



NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
REGULATORY AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, 3 July 2017

Time: 1.00 pm

Place: LB 31 - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG

Councillors are requested to attend the above meeting to transact the following business

Corporate Director for Strategy and Resources

Governance Officer: Mark Leavesley **Direct Dial:** 0115 876 4302

1 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

If you need advice on declaring an interest, please contact the Governance Officer above, if possible before the day of the meeting

4 MINUTES

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Last meeting held on 29 November 2016 (for confirmation)

**5 NOTTS COUNTY FOOTBALL CLUB, MEADOW LANE - ANNUAL
REVIEW OF GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE**

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Report of Director of Community Protection

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MINUTES of the meeting held at Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 29 November 2016 from 10.30 - 11.20

Membership

Present

Councillor Liaqat Ali (minutes 26 – 27 inclusive)
Councillor Jim Armstrong
Councillor Brian Grocock (Chair)
Councillor Rosemary Healy
Councillor Glyn Jenkins
Councillor Gul Nawaz Khan
Councillor Dave Liversidge
Councillor Toby Neal (substitute for Councillor Linda Woodings)

Absent

Councillor Mohammed Ibrahim
Councillor Carole McCulloch
Councillor Michael Wildgust
Councillor Sue Johnson
Councillor Linda Woodings
Councillor Sally Longford

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Richard Antcliffe	- Chief Anti-Social Behaviour, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager
Ann Barrett	- Team Leader, Legal Services
Rebecca Hillebrandt	- Trainee Solicitor
Rav Kalsi	- Senior Governance Officer
Angela Rawson	- Licensing Manager

26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Carole McCulloch – personal
Councillor Linda Woodings – personal

27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Liaqat Ali declared an interest due to his involvement with a private hire taxi firm. He then left the room for all remaining items.

28 MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting dated 18 October 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

29 INTRODUCTION OF DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PENALTY POINTS SCHEME

Angela Rawson, Licensing Manager at Nottingham City Council, presented the report to the Committee, considering the proposal for the introduction of a Driver Improvement Penalty Points Scheme (DIPPS) for Nottingham City Council licensed vehicles. The following information was highlighted:

- (a) The scheme will improve the offer to citizens and visitors to Nottingham by raising the standards of service whilst also increasing the awareness of drivers to the standards expected of a Council licensed driver;
- (b) The Committee had previously considered the scheme at its meeting on 6 September 2016 but deferred the item so that further discussions and input from the trade could take place on the issue of a penalty point scheme;
- (c) Approximately 1900 licensed drivers were subsequently invited to a roadshow event at the Council House on 18 October 2016 for a presentation on the proposed DIPPS scheme and its operational impact. Over 200 drivers attended the roadshow together with trade representatives, Unite and NTLODA;
- (d) Between 18 October 2016 and 7 November 2016, 16 responses were received and a further meeting was held with Unite and NLTODA on 15 November 2016 to discuss the submissions made on behalf of their members. Responses were considered and evaluated and ultimately, it was not considered necessary to amend the proposed scheme as a result. If approved, the scheme would not jeopardise the Council's ability to use other enforcement tools and would be implemented around April 2017.

The following information was presented, in response to comments and questions:

- (e) A consistent approach should be taken to taxi drivers entering the city from places like Gedling and Rushcliffe. Encouraging discussions have taken place with both borough Councils who are supportive of the approach being taken in Nottingham City;
- (f) Where taxi drivers are victim to abuse or criminal damage the onus is on them to report incidents to the relevant authority, such as the police;
- (g) Access to Loxley House would be improved by a better flow of traffic on Trent Street which has not always been possible with dropped kerbs, disabled access points and double yellow lines blocked;
- (h) The Portfolio Holder for Community Services has agreed to station four Community Protection Officers in the City Centre and the remaining 96 Community Protection Officers around the City will be trained in the application of the scheme. Although both Rushcliffe Borough Council and Gedling Borough Council are supportive of the City scheme, Gedling Borough Council has agreed to provide an Officer to support the implementation of the scheme in the City. A similar approach will hopefully be taken with Rushcliffe Borough Council;
- (i) Sanctions are open to appeal via the Council's 'Have Your Say' portal and feedback will be provided by a senior Council officer. If 12 points have been reached then there would be an ultimate right of appeal to the Magistrates Court.

RESOLVED to

- (1) Approve the introduction of the Driver Improvement Penalty Points Scheme as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;**
- (2) Allow changes to be made to the scheme by the Director of Community Protection, Chief Anti-Social Behaviour, Trading Standards and Licensing officer, together with the Licensing Manager in consultation with the Chair of the Regulatory and Appeals Committee and the Opposition Spokesperson.**

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REGULATORY AND APPEALS COMMITTEE - 3 JULY 2017

Title of paper:	Annual Review of General Safety Certificate: Notts County Football Club	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Andrew Errington Director Community Protection	Wards affected: BRIDGE
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Other colleagues who have provided input:	Matthew Daft – Environmental Health Officer (Health & Safety) Richard Bines – Solicitor	

Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:

Cutting unemployment by a quarter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other City	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help keep your energy bills down	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good access to public transport	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham has a good mix of housing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Support early intervention activities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens	<input type="checkbox"/>

Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):

This report deals with the annual review and issue by Nottingham City Council as Certifying Authority of the General Safety Certificate for the Meadow Lane Stadium, home to Notts County Football Club ("the Club") for the forthcoming 2017/2018 football season.

Recommendation(s):

1	<p>It is recommended that:</p> <p>(i) the existing General Safety Certificate for the Meadow Lane Stadium be replaced by the proposed General Safety Certificate ("the Certificate") appended to this report at Annex 1.</p> <p>(ii) The Committee notes the deviations to the 5th edition of the Green Guide as listed in Appendix 4 of the Certificate are not considered by the Safety Advisory Group to be of such significance as to jeopardise safety of spectators.</p> <p>(iii) it acknowledges the appointment of Jason Turner as the Holder of the Certificate.</p>
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1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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The Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 (as amended) requires that the Certifying Authority carries out an annual inspection of the designated Sports Ground; this has deemed to be satisfied through the match day inspections of;

- 3 September 2016 versus Grimsby Town. An unannounced inspection. 6861 spectators with 2376 away fans,
- 15 September 2016 England Women versus Estonia UEFA 2017 qualifier. 5726 spectators.
- 14 January 2017 versus Mansfield Town. 11328 spectators with 3485 away fans.
- 17 April 2017 versus Portsmouth. 12184 spectators with 4366 away fans.

A number of additional non-match day inspections have also taken place throughout the season to examine documentation and provide compliance advice. The present General Safety Certificate requires a review on an annual basis. By recommending the Certificate following the inspections, the Council as Certifying Authority will discharge its duty in this respect. The Certificate has been subject to consultation with the Club officials and the Certificate Holder, Police, Fire, Ambulance and Building Control Services as well as the Sports Grounds Safety Authority. Any comments or observations received have been carefully considered and incorporated as appropriate, subject to compliance with statutory and non-statutory guidance.

2. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

The Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 (as amended) provides that certain sports grounds be designated by the Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport as requiring a general safety certificate. Sports stadia with a capacity of more than 10,000 spectators or more than 5,000 spectators for football are so designated. The Meadow Lane Stadium has a capacity of more than 10,000 and is therefore a designated sports ground. The purpose of a general safety certificate is to ensure that provisions are in place to secure reasonable safety at that ground. A certificate must contain certain matters such as a plan, capacities, means of access and exit etc. The terms and conditions may therefore require alterations or additions to the sports ground.

A general safety certificate must be held by an individual who is, in the Certifying Authority's determination, a person likely to be in a position to prevent contravention of the terms and conditions of a certificate (referred to within the legislation as a "qualified person").

The Meadow Lane Stadium comprises 4 stands equipped with seating for spectators; the Kop, Jimmy Sirrel, Pavis and Family stands. Each stand is divided into blocks. For the season 2017/2018, the Club will play in Football League 2 and in appropriate cup competitions.

In relation to the 2016/2017 football season the following matters occurred which are relevant to the Club and safety at the ground:-

(a) Ray Trew the Executive Chairman sold the Club in December 2016 with Alan Hardy taking over as Chairman. Jason Turner, the holder of the General Safety Certificate, remained as the Chief Executive however his role has recently changed to Director of Football Operations. Jason Turner has confirmed his awareness of the

legal and procedural requirements regarding ground safety and he has the full support of the Board to oversee all matters relating to ground and public safety; he is deemed to be a 'qualified person' and in an active managerial position with authority to prevent contraventions of the terms and conditions of the Certificate.

(b) Four routine meetings of the Safety Advisory Group were held during the season; 22 September 2016, 8 December 2016, 16 March 2017 and 11 May 2017. These meetings are chaired by Community Protection's Safer Business Manager, and were attended by:

- the Certificate Holder or where necessary a director of the Club,
- the Club's Safety Officer/Deputy Safety Officer and the Stadium Manager,
- Nottinghamshire Police,
- East Midlands Ambulance Service,
- the Sports Grounds Safety Authority,
- the City Council's Building Control Service and
- the City Council's Principal/Environmental Health Officers (Health & Safety).
- Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service.

(c) Four planned match day inspections took place during the season, undertaken by one or more of the Community Protection, Food and Health & Safety team (a combination of an Environmental Health Officer, Principal Environmental Health Officer and the Safer Business (Food and Health & Safety) Manager. There have also been a number of non-match day inspections and meetings during the season by Environmental Health Officers to assess and promote safety issues.

(d) Since the last report to Committee in July 2016 there has been a continuation in the maintenance of match day safety management systems at the Club. The key areas of discussion during Safety Advisory Group (SAG) meetings in the past year are summarised below:-

- Fire Safety Management – Previous years' Committee Reports have highlighted the progress the Club has made through the appointment of their own Fire Safety Professional in January 2014 to lead on implementation of risk assessments and action plans. Progress has continued with the maintenance of fire safety and fire marshals' policy and management plans.

- Electrical Safety – There has been continued progress implementing the structured approach to maintenance and inspection of the stadium electrical systems. A risk-based approach has been put in place to ensure that the whole electrical installation is inspected in a planned sequential manner over a rolling three-year period.

- Major Incident Plan – The Club has cooperated fully with the Emergency Services to review and agree the revised Major Incident Plan in September 2016 and to ensure that the Club's own contingency plans are compatible.

- Pre-match planning and stewarding plans – During the 2015/16 season the Club moved to a risk-based approach for the deployment of numbers and locations of Stewards dependent upon the circumstances of the Specified Activity. The premise of moving towards a risk-based approach is in keeping with the Sports Grounds Safety Authority strategy and this has been assessed throughout the season. Throughout the season there has been constructive feedback and dialogue with the Club in the season to assess and challenge Safety Officer risk assessments with the inclusion of

Police feedback on the effectiveness of the use of Police intelligence on away fan risk groups travelling to matches and how the Club could deploy stewarding in a manner commensurate with the potential risk. Match day inspections have provided an objective view of the effectiveness of pre-match planning with key areas identified for improvement including, calculation of correct number of mobile stewards and those at fixed positions, effectiveness of communication between regular and contract stewards, robustness of entry search tactics to identify and exclude items such as pyrotechnics, management of queuing at turnstiles to ensure separation from road traffic. There was noted to be an improvement in the planning and management following some deficiencies found at the Mansfield match day inspection; key areas were more robustly managed at the Portsmouth match when a proportionate approach was put in place to secure reasonable safety. For example the use of pyrotechnic search dogs and structured search lanes reduced the use of such devices in the ground. This work has assisted in developing the skills of the Safety Officer and the stewarding team to develop effective planning documentation and implementation on match days. The Stewarding Plan is currently being reviewed by the Club so the version included with this Certificate will be subject to change and will be included within a revised version to be issued through officer delegated powers before the start of the 2017/18 season.

- The report last year advised about an emerging 'risk group' of home supporters comprising approximately 20 males in the 14-20 age range. The Police and Club have continued to monitor the group and their determination to cause disorder and violence. The Club have cooperated and actively worked with the Police as well as the other Nottinghamshire League Clubs through the Police and Clubs Together (PACT) arrangements to ban such disruptive persons from all the football grounds where their behaviour has given rise to serious concern and breached the Club's Ground Regulations. During the season the Club has issued six persons with PACT bans and one other person with an acceptable behaviour contract.

- Jimmy Sirrel Stand and concourse capacity issues – At previous Committees the issue of capacity of this stand has been raised to keep the matter highlighted as an ongoing management issue. This stand has the capability to be shared between the home and away supporters with the away area located adjacent to the Family Stand end. Other changes first made in the 2010/11 season that will continue this season are the stewarded and cordoned 'break out' area 'external' to the Jimmy Sirrel stand at half time; this permits a reduction in pressure on the internal concourses and provides an enlarged area where taking refreshments is permitted for away supporters. This has provided some benefits in reducing the pressure on the limited space in the concourses where the three refreshment bars are located. Due to the limited space on the concourses beneath this stand, the Club Safety Officer carefully assesses the maximum number of away supporters for each match based upon previous knowledge and experience of the teams involved, as well as intelligence reports received from the Police about the crowd profile, behaviour and willingness to comply with Stewards' instructions. During the last season there have been a few matches with a substantial number of away supporters such as the Portsmouth match with 4366 fans occupying the stand. The Club restricted ticket sales to ensure that the safe capacity was below that of the full potential capacity because risk assessments took account of various factors such as the likelihood of the fans to be under the influence of alcohol, likelihood of fans following instruction to sit in reserved seating and also the planned break-out zone for use at half time. The Club will need to continue to carry out a detailed appraisal to assess what the appropriate away

supporter capacity should be, based upon risk information and intelligence, including that provided by the Police.

- A related issue to the capacity of the Jimmy Sirrel stand is the close proximity of the busy County Road immediately behind the final exit gates with only a relatively small apron of pathway. It has been noted during match day inspections that a large contingent of away fans does lead to them spilling over in to the road with the risk of collision. This matter has been raised at SAG meetings with some concerns for the on-going safety of emerging fans. It is pleasing to report to Committee that for the first time a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order was put in place; this was for the Portsmouth match and it temporarily redirected traffic away from County Rd to provide a 'sterile' area to the rear of the stand to enable easier egress by the large number of fans at the match. It enabled away fan coaches to be lined up in this zone at the end of the match for swift access. This worked well and the Club have confirmed that they will use this approach again for matches where it is assessed as being needed.

- There have been some recent changes regarding the Safety Officer. The Safety Officer has left the Club and the Deputy Safety Officer was promoted in to the main role. The new Safety Officer has experience in running matches at the Club and is fully qualified to the NVQ Level 4 standard. The Deputy Safety Officer role is fulfilled by two experienced senior stewards who have been undertaking the NVQ Level 4 safety qualification and it is expected that they will be fully qualified in 2017. In recent years, good progress has been made to ensure there is resilience in securing business continuity by the use of fully qualified and experienced safety officers from Nottingham Forest and Trent Bridge Cricket Ground; they have taken control at some matches, thus ensuring there is familiarity with the stadium and procedures. This will assist in securing flexibility should there be a need for a Safety Officer to stand in at short notice due to illness etc. At the time of the compilation of this report, information has been received notifying the Certifying Authority that a new post of Stadium Operations Manager has been appointed and this role will incorporate ground safety management. The Club has been instructed to update the Spectator Safety Policy before the start of the season to take this new role and post holder into account. When this is complete to the satisfaction of the Safety Advisory Group, the document will be appended into a revised General Safety Certificate and re-issued under delegated officer powers.

- A positive culture within the stewarding arrangements continues to be successfully reinforced through the recruitment processes and ongoing monitoring of stewarding standards. Training of stewards to NVQ Level 2 and supervisors to Level 3 has continued throughout the season for new and existing stewards in accordance with national guidelines. Some of the stewards who work at the Club also work at Nottingham Forest FC and/or Trent Bridge Cricket Ground. Telford College are appointed by the Club to deliver steward training and assessment to meet guidelines. Records of steward training are routinely updated in paper and electronic format. All stewards at the Club are within the training programme.

- Match day inspections have confirmed that the Safety Officer and Deputy Safety Officers continue to deliver an effective safety culture in the team and stewards. Pre-match and post-match briefings are delivered in a structured way. Advice has been issued following match day inspections to ensure that briefings achieve clarity and sufficient detail to ensure that all stewards are fully clear about their role on the day.

Matters that require improvement are openly discussed within their own team and feedback from Environmental Health Officers and the Sports Ground Safety Authority is acted upon positively to enhance learning and development. This process has been improved through pre and post-match meetings between Environmental Health Officers and the Duty Safety Officer for higher risk matches.

- The management of the physical condition of the stadium has continued with the maintenance team implementing a structured approach to property maintenance within the limitations of club resources. There has however been concern raised within the structural survey report about some movement within the wall at the rear of the Kop tea bar. The Club have been requested to follow the structural engineer's advice to more closely monitor this movement so that a more informed judgment can be made about potential remedial measures. Some feedback has been given to the Club following match day inspections about the cleanliness of seating in some areas of the ground.
- The Safety Advisory Group has for some time been seeking a supporter representative to be an invited member. It is pleasing to note that during the last season a representative of the supporters group (also a Supporter Liaison Officer) has been attending SAG meetings and offering views to the Chair about safety with the insight of a supporter. This is a welcome addition to the group and their time to attend is appreciated.
- The Police, Ambulance Service, Community Protection Food/Health & Safety Service, Building Control and the Sports Grounds Safety Authority continue to have general confidence in the safety arrangements at the Club and have not expressed objections to the maintenance of the Club's own assessment of the 'S' and 'P' factors at the current level of 1.0. [see paragraph (h)(i) below]

(e) The Director of Football Operations as Holder of the Certificate recognises that in accordance with the 'Green Guide', the Senior Management Team must keep the Safety Officer informed in good time of all proposals and material works taking place at the Sports Ground and not make unqualified assumptions about the impact on safety requirements.

(f) For the 2017/18 season the Club and its contractors are currently completing inspections of various structures, equipment and services in order to comply with a requirement in the present Certificate requiring the annual submission of satisfactory certificates for a range of items. All certificates and documents will be submitted to the City Council before the commencement of fixtures at the ground.

(g) The Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 provides for the amendment and replacement of a safety certificate, which is supported by the requirement for a review in the present Certificate. A comprehensive review of the style of safety certificates was carried out in 2009 which led to a certificate where the operator of a venue is responsible for identifying any risks and the steps to be taken to reduce those risks to an acceptable level. This approach leaves the initiative and the responsibility with the Holder, who is able to tailor the requirements more closely to its particular needs and circumstances. This style of certificate primarily consists of a requirement for the management to undertake appropriate risk assessments, to set out in a manual or policy, how reasonable safety is to be maintained and a requirement to adhere to the manual or policy. Clause 6 of The Certificate ensures the Holder produces and complies with a written safety policy to be understood by all involved in the grounds

safe operation. Representatives of the Emergency Services and the Sports Grounds Safety Authority who are members of the Safety Advisory Group support the 2016 annual review and replacement of the existing safety certificate with the Certificate at Annex 1.

(h) The key issues to note on the proposed Certificate are:-

- (i) That it permits a maximum capacity of 19,841 spectators at football matches and 20,211 at rugby matches as detailed in Appendix 1. The permitted ground capacity has resulted from the calculation of the P and S factors in accordance with the 5th edition of the Green Guide. The P factor (Physical Condition) considers the working condition and effectiveness of structural matters through structural surveys, installation inspections of electrical, mechanical, communication and fire detection systems. Access/egress for emergency vehicles and medical facilities are also considered in a P factor analysis. The S factor (Safety Management) considers how the club manages the stewarding, medical and first aid provisions, spectator safety, fire safety and compliance with other legislation such as Health and Safety at Work Act. Each factor is given a score, dependant on the club's compliance, between 0.0 and 1.0. The lowest (worst score) of either the P or S factor is then used as a multiplying factor to the maximum ground capacity. The Club has been assessed as achieving broad compliance with the Certificate and it is deemed appropriate to set the S factor at 1.0 and the P factor at 1.0. The P and S factor scores are subject to review throughout the term of the Certificate and can be altered by the Certifying Authority. Officers of the Certifying Authority (Community Protection Food/Health & Safety) are committed to undertaking match day inspections during the season to assess ongoing compliance with the Certificate.
- (ii) That it reflects the deviations to the 5th edition of the Green Guide as listed in Appendix 4 of the Certificate. Additional deviations have been added; the first relates to the first aid facility not having a wheelchair accessible toilet but it is mitigated by a suitable facility in the adjacent toilet block and secondly the first aid room does not have a telephone connection however the medical provider has radio connection with the control room at all times and there is a telephone located in nearby turnstile 18. It is recommended that the Committee accept these deviations as they are not considered by the Safety Advisory Group to be of such significance as to jeopardise safety of spectators.
- (iii) That it notes the additional condition F6.8 relating to the inspection and maintenance of the high mast lighting.
- (v) That it acknowledges the appointment of Jason Turner as the Holder of the Certificate.
- (vi) That the scope of the Certificate continues to be restricted to Football and Rugby. Any spectator events or series of events other than these specified activities would require a 'Special Safety Certificate' to be issued by the Certifying Authority. The Club are required to apply to the Certifying Authority at least three months before any such events.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

There are no direct financial implications or value for money issues arising from this report.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)

The Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 (as amended) places on the Local Authority, as a Certifying Authority, a duty to determine an application for a General Safety Certificate for a designated sports ground in its area containing such terms and conditions as it feels necessary or expedient to secure reasonable safety at that sports ground. The terms and conditions may require alterations or additions to the sports ground and a safety certificate must contain certain matters such as a plan, capacities, means of access and exit etc.

A safety certificate may be amended or replaced by the Local Authority if it feels that it is appropriate. The Local Authority is under a statutory duty to inspect the ground annually.

The Green Guide is guidance issued by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. It has no statutory force and has advisory status. It does not attempt to provide a universal standard for existing grounds and deviations from it are acceptable provided that they are both necessary and reasonable. The Guidance does however require that any deviations from it should be listed in the General Safety Certificate together with the reasons why those deviations are acceptable. The proposals outlined in the recommendations are therefore within the Local Authority's powers.

The 1975 Act gives powers of entry and inspection of the Sports Ground to the Local Authority. Any contravention of the terms of a General Safety Certificate is punishable as a criminal offence.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Has the equality impact been assessed?

Not needed (report does not contain proposals or financial decisions) ☐

No - This report does not include proposals for new or changing policies, services or functions. x☐

Yes – Equality Impact Assessment attached ☐

The Meadow Lane Stadium provides access and facilities to enable spectators with disabilities to be accommodated safely. There are 75 spaces for disabled supporters in total accommodated across 3 stands; Derek Pavis stand, Jimmy Sirrel stand and Family stand. In addition, 150 seats in total are allocated for ambulant disabled in the stands mentioned above. For the visually impaired a commentary service is provided in conjunction with Soccer Sight and RNIB; radio headsets are available on a match-by-match basis. Away supporters can access these services by contacting the Club.

7. **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

Current General Safety Certificate: Notts County FC

8. **PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 (as amended)

Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds (the Green Guide) published by Department of Culture, Media and Sport (5th edition, 2008)

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**NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
(Certifying Authority)**

GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE

FOR

**NOTTS COUNTY FOOTBALL CLUB
MEADOW LANE
NOTTINGHAM**

SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUND ACT 1975 (AS AMENDED)

Amended:

SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUND ACT 1975
(AS AMENDED)

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**SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUND ACT 1975
FIRE SAFETY AND SAFETY OF PLACES OF SPORTS ACT 1987
(AS AMENDED)**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Responsibility for the safety of Spectators lies at all times with the Sports Ground management. It is important to know all the provisions of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 ('the 1975 Act') which are relevant to Sports Grounds. Reference should also be made to the 'Guide to the Safety Certification of Sports Grounds'.

The following points are particularly important but reference should be made to the Acts themselves for authoritative information.

(i) Right of Entry and Inspection

Section 11 of the 1975 Act gives to authorised officers the power to enter and inspect a sports ground and to make any inquiries as are considered necessary for the purposes of the Act. Authorised officers also have power to examine records of attendance at the ground and records relating to the maintenance of safety at the ground.

(ii) Alterations and Extensions

Section 8 of the 1975 Act requires notice to be given to the Certifying Authority before work is begun on any proposed alteration or extension to the stadium.

(iii) Offences and Penalties

(a) Contravening any term or condition of a safety certificate (otherwise than in pursuance of a prohibition notice), admitting spectators to the sports ground at a time when no application for a safety certificate has been made or where a certificate does not relate to the current sports ground or has been withdrawn, surrendered or cancelled; or in contravention of a prohibition notice, the penalty is, on summary conviction, a fine of any amount or, on conviction on indictment, a fine or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or both.

(b) Knowingly or recklessly making a false statement or producing, signing, furnishing or otherwise making use of a document containing a false statement, the penalty is on summary conviction, a fine of any amount or;

(c) Failing to give notice of an alteration or extension to the sports ground or obstructing an authorised officer, the penalty is on summary conviction, a fine of any amount.

(iv) Prohibition Notices

Section 10 of the 1975 Act (as amended) provides that if the local authority are of the opinion that the admission of spectators to a sports ground or any part of a sports ground involves or will involve a risk to them so serious that, until steps have been taken to reduce it to a reasonable level, admission of spectators to

the ground or that part of the ground ought to be prohibited or restricted, the authority may serve a notice (referred to as a "prohibition notice") on the Holder of the general safety certificate or the person responsible for the management of the ground, prohibiting or restricting the admission of spectators.

(v) **Appeal**

Section 5(3) of the 1975 Act (as amended) provides that an interested party may appeal to a Magistrates' Court against the inclusion of anything in, or the omission of anything from, a safety certificate.

(vi) **Transfer of the Certificate**

If the Holder of the safety certificate ceases to be the person responsible for the management of the ground, an application must be made to the Certifying Authority for the transfer of the certificate to some other qualified person.

(vii) **Other Legislation/guidance**

The Holder should be aware that apart from the legislation detailed above there may be other acts and guidance that apply to the sports ground. These include health and safety legislation, legislation relating to people with disabilities, civil contingencies legislation, The Regulatory Reform Fire Safety Order (2005), Sports Ground and Stadia Guide No.4: 'Safety Management' document and any other specific pieces of legislation or guidance that may have relevant safety implications.

NOTE: No temporary variation of the terms and conditions of the certificate will be permitted other than in accordance with the terms and conditions of any relevant letter of consent by the Certifying Authority.

GENERAL SAFETY CERTIFICATE

Notts County Football Club

Clause 1. In exercise of the powers conferred by the Safety of Sports Ground Act 1975 ("the 1975 Act) and all other enabling powers, Nottingham City Council ("the Certifying Authority"), hereby issues this General Safety Certificate to:-

Jason Turner ("the Holder")

in respect of the premises of Notts County Football Club ("the Club") at the **Meadow Lane Stadium, Meadow Lane, Nottingham, NG2 4HJ** ("the Sports Ground") being a sports ground designated by Order of the Secretary of State as requiring a Safety Certificate.

Clause 2. This Certificate includes the Schedules, Appendices and Drawings attached hereto.

Clause 3. The words used in this Certificate and the Schedules attached hereto shall have the meaning assigned to them by the Safety of Sports Grounds Act, 1975 the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987, Green Guide and Schedule A.

Clause 4. The Holder shall retain control over the whole and each part of the Sports Ground and shall take all necessary precautions for the reasonable safety of spectators admitted to the Sports Ground. The responsibility for the safety of spectators at the Sports Ground lies at all times with the Holder (and not with the Police or the Certifying Authority).

Clause 5. The Holder shall ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this Certificate at all times that the Sports Ground is in use for any Specified Activity.

Clause 6. The Holder shall produce and comply with a written statement of Safety Policy and take steps to ensure it is understood by all persons involved in Sports Ground operations. The Holder shall sign and date the Safety Policy and shall ensure that the policy is implemented, reviewed and revised as necessary. The Holder shall forward a copy of the current Safety Policy to the Certifying Authority upon its request and ensure that any revision is sent to the Certifying Authority within 7 days of it taking effect.

Clause 7. The Holder shall appoint a Safety Officer who shall be of sufficient competence, status and authority to take responsibility for safety at the Sports Ground and be able to authorise and supervise safety measures. Such an appointment shall be notified to the Certifying Authority in writing as soon as is practicable and prior to the Specified Activity taking place.

Clause 8. The Holder may appoint replacement Safety Officer or Deputy Safety Officer to carry out or assist in the general duties of the Safety Officer or duties for a specific event. Such appointments shall be notified to the Certifying Authority in writing as soon as is practicable and prior to the event taking place.

- Clause 9.** Subject to B.1.3, unless there is a duly appointed Safety Officer or Deputy Safety Officer (known as the “Duty Safety Officer”) present during a Specified Activity the permitted capacity of the Sports Ground shall be zero.
- Clause 10.** The Holder shall give the Certifying Authority 14 days’ notice in writing of any change of circumstances affecting the Certificate. Any changes affecting the Certificate that could not be foreseen shall be notified to the Certifying Authority in writing as soon as is practicable and in any event within 7 days of their occurrence.
- Clause 11.** The Holder (in consultation with the Police, Fire Service, Ambulance Service, the Certifying Authority and such other persons or bodies as may be appropriate) shall produce, review, test and keep up to date documented Contingency Plans for any incident occurring which might prejudice safety or disrupt normal operations at the Sports Ground. In these plans, specific tasks shall be assigned to identified post holders or their nominated deputies. The Contingency Plans should be compatible with the Major Incident Plan.
- Clause 12.** The Holder shall carry out training exercises at least once a year so as to ensure the procedures as set out in the Contingency Plans operate correctly. The Holder shall notify the Certifying Authority, the Fire Service, Police and Ambulance Service when such training is to take place to enable them to observe the standards of staff training. Details of training exercises shall be entered into a log book.
- Clause 13.** The Sports Ground shall only be used for Specified Activities specified within Appendix 1 and is subject to the terms and conditions set out in this Certificate, unless the Holder has applied for and been granted, a Special Safety Certificate.
- Clause 14.** The Holder shall ensure that the maximum number of spectators that may be admitted at any one time to the Sports Ground and to each part thereof shall not exceed the capacities specified in Appendix 2 of this Certificate. The Holder shall also ensure that the measures for controlling crowds prescribed in this Certificate are observed.
- Clause 15.** The Holder shall ensure that suitable and sufficient equipment, permanent staff/Safety Staff, Stewards and others are provided, to monitor, direct, guide, control and assist spectators in accordance with Schedule B of this Certificate during the Specified Activities.
- Clause 16.** The Holder shall ensure that suitable and sufficient first aid and medical staff, equipment, facilities and accommodation are provided in accordance with Schedule C.
- Clause 17.** The Holder shall ensure that all Buildings and Structures, including their means of ingress and egress, and all Installations referred to in this Certificate are at all relevant times kept unobstructed and maintained in such good repair and condition as to safely fulfil their required functions and in particular shall comply with the requirements of Schedule D to this Certificate. The Holder shall so far as is reasonably practicable, ensure that the use of such Buildings, Structures and Installations do not put

spectators at risk.

Clause 18. The Holder shall ensure:-

- a. all reasonable precautions are taken to prevent the outbreak and spread of fire,
- b. suitable and sufficient equipment is maintained and competent Fire Staff are available to deal with an outbreak of fire, and;
- c. compliance with the requirements of Schedule E to this Certificate.

Clause 19. The Holder shall ensure that the inspections and testing detailed in Schedule F to this Certificate are carried out at the frequency indicated, or such shorter period as may be necessary to ensure the reasonable safety of spectators.

Clause 20. The Holder shall ensure that records specified in Schedules F and G are kept and made available for inspection by the Certifying Authority's authorised officer(s) at all reasonable times.

Clause 21. The Holder shall ensure that the certificates specified in Schedule G are submitted to the Certifying Authority within the time periods specified in that schedule.

Clause 22. No alteration or addition shall be made to the Sports Ground or its structures or installations without the prior written consent of the Certifying Authority. Execution of any work for which consent has been granted shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the Certifying Authority.

Clause 23. Written notice of any proposed alterations or addition to the Sports Ground shall be given to the Certifying Authority, and such notice shall be accompanied by two sets of:-

- a. drawings at a scale of 1:100; and
- b. such other drawings and calculations as are necessary to give full details of the proposals, or are further required by the Certifying Authority.

Clause 24. Any notice required to be given under this Safety Certificate shall notified via a phone call 0115 8761494 and in writing to safety.enforcement@nottinghamcity.gov.uk.

Clause 25. This Certificate is issued without prejudice to legislation other than that referred to in Clause 1 controlling the construction or use of sports grounds or buildings or otherwise affecting the Holder and does not invalidate any statutory obligation upon the Holder.

Clause 26. The specific requirements of this Certificate shall not be regarded as the limit of the obligation placed on the Holder to take all necessary precautions for the reasonable safety of spectators admitted to the Sports Ground.

Clause 27. Notwithstanding Clause 6 and Clause 11, the Holder shall ensure the

following documentation is produced, kept up dated and signed and dated by the Holder. The Holder shall ensure that up-to-date copies of the following are supplied to the Certifying Authority upon request:

- a. Plans showing the layout of the Sports Ground, buildings, equipment, and all details considered necessary by the Certifying Authority in connection with the Safety Certificate;
- b. Duties of the Safety Officer;
- c. Safety Policy;
- d. Contingency Plans; and
- e. Statement of Intent between the Police Service and Club pursuant to Schedule B paragraph B4.4.

Clause 28. With effect from **<DATE>**, this certificate will replace all previous certificates in relation to the Sports Grounds pursuant to the 1975 Act and will be reviewed by the Certifying Authority at least once in every 12 months.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Nottingham City Council, Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG
NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER (THE OFFICER APPOINTED FOR THIS PURPOSE)	Lorraine Raynor Chief Environmental Health and Safer Housing Officer
SIGNED:	
DATE:	

SCHEDULE A DEFINITIONS

A.1. Definitions

A1.1 'The Acts'

means the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 and Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sports Act 1987 (as amended)

A.1.2. 'The Ambulance Service'

means the Chief Executive Officer of East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust situated at Trust Headquarters, 1 Horizon Place, Mellors Way, Nottingham Business Park, Nottingham, NG8 6PY; the East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust or any other designated officer

A.1.3. 'All-ticket event'

means an event where all spectators must have pre-booked a seat within the spectator accommodation in advance of the specified activity taking place

A.1.4. 'Buildings and Structures'

means all buildings, structures and parts thereof including means of access and egress in relation to the Sports Ground

A.1.5. 'Building Regulations'

means the Building Regulations 2010 (as amended)

A.1.6. 'Certificate'

means this General Safety Certificate issued by the Certifying Authority to the Club under the provisions of the 1975 Act for the use of the Sports Ground for the Specified Activity during an indefinite period commencing with the date of this certificate

A.1.7. 'Certifying Authority'

means Nottingham City Council situate at Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG

A.1.8. 'Child'

means a person who has not attained the age of 17 years, and the word 'children' shall be construed accordingly.

A.1.9. 'Club'

means Notts County Football Club Limited (company registration number: 04789632) whose registered office is situate at the Sports Ground

A.1.10. 'Competent Person'

means a person with suitable training, experience and/or qualifications to undertake a specific specialist task

In relation to the testing and certification of electrical systems and installations, a competent person shall be one of the following:

- a. a corporate member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers;

- b. a contractor currently enrolled with the National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting or Electrical Contractors' Association;
- c. a suitably qualified representative of the Electrical Supply Authority.

In relation to the testing and certification of structural elements, a competent person shall be one of the following:

- a. a Chartered Structural Engineer;
- b. a Chartered Surveyor (Building Surveying Division);
- c. a Chartered Civil Engineer; or
- d. a person who, in the opinion of Nottingham City Council, possesses similar qualifications to those at a. b. or c. above.

A.1.11. 'the Contingency Plans'

means the plans that shall cover all reasonably foreseeable contingencies up to and including the need for partial and/or total evacuation of the Sports Ground and shall identify appropriate individuals and their respective tasks, including precautions against electrical or mechanical failure

A.1.12. 'Dedicated First-Aid Room'

means a fully resourced room within the Sports Ground set aside for treating the members of public as required

A.1.13. 'Defects Log Book'

means a record of all defects however discovered and maintained by the Safety Officer or Deputy Safety Officer

A.1.14. 'Deputy Safety Officer'

Means a person, appointed by the Club, with sufficient training, experience and knowledge to serve in the absence of the Safety Officer

A.1.15. 'Duty Safety Officer'

means either the Safety Officer or in his/her absence a Deputy Safety Officer

A.1.16. 'Emergency Lighting'

means lighting provided from a source independent of the normal lighting supply

A.1.17. 'Emergency Services'

means the Police, the Ambulance Service and the Fire Service

A.1.18. 'Emergency Telephones'

means a monitored telephone system with dedicated telephone points around the Sports Ground and connected to the Sports Ground Control Point

A.1.19. 'Escape Lighting'

means the portion of emergency lighting, provided in the absence of natural daylight, to allow free movement within the Sports Ground and exits therefrom

A.1.20. 'The Fire Service'

means the Chief Officer of Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters is based at Bestwood Lodge Drive, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 8PD or any other designated officer

A.1.21. **'Fire-Resisting'**

means the construction is capable of resisting the action of fire for not less than half-an-hour (or such other period as may be specified by the Certifying Authority) in accordance with the appropriate British Standard or as defined in the current version of the Approved Document to Part B (Fire Safety) of the Building Regulations 2010

A.1.22. **'Fire Staff'**

means persons competent in fire safety provisions and execution of the fire safety management plan

A.1.23. **'Gas Safety Regulations'**

means the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998

A.1.24. **'Green Guide'**

means the current edition of the 'Guide to Safety in Sports Grounds' produced by the Department For Culture Media and Sport or any future edition or document that supersedes it

A.1.25. **'the Holder'**

means the person who is in a position to prevent contravention of the terms and conditions of this certificate and who is responsible for the management of the Sports Ground

A.1.26. **'Installations'**

includes all or part of any radial fencing, and any electrical, mechanical and heating system and equipment

A.1.27. **'Maintained Escape Lighting'**

means a system of escape lighting in which the lamps remain illuminated during specified activities to allow free movement within the Sports Ground and exits there from

A.1.28. **'Maintained Normal Lighting'**

means a portion of the normal lighting, which remains illuminated in the absence of natural daylight during Specified Activities to allow free movement within the Sports Ground and exits therefrom

A.1.29. **'the Major Incident Plan'**

means the Major Incident Plan(s) prepared by the emergency services namely Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service, East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust and Nottinghamshire Police

A.1.30. **'Medical Practitioner'** (also referred to as 'Crowd Doctor')

means a qualified Medical Practitioner, registered with the General Medical Council, who has received training in pre-hospital (immediate) care and major incident management including specific training in cardio pulmonary resuscitation and in the use of automatic/advisory or manual defibrillators

A.1.31. **'Non-Maintained Escape Lighting'**

means a system of escape lighting in which the lamps are illuminated automatically only on failure of the normal lighting supply

A.1.32. **‘Normal Lighting’**

means all lighting, other than escape lighting, permanently installed throughout the Sports Ground. The term may include purely decorative lighting, but not lighting installed solely for advertising purposes

A.1.33. **‘Paramedic’**

means a person who holds a current certificate of proficiency in ambulance paramedical skills, issued by the Institute of Health Care and Development (IHCD), and who has immediate access to the appropriate level of specialist equipment, including drug therapy, as stipulated and approved by the relevant Paramedical Steering Committee. A paramedic crew, as a minimum, consists of a paramedic plus an ambulance technician, trained to IHCD standards

A.1.34. **‘Petroleum Licensing Authority’**

means Nottingham City Council

A.1.35. **‘Pink Guide’**

means the current edition of “Safety Management – Sports Grounds and Stadia Guide No 4” produced by the Football Licensing Authority

A.1.36. **‘the Plans’**

means the documents attached to this Certificate within Appendix 3

A.1.37. **‘the Police’**

means the Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police or such other officer designated by him/her

A.1.38. **‘Police Commander’**

means an officer designated by the Police for the purpose of commanding Police activities

A.1.39. **‘the Safety Officer’**

means a person, appointed by the Club, with sufficient training, experience and knowledge to assess and manage risks relating to the Sports Ground and the safety, direction and control of spectators including employees, agents, contractors, franchise holders and their employees within the Sports Ground

A.1.40. **‘Safety Officer's Control Point’**

means a room within the Sports Ground containing fire alarm warning systems, turnstile monitoring equipment, public address system, emergency telephones and general communication equipment

A.1.41. **‘the Safety Policy’**

means the policy produced by the Holder, covering the safety of spectators, employees, outlining the chain of command and covering safety objectives and the means of achieving them)

A.1.42. **‘Safety Staff’**

means the Holder, a person designated by them, the Safety Officer and all persons under their control who are engaged in duties during a Specified Activity relating to the management of the Sports Ground and the safety,

direction and control of spectators including employees, agents, contractors, franchise holders and their employees within the Sports Ground

A.1.43. **'Specified Activity'**

means the activities listed in Appendix 1. The duration of the Specified Activity shall be construed as including the whole period when spectators of the Specified Activity are within the curtilage of the Sports Ground. Specified Activity and Specified Activities shall be construed accordingly.

A.1.44. **'Spectator'**

means persons including disabled persons viewing a Specified Activity from the viewing accommodation

A.1.45. **'Special Safety Certificate'**

means a certificate issued by the Certifying Authority under the provisions of Section 1 (3) (b) the 1975 Act in respect of the use of the Sport Ground for an activity or a number of activities specified in the certificate on an occasion or series of occasions so specified

A.1.46. **'the Sports Ground'**

means the Sports Ground known as the Meadow Lane Stadium, Meadow Lane, Nottingham NG2 3HG and the means of access to it where sports and other competitive activities take place in the open air, where accommodation has been provided for spectators, consisting of artificial structures or natural structures artificially modified for the purpose

A.1.47. **'Statement of Intent'**

means the Holder/the Clubs, written agreement with the Police setting out their respective responsibilities for crowd safety and control or any agreed variation to it

A.1.48. **'Surface Spread of Flame Classification'**

means the class into which a material falls when tested for surface spread of flame in accordance with the appropriate British Standard or as defined in the current version of the Approved Document to Part B (Fire Safety) of the Building Regulations 2010

A.1.49. **'Steward'**

means a person trained, or being trained, to a recognised national standard, employed or contracted by management to act in accordance with the general recommendations of the Green Guide and the specific requirements of this Certificate

A.1.50. **'Thorough Examination'**

means a thorough examination by a competent person as defined within Regulation 2 of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998

SCHEDULE B STAFF AND CROWD CONTROL

B.1. Safety Officers

- B.1.1 The Holder shall be responsible for ensuring spectator safety is effectively managed, ensuring that all checks, inspections, testing, training, recording, remedial works, and other matters relating to spectator safety are carried out promptly and effectively.
- B.1.2 The Holder must ensure that a risk assessment is carried out for every Specified Activity where less than 500 Spectators are expected at or attend to determine whether a Safety Officer or another suitably trained member of Safety Staff who is of sufficient competence, status and authority are required to take responsibility for spectator safety at the Sports Ground and to be able to authorise and supervise safety measures.
- B.1.3 A Safety Officer must be present during a Specified Activity where:
 - a. 500 or more Spectators are expected at or attend a Specified Activity; or
 - b. a risk assessment has determined that a Safety Officer is required.

B.2. Safety Staff

- B.2.1 The Holder shall, on the basis of a risk assessment, identify the safety management arrangements required to ensure the safety of all spectators during Specified Activities. Details of the equipment to be provided, the level of staffing and the training given to those staff shall be set out within a Stewarding Plan which takes account of the guidance within the Green and Pink guides.

The Holder shall maintain and comply with all sections of the Stewarding Plan.

A copy of the Stewarding Plan is at Appendix 4.

No modification to the Stewarding Plan shall be valid unless and until authorised in writing by the Certifying Authority and subsequently included in an amended and duly issued General Safety Certificate.

- B.2.2 In no case shall the number of mobile Stewards be less than 1 to every 250 spectators attending a Specified Activity.
- B.2.3 The Holder shall produce a suitable and sufficient risk assessment for each Specified Activity to determine the final number, location including fixed positions and duties of safety staff, appropriate resources and arrangements to ensure spectator safety is managed effectively.

The risk assessment shall be recorded prior to the start of the Specified activity in the format and with the details set out in Appendix 5. Any alteration to the risk assessment that is required for dynamic reasons should be recorded on that assessment as soon as possible after the decision to alter it has been made. The records of the risk assessments should be retained for inspection for 24 months and be sent to the Certifying Authority upon request.

- B.2.4. All Stewards shall be fit and active and have the maturity, character and temperament to carry out the duties required of them.
- B.2.5. The Holder shall ensure a register of Stewards is maintained, recording their attendance and post as well as their training and qualifications.
- B.2.6. The Head Steward and each Supervisor shall be readily recognisable by the wearing of a high visibility surcoat or tabard which is distinctive from that worn by the Stewards, uniquely identifiable to the individual and worn outside his/her clothing, marked Head Steward or Supervisor as appropriate.
- B.2.7. Each Steward shall be readily recognisable with a high visibility and distinctly coloured and numbered surcoat or tabard (or such other clothing approved in advance by the Certifying Authority) uniquely identifiable to the individual and worn outside his/her clothing.
- B.2.8. The Holder shall ensure that all Safety Staff (Supervisors, Stewards, and Visiting Stewards etc) are briefed on their deployment and their general and emergency duties. A record of the briefing shall be retained for inspection for 24 months. De-briefing of Safety Staff shall take place after the Specified Activity to ensure that incidents or problems are referred to the Safety Officer for follow up action.

B.3. Disabled Persons

- B.3.1. The Holder shall ensure that accommodation provided for people with disabilities is safe, appropriately designed and managed. Entrance and exit routes must be made available for disabled spectators together with safe evacuation procedures.

B.4. Crowd Control and Policing

- B.4.1. Before a Specified Activity, the Holder shall consult jointly with the Emergency Services regarding the general arrangements for that activity and notify the Police and Certifying Authority at least 35 days before such an activity takes place when possible, or such shorter time as they may accept.
- B.4.2. The Holder shall objectively consider each Specified Activity against a prepared risk assessment to determine whether or not to request for Police attendance on duty inside the Sports Ground for that Specified Activity. In the event of disagreement between the Holder and the Police, the matter will be referred to the Certifying Authority for arbitration and determination including consultation with the Safety Advisory Group.
- B.4.3. Where a request is made for police attendance, it shall be for the Police Commander to determine the appropriate level of policing inside the Sports Ground.
- B.4.4. The Holder shall use his/her best endeavours to agree a Statement of Intent with the police over their respective roles. Any variation in the statement must be agreed in writing in advance of the Specified Activity to which it relates.
- B.4.5. Where the Certifying Authority determines and notifies the Holder in writing that a Specified Activity or specific event to be an "All-Ticket" event (requiring that all

seats be pre-allocated by ticket) taking into account advice and risk assessments received from the Club and Police, the Holder shall ensure the number of tickets issued for each particular area shall not exceed the permitted capacity of that area less the number of season tickets issued for that area.

- B.4.6. Each ticket shall specify the gate/turnstile by which the ticket holder shall enter the Sports Ground and where possible shall include a simplified, understandable diagram showing the layout of the sports ground and position of entrances. Tickets for seats which offer restricted views or are uncovered shall be marked accordingly and the buyer forewarned.
- B.4.7. Sufficient turnstiles or entry points shall be provided and operated to allow the entry of all the spectators to each self-contained area within one hour at a notional rate of 660 persons per turnstile, (or other entry point) per hour, or such lower rate as may be determined by the Certifying Authority.

Entry rates used for Sports Ground capacity calculations must be based on actual measurements of spectator entry rates through each type/bank of turnstiles. These measurements must be conducted to the satisfaction of the Certifying Authority must be recorded and reviewed before any area subject to significant change to the entry system is used for housing spectators for a Specified Activity.

Where the calculated rate of entry proves to be more than 660 persons per turnstile per hour, the lower figure shall be used for calculating entry capacity in line with the recommendations of the Green Guide.

- B.4.8. Each bank of turnstiles shall be individually and conspicuously identified by colour, number or letter visible to spectators approaching the Sports Ground. Each turnstile shall be individually identified by numbers visible from outside and inside the Sports Ground. The colour, number or letter on each bank of turnstiles or turnstile shall correspond with the information given on the tickets issued for use at that bank of turnstiles or turnstile.
- B.4.9. A public address system shall be provided which is capable of communicating information to areas both outside and inside the Sports Ground. The system shall be used for the carrying out of emergency evacuation procedures for the Sports Ground.
- B.4.10. The number of spectators admitted shall be continuously displayed in the Safety Officer's Control Point.
- B.4.11. The Holder shall provide a Safety Officer's Control Point which shall:
- have a good view of the whole pitch and of the spectator area surrounding it;
 - accommodate the necessary communications equipment and the CCTV monitors and the staff required for their operation or supervision;
 - be suitable to serve as a command post in the event of an emergency; and
 - be capable of being evacuated safely if necessary.

B.4.12. Closed circuit television and the associated emergency power supply shall be maintained to enable crowd densities outside the Sports Ground, within concourse areas and in compounds and other standing areas to be monitored during every Specified Activity.

B.4.13. Drinks may only be sold or supplied in containers made of paper or plastic materials except:

- a. with the prior written consent of the Certifying Authority; or
- b. where drink is served at a table accompanying a meal; or
- c. in those parts of the Sports Ground not usually open to members of the general public.

Note: *Attention is drawn to the provisions of the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol) Act 1985 as amended.*

B.4.14. Where and when it is considered necessary by a Police Officer or a Steward, no person shall be permitted to enter or remain in the Sports Ground in possession of any glass bottle or metal can.

B.4.15. The Holder shall, upon the basis of a risk assessment, ensure the safe placement and use of television cameras, commentary points, camera gantries, outside broadcast vans, cables and any other equipment used for the purpose of broadcast or recording of specified activities. Evidence of this assessment shall be recorded in the risk assessment required by B2.3.

B.4.16. Copies of any ground regulations made by the Holder or the Club shall be protected against loss or defacement and shall be displayed in prominent positions within the Sports Ground.

SCHEDULE C FIRST-AID AND MEDICAL FACILITIES

C.1. Accommodation and Equipment

- C.1.1. The Holder shall ensure appropriate medical, nursing; paramedic and first aid provisions are available for spectators at all Specified Activities.
- C.1.2. The Holder shall ensure a medical risk assessment is conducted by a competent person in consultation with a competent medical authority and from the findings of the risk assessment, the Holder shall ensure a written medical plan defining the level of medical and first aid provision for Spectators at the Sports Ground is produced and implemented.
- C.1.3. The Holder shall provide a Dedicated First Aid Room which is suitable in size, contains sufficient fitting and facilities and is appropriately designed and located in accordance with the Green Guide.
- C.1.4. The Holder shall maintain the heating, lighting and ventilation in the Dedicated First Aid Room and ensure that all appropriate standards of hygiene are maintained.
- C.1.5. The Dedicated First Aid Room shall be available for first aid during each Specified Activity.
- C.1.6. The Dedicated First Aid Room shall be accessible to first aid personnel, ambulances and the public from every part of the Sports Ground, and shall be suitably signposted throughout the Sports Ground.
- C.1.7. Instruction notices for contacting the Emergency Services shall be displayed in the Dedicated First Aid Room.
- C.1.8. The Holder shall ensure that defibrillators are provided at all Specified Activities, whether they are provided by the Club or supplied through a medical/ first aid provider and ensure that there are an adequate number suitably trained persons at a Specified Activity to operate a defibrillator.

C.2. Personnel

- C.2.1. The Holder shall ensure that suitable and properly trained first aid personnel are present at each Specified Activity in the ratio of at least 1 to every 1,000 spectators, or part thereof, up to 10,000 spectators, and thereafter one per 2000 spectators anticipated for the event.
- C.2.2. The Holder shall ensure that at every Specified Activity where the number of spectators is expected to exceed 2,000, a Medical Practitioner able to manage accident and emergency situations is present. The Medical Practitioner shall:
 - a. be at the Sports Ground before the start of the Specified Activity
 - b. remain until at least half an hour after the end of the Specified Activity; and
 - c. be made aware of the location and staffing arrangements of the Dedicated First Aid Room and details of the ambulance cover, the local accident and

emergency department's major incident plan and the local authority's emergency plan.

- C.2.3. The whereabouts of the Medical Practitioner shall be known to the Duty Safety Officer, first aid and ambulance staff and to those in the Safety Officer's Control Point who shall be able to make immediate contact with him or her.
- C.2.4. The Holder shall make arrangements for the provision of at least one fully equipped ambulance (either from the NHS or, if from elsewhere, from a source approved by the Ambulance Service), to be in attendance at all events with an anticipated crowd of 5,000 or more. Any additional ambulance cover should be determined after consultation with the Ambulance Service, but in no case shall the ambulance provision be less than the following:

Anticipated attendance

5,000 to 25,000

Dedicated ambulance provision

1 Accident and emergency ambulance
(with paramedic crew), plus 1
Ambulance Officer

SCHEDULE D BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND INSTALLATIONS

D.1. Means of Ingress and Egress

- D.1.1. The means of ingress and egress shall be maintained in good condition and unobstructed to each part of the Sports Ground.
- D.1.2. All signage relating to the means of ingress and egress shall be adequately maintained and marked in a manner that can be understood by Spectators.
- D.1.3. Each exit gate shall be available for egress during any Specified Activity.
- D.1.4. During a Specified Activity, no door or gate forming part of an escape route shall be locked by a key or fastened in such a way that it cannot easily and immediately be opened by those using that route in an emergency.
- D.1.5. During a Specified Activity, all exit gates unless secured in an open position, shall be staffed at all times. All pitch perimeter gates shall be kept unlocked whenever the area of the Sports Ground behind them is occupied by spectators.
- D.1.5. 'WAY OUT' or 'EXIT' notices shall be provided and maintained over each exit.
- D.1.6. All doors and gates on exit routes shall be secured in the fully open position not less than 10 minutes before the end of the Specified Activity.
- D.1.7. All gates in radial, pitch-perimeter or pitch barrier fences shall be marked in a distinctive colour, different from the rest of the fence. Advertising boards shall not impede access on to the pitch at any time during a Specified Activity.
- D.1.8. Each exit door and gate shall be permanently marked with its identification number. The numbers shall be not less than 300mm in height and clearly visible when the gates are either open or closed.
- D.1.9. Each staircase and each corridor shall be maintained enclosed with fire resisting construction.
- D.1.10. Each gangway, exit route, stairway, ramp, stepping and means of access for emergency vehicles shall be kept free of stored goods, litter, ice and snow whilst the sports ground is in use for any Specified Activity. The treads of steps and stairways shall be maintained with non-slip and even surfaces, and shall be adequately drained.
- D.1.11. Gangways on terraces shall be in a conspicuous colour with a non-slip surface. Conspicuous nosings shall be provided to radial gangways steps in seated areas.
- D.1.12. Means of access for Emergency Services vehicles shall be provided as indicated on the Plan.

D.1.13. The means of access for Emergency Services vehicles shall be maintained unobstructed and in good condition.

D.2. Electrical, Mechanical and Heating Installation

D.2.1. The electrical installation for the premises shall be maintained in accordance with the latest BS 7671 British Standard Requirements for Electrical Installation (IEE Wiring Regulations). The Holder shall ensure that technical staff are competent, properly trained and familiar with the installations in the Sports Ground so as to be able to respond in the event of an emergency.

D.2.2. A diagram of the main electrical distribution arrangements shall be fixed in a position easily accessible to the technical staff. All switch and control gear shall be clearly labelled to indicate the circuits which they control.

D.2.3. All cables and conductors of wiring systems shall be sited so that they are, as far as practicable, inaccessible to the public and shall be enclosed throughout in a protective covering of material which has sufficient strength to resist mechanical damage. Where wiring is to be used within confined spaces such as escape routes, Low Smoke and Fume Emission (LSF) sheathed cables should be used.

D.2.4. The maintained normal lighting shall be kept illuminated within the Sports Ground where there is inadequate natural daylight during Specified Activities, to allow free movement within the Sports Ground and exits therefrom.

D.2.5. Non-maintained escape lighting shall automatically provide illumination in the event of a failure of the maintained normal lighting supply.

D.2.6. Maintained escape lighting shall be kept illuminated during Specified Activities where there is inadequate natural daylight.

D.2.7. Each system of escape lighting shall independently provide a level of illumination which is adequate to allow free movement within the sports ground and exits therefrom.

D.2.8. The maintained normal lighting and the escape lighting shall each separately provide a level of illumination which is sufficient to allow the CCTV system to function satisfactorily.

D.2.9. An alternative electricity supply which functions for a minimum of 3 hours in the event of failure of the normal supply shall be provided and shall be sufficient in power to simultaneously run all of the following systems effectively:-

- a. Emergency Lighting;
- b. Escape Lighting;
- c. Emergency Telephones;
- d. Fire Alarm;
- e. CCTV control and remote camera system;
- f. Safety Officer's Control Point;
- g. Evacuation Lift(s);
- h. Dedicated First Aid Room; and
- i. Other apparatus/areas where required

Note: Where a generator is used to provide the alternative supply, the start-up time of the generator should not exceed 5 seconds.

- D.2.10. The electrical power supply to the turnstile monitoring system shall ensure continuous operation for a period of 3 hours in the event of a normal supply failure and ensure that there will be no loss of information on memory.
- D.2.11. The electrical power supply to the public address system shall be such as to ensure continuous operation in the event of failure of the mains electricity supply.
- D.2.12. No spectator shall be admitted unless the public address system is in full working order.
- D.2.13. In those areas where mechanical ventilation is provided, it shall be kept running during the whole time that the areas are occupied.
- D.2.14. The heating installation (including all boilers, calorifiers and safety devices) shall be maintained by the Holder in a safe and satisfactory condition; shall be housed in a Fire Resisting enclosure; shall be fitted with automatic energy cut off device(s); shall have an adequate air supply and shall not prejudice the means of escape for spectators.
- D.2.15. The Holder shall ensure that a person who is familiar with the electrical and mechanical installations in the Sports Ground shall be in attendance during the Specified Activity.

D.3. **General**

- D.3.1. No temporary sales kiosk, stall or other temporary structure (including any mobile stall) shall be installed without the prior consent of the Certifying Authority in writing. Liquefied Petroleum Gas shall not be used unless consent is obtained from the Certifying Authority in writing.
- D.3.2. Hazardous materials (including fuels, fertilizers, weed killers and paints) and combustible materials shall only be stored in a suitable storage area. The hazards arising from the keeping of petroleum spirit or petroleum mixture on the premises, including petroleum spirit kept in fuel tanks of plant such as motor mowers is subject to additional statutory control. The Petroleum Licensing Authority shall be informed of any proposal to keep petroleum at the premises.
- D.3.3. All glass in doors, windows, partitions, etc. in each part of the Sports Ground accessible to spectators shall be maintained in a good condition and any replacement glass shall conform to the Building Regulations and associated Approved Documents.
- D.3.4. No marquees, tents, soft furnishings, artificial foliage or decoration shall be installed unless suitable test evidence of material samples have been submitted to the Certifying Authority and written consent has been obtained.

- D.3.5. The following areas shall be kept completely free of storage, goods, litter, combustible or flammable material or other obstruction and access maintained at all times:
- a. Boiler rooms;
 - b. Plant rooms;
 - c. Electrical intake rooms;
 - d. Electrical switch rooms;
 - e. Transformer rooms;
 - f. Lift motor rooms and lobbies;
 - g. Generator rooms; and
 - h. Voids.
- D.3.6. Except as provided in paragraph D.3.7 or with consent of the Certifying Authority in writing, no cylinder for the storage of compressed air, oxygen, hydrogen or other gas or liquid under pressure shall be used or stored in the Sports Ground.
- D.3.7. Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) cylinders may be used for the supply of beer pumps provided that only one cylinder in use in a bar at any time. In addition a spare cylinder can be chained in an upright position within the bar. All other CO₂ cylinders shall be kept in appropriate storage.
- D.3.8. No special effects, displays or other arrangements (including pyrotechnics, lasers etc.) shall be undertaken without consultation and written prior consent of the Certifying Authority.
- D.3.9. The Holder shall ensure that all seating is maintained, securely fixed in position, suitably numbered and that damaged seats are promptly repaired or replaced.
- D.3.10. All fire doors shall be maintained effectively self-closing and shall not be secured open unless otherwise permitted by the Certifying Authority. Doors to stores and plant rooms shall be kept locked whilst spectators are at the Sports Ground during a Specified Activity.
- D.3.11. The Holder shall ensure that all temporary demountable structures including scaffolding towers are safe, independently checked before spectators enter the Sports Ground and evidence of the contractor's competence, design and construction information for the structures are reviewed before a Specified Activity in accordance with to The Institution of Structural Engineers "Temporary Demountable Structures – Guidance on Procurement, Design and Use" – Fourth Edition 2017 (ISBN 978 1 906335 33 5), or to any guidance that supersedes it.

SCHEDULE E FIRE AND FIRE FIGHTING

E.1. General

- E.1.1. The Holder shall, on the basis of a risk assessment, identify and apply precautions to prevent the outbreak and spread of fire; measures to ensure the safety of spectators should fire break out; provision and maintenance of fire safety equipment and the training of staff to deal with an outbreak of fire.
- E.1.2. The Holder shall ensure that the arrangements required by E1.1 are documented within a fire safety management plan which shall, as a minimum, include:
- a. Identifying, removing, reducing the sources of ignition and fuel;
 - b. Restrict the rate of early fire growth and fire spread;
 - c. Provide sufficient protected emergency evacuation routes;
 - d. Provisions for evacuation people with disabilities;
 - e. Adequate provision and illumination of exit and emergency evacuation route through appropriate signage and emergency lighting;
 - f. Effective fire detection and warning systems;
 - g. Appropriate fire fighting equipment;
 - h. Appropriately trained staff in fire safety and where applicable the use of fire fighting equipment;
 - i. Unobstructed access, egress and parking for emergency vehicles at all times;
 - j. Preventative maintenance and tests for fire safety equipment;
 - k. The use of lifts should also be considered regarding fire safety.
- E.1.3. The Holder shall ensure that the fire risk assessment assesses all structures and installations at the Sports Ground and external installation in close proximity of the Sports Ground that may have an impact on fire safety at the Sports Ground.
- E.1.4. The Holder must ensure that this assessment is reviewed on an annual basis or sooner if changes/incidents occur that affect fire safety and/or its management.
- E.1.5. The Holder shall ensure that persons competent in fire safety provisions develop and manage the fire safety management plan and risk assessments.
- E.1.6. The Holder shall ensure that there are effective systems in place to monitor the implementation of the fire safety management plan and ensure its effectiveness.
- E.1.7. With consideration to the outcomes of a suitable and sufficient fire risk assessment and guidance in the Green Guide, the Holder is required to ensure that normal and emergency evacuation times are determined and documented for each area of spectator accommodation.

SCHEDULE F TESTING AND INSPECTION BY THE HOLDER

F.1. Introduction

- F.1.1. The Holder shall ensure the following briefing sessions, checks, inspections and tests are carried out and records are kept as specified in Schedule G.

F.2. Checks, Inspections and Tests

- F.2.1. Any defect found as a result of checks, inspection and tests or otherwise shall be recorded in a Defects Log Book and contain when a defect is discovered and when it is remedied. All defects should be reported to the Safety Officer or a Deputy Safety Officer as soon as is reasonably practicable.

- F.2.2. During each Specified Activity, the Holder shall ensure the following:

- a. litter and waste are not allowed to accumulate, and are removed to secure containers whenever possible;
- b. materials are not allowed to accumulate or be stored in circulation, exit or escape routes; and
- c. all aisles, exits, emergency exits and escape routes are kept clear.

- F.2.3. After each Specified Activity, the Holder shall:

- a. carry out a general visual inspection of the Sports Ground for signs of damage or deformation which might create a potential danger to the public, with particular attention to the condition of seats, terraces, viewing slopes, barriers and stairways;
- b. ensure that combustible waste and litter are cleared (particularly from voids) and either removed or stored in secure containers;
- c. participate with the ambulance officers and first-aiders in a de-briefing and record any comments and follow up action;
- d. ensure that any outstanding matters of concern are recorded and arrangements made for remedial action before the next Specified Activity; and
- e. liaise with the Police and/or crowd control personnel to gain full benefit from any de-briefing about crowd control

F.3. Inspections and Tests before a Specified Activity

- F.3.1. The Holder shall ensure the following are carried out in the areas used by Spectators before the start of each Specified Activity:

- a. inspect the general condition and state of maintenance of the Sports Ground, paying particular attention to the condition of each terrace, stairway, exit route and access route and ensure they are free from any damage, corrosion or deformation which might create a potential danger to the public;
- b. inspect all gangways, entry, exit and access routes and ensure they are clear from obstructions and trip hazards; that surfaces are not slippery and to ensure that they are capable of being used to their full capacity;

- c. examine each crush barrier and balustrade for corrosion, deformation or any other visible weakness and ensure all structures are free from damage, corrosion or deformation which might cause a potential danger to the public;
- d. remove any fence, advertising material or other obstruction that might impede the exit of spectators;
- e. turnstiles and metering or entry monitoring systems are functioning;
- f. remove and dispose of all potential missiles, rubbish and combustible waste and clear each exit, stairway, exit route, boiler room, electrical intake room, void, lift lobby and all areas to which the public have access, including the means of access for emergency vehicles; of goods, litter, combustible or flammable materials, unauthorised products or other obstruction or hazard;
- g. containers used to store combustible waste or litter are secured;
- h. examine all exit doors and gates (including those in perimeter or radial fences) whether manually or electronically operated to ensure that they are easily and fully openable;
- i. inspect all kitchens and food preparation areas and all other areas particularly vulnerable to fire for combustible materials or other hazards;
- j. hazardous materials are removed, or safely stored, well away from public areas;
- k. ensure that the required fire fighting equipment is in position and available;
- l. inspect the Dedicated First Aid Room and the equipment and supplies held there and ensure that sufficient first-aid personnel are present and at their posts and have been properly briefed;
- m. ensure that television and outside broadcast equipment, including cables, are located in the approved position;
- n. ensure containers used to store combustible waste or litter are secure;
- o. ensure that areas to which public access is prohibited are properly locked or sealed off;
- p. ensure that directional signs are in place and, where appropriate, illuminated;
- q. ensure the integrity of any demountable structures after their assembly; and
- r. ensure that media activities do not interfere with, or negate, the normal safety operation of the sports ground, and do not hamper the safety, comfort or viewing standards of spectators.

F.4. Inspection, Testing and Servicing of all Installations

- F.4.1. The Holder is required to ensure that a '*planned preventative maintenance schedule*' is prepared that covers the inspection, testing, and servicing of all installations in accordance with the specifications detailed below.

F.5. Inspections and Tests at least 24hrs before Specified Activity

- F.5.1. The Holder shall ensure the following are inspected and tested at least 24 hours before the start of a Specified Activity:
 - a. Automatic fire detection and fire warning systems (including the repeater panel);
 - b. Steward's radio systems;
 - c. Emergency Telephones;
 - d. Public address systems;

- e. CCTV system;
 - f. Video or electronic information boards;
 - g. Generator and associated engine shall be tested in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions by a Competent Person who shall undertake a simulated mains failure test with the generator taking up its prescribed load within 5 seconds; and
 - h. Emergency Lighting systems;
- F.5.2. All inspections, tests and checks shall be documented together with any problems identified and corrective actions taken.
- F.5.3. If problems are identified, the Holder shall ensure effective provisions to take appropriate remedial action before the public is allowed access to the affected area.

F.6. Inspections and Tests at Regular Intervals

- F.6.1. The Holder shall ensure the following are inspected and tested at regular intervals. Regular intervals, in each case should be determined by a suitable and sufficient risk assessment.
- F.6.2. The electrical installation shall be inspected and tested and an Electrical Installation Condition Report (in the form prescribed by the IEE Wiring Regulations) shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority. The certification of the whole of the stadium's electrical installation shall be deemed satisfactory by a competent person at least once every 3 years.
- F.6.3. Inspections of extinguishers, spare gas cartridges and replacement charges shall be carried out to ensure that extinguishers are in their correct positions and have not been discharged or suffered a pressure loss or damage. The results of the inspections shall be entered in a log book.
- F.6.4. Each generator and associated engine used to provide alternative supplies shall be tested by a competent person. The generator shall be started under simulated mains failure and tested on full load for not less than one hour. The results of the tests shall be recorded in a log book.
- F.6.6. Any lift installation shall be maintained and inspected at regular intervals by a competent lift engineer.
- F.6.7. The turnstiles, metering or entry monitoring systems (including electronic monitoring systems) shall be maintained and inspected at regular intervals by a competent person.
- F.6.8. The High Mast Lighting Columns (floodlights) shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with the recommended maintenance schedule or instructions provided by the manufacturer.

F.7. Inspections and Tests Every Six Months

- F.7.1. All passenger lift installations shall receive a Thorough Examination at least every six months by a competent lift engineer. Copies of Thorough Examination

certificates shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority at least once in every 12 months.

F.8. Inspections and Tests Every Twelve Months

- F.8.1. The Holder shall ensure that a detailed annual inspection of all structures, installations and components is undertaken as follows:
- a. Ensure that all standing surfaces, seats, stairs, ramps, doors, gates, boundary walls, fences and cladding are fit for their intended purpose;
 - b. Ensure that all load bearing elements are capable of withstanding the loads to which they are likely to be subjected and that they perform properly their required functions;
 - c. Assess all barriers and handrails and test those barriers in accordance with the guidance found in the Green Guide;
 - d. Where barriers and handrails fail to meet these test conditions, they shall be replaced or strengthened. Such barriers and handrails shall be retested after the remedial work to ensure compliance.
- F.8.2. Any lift installation that does not carry people shall receive a Thorough Examination at least every 12 months by a competent lift engineer. Copies of Thorough Examination certificates shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority at least once in every 12 months.
- F.8.3. An inspection and 3-hour full load test of the escape lighting batteries shall be carried out by a competent person. Where self-contained battery operated escape luminaires are installed, the certificate shall confirm that each luminaire has been energised from its battery for 3 hours. Tests should be carried out at least every 12 months. Copies of certificates with the test results shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority at least once in every 12 months.
- F.8.4. An inspection of any electronic locking system shall be carried out by a recognised person.
- F.8.5. An examination of the boiler, calorifiers and all safety devices shall be carried out by a competent engineer at least once every 12 months. A copy of the certificate confirming that they are in a safe condition shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority at least once every 12 months.
- F.8.6. The escape lighting engine, generator and control gear shall be tested by a competent person and a certificate to the effect that they are in efficient working order shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority at least once in every 12 months.
- F.8.7. The manual electric fire alarm, automatic fire detection equipment, emergency telephone system, CCTV and public address system shall be tested by a competent person and a certificate confirming that they are in a satisfactory condition shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority at least once in every 12 months.
- F.8.8. All fire fighting equipment shall be maintained and overhauled in accordance with BS.5274, BS.5306: Parts 1 and 3, BS.5423 and BS EN 1869: 1997 as appropriate by a competent person or company of fire engineers and a record

kept. An inspection and maintenance certificate in respect of all fire fighting equipment at the Sports Ground shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority once in every 12 months.

- F.8.9. The lightning protection system shall be tested by a competent person and a certificate confirming that it is in a satisfactory condition shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority at least once in every 12 months.

F.9. Detailed Structural Appraisal

- F.9.1. A risk based plan for the detailed appraisal of all structures and parts of structures within the Sports Ground should be kept in accordance with the relevant section of the Green Guide.

SCHEDULE G RECORDS AND CERTIFICATES

G.1. Records to be kept by the Holder

- G.1.1. The Holder shall keep, separately, for a minimum period of six years, the following records which shall be made available for inspection by the Certifying Authority's authorised officers or representatives of the Sports Ground Safety Authority at all reasonable times.

The Holder shall be responsible for the collation of the information required for the records from the relevant organisation. Each record shall specify the name, status and qualifications of any person carrying out a test, inspection or remedial work:

- a. a record of the number of spectators admitted to the Sports Ground for a Specified Activity and to each part of the Sports Ground;
 - b. a record of the names of Safety Management Personnel on duty at each event and the positions allocated to them within the Sports Ground as specified in Schedule B;
 - c. a record of details and attendance of each training session and pre-match briefing given to Safety Management Personnel as specified in Schedule B;
 - d. a record of the numbers and posts of all first aiders present on each occasion and the attendance of the Medical Practitioner as specified in Schedule E;
 - e. a record of any accident or incident which causes injury, other than a playing injury, which is brought to the notice of the Holder and which occurs whilst the Sports Ground is in use for a Specified Activity;
 - f. a record of all first-aid or medical treatment provided during or in connection with any Specified Activity;
 - g. a record of each exercise as specified in Clause 12;
 - h. a record of all pre-event inspections as specified in Schedule F;
 - i. a record of inspections and tests required by Schedule F
 - j. a record in a Defects Log Book of any defect relating to the safety of the sports ground, however discovered, including a record of when such defect has been remedied;
 - k. a record of all fire alarms soundings whether or not activated by the automatic fire detector system;
 - l. a record of all substantial maintenance work and improvements relating to safety carried out at the Sports Ground;
 - m. a record of any non-routine opening of an exit door or gate; and
 - n. a record of any assumption of control by the Police.
- G.1.2. The Holder shall ensure that all records are kept fully up to date in a tamper proof form.
- G.1.3. The Holder shall submit the following certificates to the Certifying Authority on an annual basis:
- a. a certificate of inspection for all structures, installations and components in accordance with F.8.1;
 - b. a certificate of Thorough Examination for Lifts in accordance with F.8.2;

- c. a certificate of inspection and 3-hour full load test of the escape lighting batteries in accordance with F.8.3;
- d. a certificate of inspection for any electronic locking system in accordance with F.8.4;
- e. a certificate of examination of the boiler, calorifiers and all safety devices in accordance with F.8.5;
- f. a certificate of inspection for the escape lighting engine, generator and control gear in accordance with F.8.6;
- g. a certificate of inspection for the manual electric fire alarms and automatic fire detection equipment in accordance with F.8.7;
- h. a certificate of inspection for the emergency telephone system in accordance with F.8.7;
- i. a certificate of inspection for the CCTV system in accordance with F.8.7;
- j. a certificate of inspection for the public address system in accordance with F.8.7;
- k. a certificate of inspection and maintenance for all fire fighting equipment in accordance with F.8.8;
- l. a certificate of inspection for the lightning protection system in accordance with F.8.9.

APPENDIX 1 SPECIFIED ACTIVITIES

The activities covered by this certificate are as follows:

Football
Rugby

APPENDIX 2 PERMITTED NUMBERS OF SPECTATORS

The maximum number of spectators that may be admitted to each part of the Sports Ground at any one time shall be restricted to: -

Ground Capacity for Specified Activities

Stand	Area	No of Seats	S factor	P factor	Final Capacity - Standard Football	Final Capacity - All Away & Rugby
Jimmy Sirrel	Normal Capacity - Home	2040*	1.0	1.0	2040	N/A
	Normal Capacity – Away	3365*	1.0	1.0	3365	N/A
	All Away or Rugby	5775	1.0	1.0	N/A	5775
Kop Home Supporters	Upper Tier	2024	1.0	1.0	2024	2024
	Lower Tier	3416	1.0	1.0	3416	3416
Family Stand	Boxes	144	1.0	1.0	144	144
	Seating	2137	1.0	1.0	2137	2137
Derek Pavis	Supporters	6330	1.0	1.0	6330	6330
	VP & press	385	1.0	1.0	385	385
Total Ground Capacity					19,841	20,211

Note: - * reflects the use of 381 seats from the seating capacity to create a sterile area in the Jimmy Sirrel stand to ensure segregation of home and visiting supporters.

APPENDIX 3 THE PLAN

GENERAL GROUND ARRANGEMENT PLAN / DRAWINGS

Key locations as specified on attached Plan 20189/06C

A plan of the Sports Ground shall be attached to this General Safety Certificate, showing the locations of:

- a. all Buildings and Structures;
- b. Mean of ingress and egress including entrance and exit points with identification letters;
- c. Means of access for Emergency Service vehicles;
- d. Accommodation specifically allocated to particular groups of spectators;
- e. Radial fences and location of pitch perimeter gates;
- f. Location of pass doors;
- g. Location of catering units;
- h. Position of flow restrictors on exit routes (e.g. areas which are narrow and could cause bottle necks in crowds when exiting).
- i. Location of Match Control Point;
- j. Location of wheelchair provision;
- k. Position of fusible links in concourses (e.g. fire shutter doors);

Notts County Football Club Stewarding Plan



Introduction

In this plan the Club's planning and considerations on safety management are made with reference to the principles and guidance of the Green Guide and the FLA Safety Management publication which identifies and draws together good practice in such issues.

Notts County Football Club recognises that responsibility for spectator safety lies at all times with the Safety Certificate Holder.

Safety is not seen as a set of rules but rather as standards set from within which reflect the safety culture at the ground. This positive attitude will be reflected in all members of staff. The club will work openly with representatives of the local authority, police, fire and ambulance for relevant advice on how to discharge its responsibilities to achieve safety standards required.

All events within this sports ground will be staffed according to an event specific risk assessment which will be completed prior to the event by the Safety Officer or nominated deputy in conjunction with other organisations where necessary. This risk assessment will ensure that the staffing levels at each event enable it to achieve the safety of spectators.

Wherever possible events at Notts County Football Ground shall be operated with in house staff that are familiar with the safety management and contingency procedures of the sports ground. When this is not possible or practicable the safety management shall be responsible for the comprehensive briefing of any additional staff.

This stewarding plan has initially been prepared for use of the existing accommodation and shall be revised when spectator arrangements are revised and/or when additional spectator accommodation is made available.

Safety Management Structure

Event Day Safety Management responsibilities are:

Safety Officer – in overall command

Deputy – who has to be deemed a suitable person

Head Steward

Whose duties include managing and implementing operational aspects as directed by the Safety Officer. To support stand supervisors when required. To ensure stewards are performing their duties correctly by intrusive supervision. To remain visible at all times.

Supervisors

There are currently 7 Supervisors who are deployed as follows:

Derek Pavis Stand

Kop Stand Upper

Kop Stand Lower

Family Stand

Jimmy Sirrel Stand

Players' tunnel and hospitality area of the Derek Pavis Stand

Car Parks and Gates

These are the sectors into which the Ground is divided for operational purposes. They are not coded in any manner and referred to by name. Each of the Supervisors will be issued with a radio and be in contact with match control at all times. Each Supervisor will be expected to know the layout of their areas in detail and be able to fully brief stewards assigned to their area of the ground regarding these matters. These persons will hold the Level 3 supervisors qualification or be actively working towards it and their potential to be a supervisor corroborated by Telford College assessors.

Stewards

All Stewards will have attained or be working to NVQ Level 2. In all circumstances where training is provided they will attain that qualification within 12 months. The role of a steward on match days can be varied so where consistency of deployment in certain roles benefits the operation as a whole this shall be implemented. Each steward shall be aware of their roles and responsibilities thorough briefing and the supply of information such as job descriptions, handbooks and aide memoires.

Response Team

The Club maintains a corps of staff trained in physical intervention techniques and which complement their trained safety role. This corps of stewards is deployed according to the level of “risk” assessed by the Safety Officer for each Match.

Numerical Requirements on Match Days

The Club recognises and understands that advice contained within the Green and Pink Guide in respect of stewarding numbers.

Details of the deployment positions for any Match are set out in a spread sheet covering all areas of the Ground and which takes full account of the occupancy levels expected at any Match together with phased re-deployments that may be required to address the various phases of the event.

In this way, the Safety Officer is able to exercise his/her professional discretion in allocating resources that meet the identified safety needs of the spectators in the Ground.

Control Room Match Day Staff

Safety Officer
CCTV Operator
Loggist

Stewards Training

Currently all training is arranged and conducted by Telford College. They ensure that all stewards receive the necessary training to NVQ Level 2 and supervisors receive the necessary training to NVQ Level 3.

No steward shall be deployed at the Ground until they have taken all aspects of the familiarisation and induction training as required by the Green Guide.

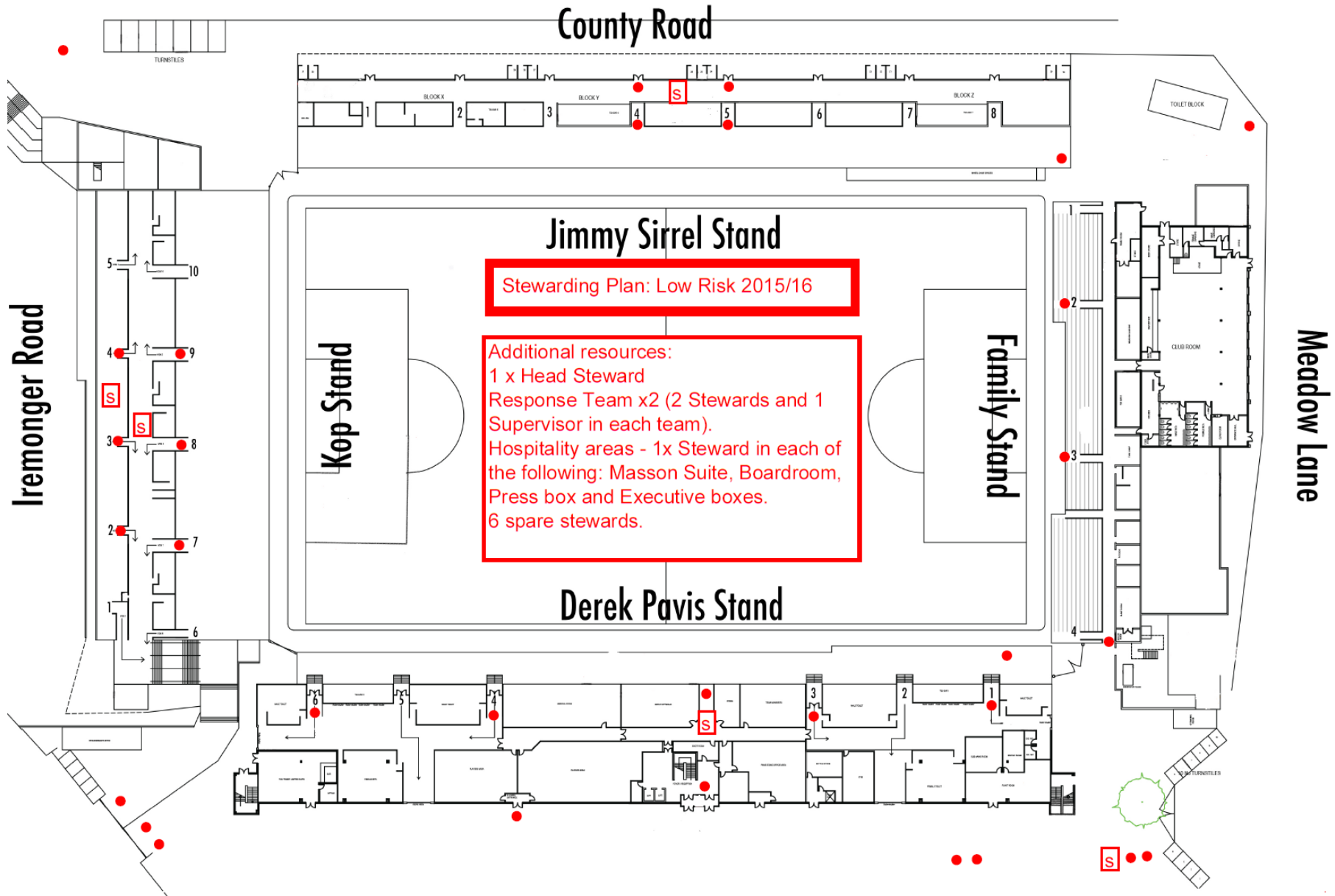
All stewards shall complete their training, assessment and qualification with 12 months thereafter.

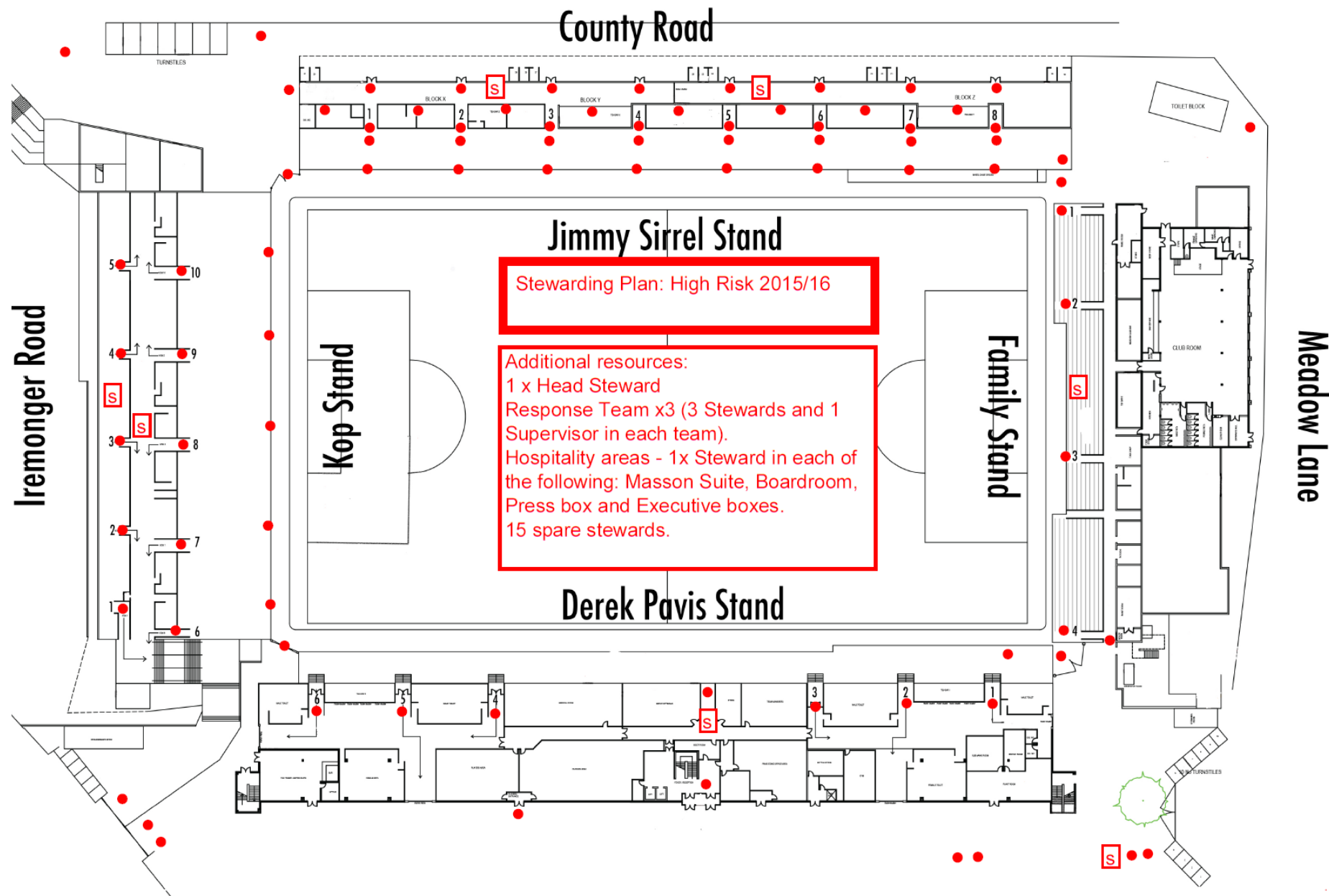
Training records for all stewards are kept by Telford College

Stewards Positions

Each Match is subject to a detailed and recorded risk assessment completed by the Safety Officer and which draws on a range of information provided by Notts County FC, the visiting Club, the Police and the Football Safety Officers Association website.

Using this information, and taking account of the areas of the Ground to be occupied by spectators, the Safety Officer identifies those positions that require to be stewarded across the 4 phases referred to in the Pink Guide.





APPENDIX 5 SPECIFIED ACTIVITY RISK ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE

EVENT INFORMATION			
DATE OF FIXTURE		FIXTURE	
FIXTURE START TIME(S)		ASSESSED BY	
ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE		ASSESSMENT DATE	
QUESTION OR INFORMATION TO BE CONSIDERED	RISK (AS PER STEWARDING PLAN – HIGH, MEDIUM OR LOW)	<i>Insert below details of the fixture specific information</i>	
THREAT ASSESSMENT and POLICE INTELLIGENCE POLICE CATEGORISATION:			
CROWD PROFILE / CROWD INFORMATION <u>Derek Pavis Stand</u> (including age, % of children, % disabled, anticipated attendance, any issues of risk relating to the crowd profile)		Stand Capacity: Season Ticket Holder numbers: Pre-sold Tickets: Likely Walk-ups:	
CROWD PROFILE / CROWD INFORMATION: <u>Kop Stand</u> (including age, % of children, % disabled, anticipated attendance, any issues of risk relating to the crowd profile)		Stand Capacity: Season Ticket Holder numbers: Pre-sold Tickets: Likely Walk-ups:	
CROWD PROFILE / CROWD INFORMATION: <u>Jimmy Sirrel Stand</u> (including age,% of children, % disabled, anticipated attendance, any issues of risk relating to the crowd profile)		Stand Capacity: Season Ticket Holder numbers: Pre-sold Tickets: Likely Walk-ups:	

CROWD PROFILE / CROWD INFORMATION: <u>Haydn Green Stand</u> (including age,% of children, % disabled, anticipated attendance, any issues of risk relating to the crowd profile)		Stand Capacity: Season Ticket Holder numbers: Pre-sold Tickets: Likely Walk-ups:
FSOA INFORMATION RE VISITORS RELEVANT TO THIS FIXTURE:		Matches checked and date of fixture:
HISTORICAL FIXTURE INFORMATION BETWEEN THE TWO CLUBS IN LAST 3 SEASONS:		
TICKET SALES POLICY:		
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FIXTURE:		
TRAVEL / PARKING DETAILS:		
ADDITIONAL NOTES:		
EVENT CONTROLS		
STAFFING LEVELS	YES/NO	Your Action(s)
CONTROL TEAM FOR THIS MATCH BY ROLE		
STEWARDING PLAN FOR THIS MATCH IN TERMS OF NUMBERS BY ROLE		
TURNSTILE OPERATORS		
CAR PARK ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITING SUPPORTERS		
HOSPITALITY ISSUES		
MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS		
ANY OTHER COMMENTS		
RISK SCORE:		

A number of the potential problems that may commonly be associated with fixtures are identified below.

PROBLEM TO BE CONSIDERED	YES/NO	Your Action(s)
BUILD UP OF CROWD DENSITY: (Points of entry, ticket sales & collection points, concourse and circulation areas)		
OVER CAPACITY IN VIEWING ACCOMMODATION		
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR OF SPECTATORS (refer to above sources FSOA and Police)		
UNAUTHORISED FIELD OF PLAY INCURSION (refer to above sources FSOA and Police)		
ASSAULT or ABUSE OF PLAYER or MATCH OFFICIAL (refer to above sources FSOA and Police)		
ASSAULT or ABUSE OF EMPLOYEES (refer to above sources FSOA and Police)		
INCLEMENT WEATHER (high temperature, high winds, localised flooding, electrical storms)		
CONTINGENCY PLANS <i>Identify any required changes to the contingency plans as a result of the risk assessment</i>		

APPENDIX 6 DEVIATIONS FROM THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE GREEN GUIDE

Deviations	Green Guide	Remarks
Main Stand exit from Block D/E 1.90m high	Minimum 2.0m Headroom	Critical only under existing structural beam
Main Stand exit from Directors Box 1.87m high	Minimum 2.0m Headroom	Critical only under existing structural beam
In the Derek Pavis Stand risers from row D and up are 220mm. Handrails are only provided in the uppermost section of the Main Stand.	The risers of steps in radial gangways should not be more than 190mm and should also be uniform.	The compensatory factor (handrail) was only required at the higher levels of the stand as the installation of additional handrails would adversely affect lateral movement in the event of the adjacent vomitory being obstructed.
The metal constructed upper section of the stairway exiting the Kop stand towards Final Exit Gate D has open risers.	Recommends that open risers should not be used on stairways.	This stairway is only used as a downward route for exiting and as such the open risers are not a safety consideration.
Final Exit Gate F and pitch perimeter gates 10 & 17 are not capable of being opened outwards when used.	Recommends that all exit doors and gates should be capable of opening outwards so that crowds can escape in an emergency without obstruction.	All three gates are staffed at all times and will be opened by a Steward before spectators are directed to evacuate along the route. Also when the gates are opened in an inward position they do not create an obstruction.
Catering outlet roller shutters are not operated by fusible link. Concerns raised regarding the possibility of smoke build-up which could ventilate through the exits from the seating above.	Catering outlets containing deep fat fryers or hot food cooking facilities should be separated from other internal areas or spectator accommodation where roller shutters are used these should be capable of operating both manually and by fusible link.	Due to the configuration and layout of the catering outlets, fusible links could result in entrapment of staff/spectators and therefore, the compensatory factors currently in place are adequate. Location of food bars are adjacent to open-air. In the event of a fire, smoke would vent to fresh air and would not rapidly fill the rear corridor or vent via the vomitories into the stand.
The toilet in the First Aid Room does not allow for access by wheelchair users.	Toilet facilities in the First Aid room should be accessible to wheelchair users.	Disabled toilet block which allows for access by wheelchair users is immediately adjacent to the First Aid Room.
The First Aid Room does not have a telephone connection.	The First Aid Room should have a telephone line allowing internal and direct external communication (not via a switchboard).	The medical provider is provided with a radio before the Specified Activity, providing them with communication to the Control Room. Emergency telephone located in nearby turnstile 18.

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