Dear Secretary,

The Lancashire Football Association has a proud history dating back to 1878 and our member clubs include some of the great names of English, and indeed world football.

However we are an Association that also wants to build for the future and it is here that we would like to work closely with Lancashire clubs.

We have always been very proud of our u18s representative side. In recent years we have won, and been in the final of the Association of Northern Counties Cup. We last won the FA County Youth Cup in 2014. Every year boys who have played four or more games are awarded their county caps.

We believe it is a great honour to play for Lancashire. We also believe the standard of football is very good and will certainly help the talented along the player pathway. With this in mind we would like to develop a close working relationship with Lancashire Clubs, so that we attract the best players in the county to our trials and have the very best squad available for selection. We have on board some of the top coaches in the region to help us get the very best out of the team. What we want to introduce next season are training sessions where the coaches can get together with the boys and work to create a greater understanding of tactics and team play.

We understand that the boys will have a primary commitment to yourselves, but we believe if we work together, so that the Lancashire FA training sessions do not overlap with the regular sessions the boys attend with you, then everyone will benefit.

This is a great opportunity for these boys to get together and play with other talented players from around the county. Our coaches are going to implement an exciting development plan that will see players chosen early and developed over a two year period. It means we should have a core of players coming through each season, who know the way we want to play, and understand what it means to play county representative football. That is why we hope you will also see this as an opportunity for your club to become involved in the process that should put u18s football in Lancashire firmly on the map.

If you have any questions or queries please do get in touch with us, or if you would like to nominate a player(s), then please fill out the attached nomination form and return it to Kirsten Hunt. Please make sure that the players are aware the first trial date is coming up soon on the 16th of July and we would like them to attend that first session to give them the best opportunity to represent their county.

We look forward to seeing the players you feel would benefit at our forthcoming trials on the 16th, 23rd and 30th of July.

Yours,

Roger Haydock,

Board Chairman,

Lancashire Football Association