

FINAL Minutes

SSAG Meeting held on Friday 6 September 2024 @ 11am
at the London Stadium

Attendees:	Edward King	LBN – Licensing and Regulatory Services - Chair
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	Leah Pratten	LBN – Licensing and Regulatory Services
	Jessica Dempsey	LBN – Highways and Traffic Management
	Sara-Ellen Williams	London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC)
	Peter Swordy	London Stadium 185 Limited (LS185)
	Darren Raczkowski	London Stadium 185 Limited (LS185)
	James Clarke	London Stadium 185 Limited (LS185)
	Jason Eglash	London Stadium 185 Limited (LS185)
	Dawn James	London Stadium 185 Limited (LS185)
	Andy Sheldon	Metropolitan Police Services
	Malcolm Gillespie	Metropolitan Police Services
	Stuart Phillips	South Eastern Rail
	Peter Smith	West Ham United Football Club
	Philippa Cartwright	West Ham United Football Club
	Alison Stuart	Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield Group
	Amy Longhurst	Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield Group

AGENDA ITEMS	Actions
<p>1. Introductions and apologies</p> <p>Meeting convened and apologies received from: Graham Beers (LFB), Ann Ramage (SGSA), Jonathan Fleet (SIA), Ben Darryl (WHUFC), Christina Dockerill (DLR), Derek Worsfold (BTP), Ian McConnell (LBN), Mark Ashley (BTP), Bes Yesmane (Stratford Cross).</p>	
<p>2. Minutes</p> <p>Minutes from the last meeting held on 5 July 2024 agreed.</p>	
<p>3. Strategic learnings and actions</p> <p>10 Aug 24 WH v RC Celta De Vigo KO: 3pm 17 Aug 24 WH v Aston villa KO: 5.30pm 28 Aug 24 WH v Bournemouth KO: 7.45pm 31 Aug 24 WH v Manchester City KO: 12.30pm</p> <p>Overview of last 4 fixtures since last SSAG shared.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total attendance of 167,992 • Total ejections: 42 • North Deck bar still in operation excluding late kick-off fixtures <p>Keynotes: no major issues of concern. Segregation working well in the uppers. MPS supporting and attending steward’s briefings to support staff. Updates on assaults involving stewards are shared with them to ensure they are informed of the outcome.</p>	

<p><u>MPS</u> Overview Shared by MPS covering the 4 fixtures. The police addressed issues relating to and including, ejections, pitch incursions, assault on stewards, tailgating, racial abuse, anti-social behaviour (ASB) and drug-related incidents.</p> <p><u>Protests</u> Protests involving the release of black balloons have taken place at every game, both home and away, so far.</p> <p>Discussions continued regarding concerns about skaters and their impact on public safety during egress for both football and non-football events. These concerns have been brought to the attention of the Borough Resilience Group and Community Safety teams. A working group has been established to address the issue and develop a focused response, with SSAG members invited to participate. EK will escalate further issues addressed at the working group to BECC.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>4. Upcoming potential friendly/Premier League fixtures</p> <p><u>21 September 24 - WH vs Chelsea</u> No concerns. Transport issues, which will affect Stratford.</p> <p><u>5 October 24 - WH vs Ipswich</u> No concerns or risk groups, BAU fixture.</p> <p><u>27 October 24 - WH vs Manchester United</u> No concerns, BAU fixture.</p> <p><u>9 November 24 - WH vs Everton</u> LS185 to resource accordingly, BAU fixture.</p>	
<p>5. Persistent Standing working group update</p> <p>LS185 submitted their update on persistent standing to the SGSA, with the local authority copied. The working group is proactive, transparent, and maintains a strong partnership with WHUFC. Communication is regularly reviewed, with root causes documented, while banning procedures and migration policies are also consistently evaluated. Stewards are reminded that standing is in violation of licence regulations.</p> <p>LS185 has requested that the SGSA provide clear guidelines/parameters on how persistent standing should be recorded for submission.</p>	<p>SGSA</p>
<p>6. New misses and accidents</p> <p>There are no significant issues. All minor incidents and near misses are documented, addressed, and resolved.</p>	
<p>7. Safety related issues raised by fan groups</p> <p>No safety concerns raised. Supporters group meeting on the 11 September, any safety related issues raised will feedback to SSAG.</p>	

<p>8. Any other football safety related business</p> <p>No other safety related concerns raised.</p>	
<p>9. Date of next Football SAG</p> <p>Friday 1 November 2024</p>	