

Hibs reluctantly give Rotherham permission to speak with Alan Stubbs



Hibs yesterday confirmed that the Club has reluctantly given English Championship side Rotherham United FC permission to speak with Head Coach Alan Stubbs.

The Scottish Cup holders initially refused a request from Rotherham towards the end of last week, but following a subsequent meeting between Alan, Chief Executive Leeann Dempster and Head of Football Operations George Craig, the Club has allowed Rotherham to speak with him.

Leeann Dempster said: “Throughout, we have made it plain to Alan that we want him to remain as Head Coach of Hibernian and build on what has been achieved. Despite that, Alan has expressed an interest in hearing what Rotherham have to say.

“I believe that our best chance to keep Alan focused and positive about his job at Hibernian is to allow a brief window within which Alan can speak to Rotherham. Reluctantly therefore, we have agreed to allow that to happen and we will take stock after that.

“While we have agreed to the request, we hope that Alan will see a brighter future here at Hibernian with the continued full support of the Board.”

A statement on the Rotherham United website reads: “Rotherham United wishes to inform its supporters that the club has been granted permission to speak to Alan Stubbs by Hibernian FC.

“Talks regarding the vacant manager’s position at AESSEAL New York Stadium will take place over the course of the next 24

hours with Stubbs.

“The club will keep its supporters informed of any further developments as we look to appoint a new first team manager.”