions League. This safe standing initiative is not about bringing make the atmosphere of football stadiums and matches in years gone by or making football matches more affordable at the Emirates. It's all about profit. You see no other English clubs, big or small, at the forefront of this. And besides, even if safe standing gets approval at the Emirates, it will still be more expensive to buy a standing ticket at the Emirates than it would to be seated along the touchline at Turf Moor, St. Mary's, Vitality Stadium, or King Power.

Yes safe standing is so much better - physiologically you can sing better when stood, so all should be able to. Actually terracing should be recalled; it was safe, unless crammed in by poor policing with pens.



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