

## FINAL Minutes SSAG Meeting held on 6 April 2021 @ 11am Via Teams video conferencing

Attendees:	Sheila Roberts (SRO)	LBN – Licensing and Regulatory Services - Chair
	Edward King	LBN – Licensing and Regulatory Services
	Leah Pratten	LBN – Licensing and Regulatory Services
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	Pete Ng	LBN – Highways & Traffic Management
	Sally Burns	Public Health Newham
	Derek Worsford	British Transport Police
	Sara-Ellen Williams	LLDC
	Tony Tolley	LLDC
	Graham Gilmore	London Stadium185
	Jason Eglash	London Stadium185
	Peter Swordy	London Stadium185
	Anna Jankowski	London Stadium185
	Jonathan Healy	London Stadium185
	Alan Skewis	London Stadium185
	Stuart Murray	Metropolitan Police Service
	Nick Gerry	Metropolitan Police Service
	Lou Elliston	Sports Ground Safety Authority
	Rosie Watson	St John Ambulance
	Ben William	South Eastern
	Stuart Phillips	South Eastern
	Steve Ford	London Ambulance Services
	Gary Ashe	TFL Underground
	Immteyaz Kurrimboccus	TFL Buses
	Ben Illingworth	West Ham United FC
	Jamie Fox	West Ham United FC
	Nicola Keye	West Ham United FC
	Philippa Cartwright	West Ham United FC
	Tom Lish	Westfield Stratford City
	Adrian Howles	Westfield Stratford City
	Chris Mitchell	Westfield Stratford City

## 1. Apologies

Meeting convened via Teams, apologies received from Chris Betts, WCS.

Minutes from the last meeting held 1 December 2020 agreed.

Action updates from previous minutes	Ref
HVM Installation  4 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	
Update on the HVM system still pending.	LLDC OPEN
Banning Orders  1 December 2020	
The SGSA and LBN need to see evidence of all warning letters and bans as well as implementation and impact.	WHU



AGENDA ITEMS	Actions
2. SGSA COVID-19 Guidance update	
No further update is available until after all pilot events have been analysed and scientists have some data to measure. Information may not be available until late May.	
SG02 will continue to apply in the main.	
From the 21 June it's currently undetermined as to whether there will be social distancing requirements in place.	
3. Return of 10k Spectators to football on 23 <sup>rd</sup> May – WHU v Southampton	
LBN have published their latest Covid-19 data on the website dashboard. Levels of testing have dropped slightly which is of concern to Public Health Newham.	
LS185 gave an update on the past 11 BCD fixtures which were all a success. A debrief of the fixture held on 5 <sup>th</sup> December with spectators was shared.	
LS185 are awaiting further guidance from the SGSA, Premier League and Government to assist with their planning for the match on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> May. Currently working with SGSA SG02 with no fans and will adapt to cater for spectators once it has been confirmed.	SGSA
<b>Ticketing</b> Issuing of tickets will be balloted with the ticketing policy remaining the same as the fixture on the 5 <sup>th</sup> December.	
Covid-19 Measures & Code of Conduct Covid-19 protocols shared. Discussions are ongoing with regard to those exempt from wearing face coverings and whether they should be allocated a designated location for their protection. SGSA and LBN recommend a dedicated area be made available for exempt fans to give a greater level of protection. WHU added that they are requesting advance notice and proof of exemption	
from fans. Issue has been raised with the Premier League for clearer guidance for exempt spectators to ensure there is adequate social distancing for their own safety and to ensure consistency across clubs. LS185 to share the outcome of discussions.	
QR codes will be in place in the hospitality area and each member of the party will need to scan and register.	
Food & Drink Refreshments will be available on sale and only allowed to be consumed in bowl seating. Further guidance from the SGSA in relation to the sale of alcohol within GA areas is required.	SGSA
Transport There have been initial discussions with transport partners to review numbers and mitigate overcrowding, there are currently plans in place which can be developed to facilitate away supporters. LS185 are working with WHU on postcode data which will be shared with South Eastern. It was noted that South Eastern will be running a reduced service.	
LS185 are in the process of working out a plan for the barriers on Montfichet and will present their final solution to PN (LBN). An application for a TRO will be submitted.	LS185
Westfield will be closed at 6pm and will not be open to West Ham fans.	



Stop and holds will be in place on egress, social distancing and mask wearing will not be enforced. TFL have concerns about the interchange of traffic which is always challenging, it would be useful if periodic stop and holds were implemented further back. Safety of customers on the station footprint is paramount for TFL. BTP suggested barriers be erected at car park A as an option to mitigate flow.	LS185	
WHU are in the process of planning socially distanced after-game events which should alleviate a hard egress. Details of the events to be shared with partners.	WHU	
LS185 informed the group of potential ticketless West Ham fans and demonstrators turning up on the park. WHU to work on messaging about the event, particularly on ticketless fans. Chair suggested a police planning meeting be arranged ahead of the event to discuss how general attendance in QEOP will impact on any management of egress.		
LLDC reminded partners about runs taking place in the park the morning of the fixture. LLDC to update members on plans to mitigate against people relieving themselves on the park.	LLDC	
4. WHUFC Ticketing Strategy		
Ticketing strategy will remain largely the same as previous ticketed event which worked well.		
Seating plan shared highlighting social distancing bubbles and identifying exempt fans as discussed with the stadium.		
WHU will work on postcode data should it be required.	WHU	
SGSA and Public Health Newham recommended that children aged 12 and above should be required to wear face coverings.		
The club will be going out to sale with the full comprehensive plan for next season's tickets.		
5. Partners joined- up Comms Plan, including messaging to fans regarding travel		
West Ham United FC will be leading on comms to all supporters attending both pre and post- match. LBN reiterated the importance of a multi-party joint comms strategy as before and ensure messaging is tied into control rooms.	WHU	
WHUFC to share their proposed comms plan with partners. Live updates will be communicated directly to LS185 throughout the fixture.	WHU	
The club are working on a full mode of transport plan which will be shared with members.	WHU	
Westfield are not concerned about capacity but wanted it noted that their shoppers will be egressing at the same time as football.		
7. Review of Safety Certificate with Movement Strategies work.		
LS185 confirmed that Movement Strategies were compiling data on egress traffic and had a further major fixture to monitor before the final report is published, this was interrupted by Covid-19 lockdown.		
For this event LS185 will be looking at using a temporary HVM system. A more permanent solution should be available in the next 6 months.		



#### 8. Consultation for North Stand Bar area

There are plans to install a new bar in the north stand. Pre app dialogue has taken place to provide assistance and information ahead of application. This forms part of the formal consultation for the licensing application. Final application will be submitted at the end of the week, link to the website is below to view the details of the application:

https://pa.newham.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage

An operating schedule will company it. This application will be considered separately on its own merit. Once the application is received there are 20 working days for any representations to be raised. Objections have to satisfy the four main licensing objectives which are; prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, promotion of public safety and protection of children from harm.

Overview and summary of the application was shared with partners.

MPS added that they support the LA licensing objectives, for standalone events a sensible partnership discussion will be useful in advance.

LS185

LS185 will consult with LBN and MPS for any European games screening.

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### 10. Any other Safety Related Business

#### **Safety Seat Rails**

Installation of safety seat rails is progressing well and majority will be in by end of next week. LBN and SGSA mentioned that segregation on cat C fixtures will need reviewing.

LS185

### **Banning Orders**

Separate meeting will need to be held with West Ham to review this in detail.

LBN

#### BTP event update

There is an Arsenal home fixture on the 23 May with interchanging of fans on platforms for transport partners to consider when planning.

#### 11. Date of next Football SAG

Thursday 3 June 2021.