West Ham United – Stadium Safety Advisory Group Meeting (SSAG)



FINAL Minutes SSAG Meeting held on Tuesday 5 April 2022 @ 11am Via Teams video conferencing

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Attendees:	Sheila Roberts (SRO)	LBN – Licensing and Regulatory Services - Chair
	Edward King	LBN – Licensing and Regulatory Services
	Peter Ng	LBN – Highways and Traffic Management
	Nigel Mould	LBN – Emergency Planning and Resilience
		LBN – Licensing and Regulatory Services – minutes
	Louise Jeffery	ABBA Arena
	Daniel Kennett	British Transport Police
	Gary Ashe	TFL Underground
	Neal King	TFL
	Charlotte Hutton	International Quarter London
	Michael Perridge	Bidvest Noonan
	Sara-Ellen Williams	LLDC
	John Walker	LLDC
	Jason Eglash	London Stadium185
	Peter Swordy	London Stadium185
	Anna Jankowski	London Stadium185
	Andy Fraser	London Stadium 185
	Alan Skewis	London Stadium 185
	Andy Sheldon	Metropolitan Police Service
	John Sheehan	Metropolitan Police Service
	John Sandlin	Security Industry Authority
	Jamie Smith	London Ambulance Services
	Gemma Price	Network Rail
	Lou Elliston	Sports Ground Safety Authority
	Matt Atkinson	St John Ambulance
	Stuart Phillips	South Eastern
	Gill O'Keeffe	South Eastern
	Imteyaz Kurrimboccus	TFL Buses
	Ben Illingworth	West Ham United FC
	Nicola Keye	West Ham United FC
	Jake Heath	West Ham United FC
	Tom Lish	Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield
	Adrian Howles	Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield

AGENDA ITE	EMS		Actions	
1. Introductions and apologies Meeting convened via Microsoft Teams and apologies received from Peter Tudor, LLDC and Graham Gilmore, LS185.				
2. Minutes Minutes from the last meeting held on 1st February 2022 approved.				
3. Upcoming Fixtures				
Thur 7 Apr Sun 17 Apr	West Ham v Olympique Lyonnaise West Ham v Burnley	KO: 8pm KO: 2.15pm		
,	West Ham v Arsenal West Ham v Manchester City	KO: 4.30pm KO: 3pm		

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MPS and BTP will res	ource fixtures according to intelliger	nce and capacity and will liaise with TFL.		
4. Strategic learning	gs and actions			
Tues 8 Feb Sat 19 Feb Sun 27 Feb Sun 13 Mar Thur 17 Mar Sun 3 Apr Summary of fixtures s between LS185, MPS		KO: 7.45pm KO: 12:30pm KO: 2pm KO: 2pm KO: 8pm KO: 2pm KO: 2pm		
Detween LS 165, IMPS	and the club.			
5 & 6. SGSA Issues	and risk assessment for upper ti	ers		
SGSA reminded members that they issue licences for all seating stadia and the Board are concerned about persistent standing in blocks 217 which could be at risk of progressive collapse. The piloting of safety rails in the upper tiers is proving effective as a safety feature.				
SGSA need to be satisfied that all plans proposed by LS185 and WHUFC will mitigate the risk of progressive collapse before the licence is issued. It was noted that LS185 have written to the SGSA with a proposed solution. Letter to the SGSA to be shared with LBN.				
Discussions continued reviewing the proposed plan to close the right hand side of block 217 with the first two rows being netted over in block 216 for the new season. SGSA declared that the proposal shared will be presented to the SGSA Board for a collective view. WHUFC requested a meeting with the SGSA to present their proposal.				
SGSA announced that the lower west is also of concern as complaints have been received by wheelchair users. Action needs to be taken. LS185 stated that they are working closely with the club and the new configuration will assist with mitigating issues.				
Chair added that these changes are essential to support the capacity increase application.				
JE (LS185) is working with WHUFC to finalise the risk assessment for block 217 and this will be shared with LBN and the SGSA.				
7. Update in seating	manifest and ticket sales			
Season ticket sales are going out on offer in the week.				
8. Ingress and egre	ss operation update			
URW to share their risk assessment for Round House Lane and a meeting need to be arranged with LS185 to review the operation.				
9. Coach parking up	odate			
WHUFC and LS185 shared their proposed coach parking plan for the new season. The final plan will be shared at the next Stadium SAG meeting for consultation.				

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10. Issues raised by fan groups		
None noted. There is a planning meeting at the end of the season and the agenda will be shared with the SAG Chair in advance and have a minute taker at the meetings.	WHUFC	
11. Any other football safety related business		
Members discussed in detail the desire to publish WHUFC sanctions and bans on their website, context to be determined.		
Commonwealth Games CWG sessions are on 29, 31 July and 1 August. Any upcoming friendly fixtures that may clash with these dates need to be shared with members.	LS185	
Uplift in Capacity Capacity increase application should be submitted by end of April and the updated seating manifest will form part of the application.	LS185	
12. Date of next Football SAG		
Tuesday 31 May 2022.		