

**Statement of Intent**  
**Between Stadium 185**  
**and**  
**Metropolitan Police Service**

This Statement of Intent does not create a legally binding contract or agreement between the Metropolitan Police Service and Stadium 185.

The purpose of this document is to establish an agreed position as to the roles and responsibilities of the Metropolitan Police Service and Stadium 185 during football league and cup fixtures and other events and games held at the Stadium. This document aims to give clarity to all parties involved in accordance with recommendation 11 of the Final Enquiry Report of the Right Honourable Lord Justice Taylor in to the Hillsborough Disaster.

**1. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STADIUM**

All aspects of the running of the event are the sole responsibilities of Stadium 185. The Stadium agree to act in compliance with Home Office publications (where appropriate), The Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds 5 Edition 2008 (and any subsequent amendments), the general safety certificate, act in accordance with Sports Grounds Safety Authority guidance and in particular be responsible for:

- The overall safety of the event
- The stewarding of the event.
- All issues affecting the safety of spectators and staff at the venue including issue of monitoring to avoid overcrowding.
- All conditions as identified in the safety certificate

## **2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE**

Metropolitan Police Service will comply with Home Office publications (where appropriate) the Core Police roles as defined by the Association of Chief Police Officers Sub - committee for public order and published in the 'Authorised Professional Practice (APP )' :-

- a) Prevention and detection of crime.
- b) Prevention or stopping of a Breach of the Peace.
- c) Traffic regulation within the legal powers provided by statute. (Which does not cater for the stopping of traffic immediately outside the event)
- d) Activation of contingency plans where there is an immediate threat to life and property, and the co-ordination of the resultant Emergency Services available.

In particular:

- The enforcement of legislation under the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc) Act 1985 as amended at the entrances to the stadium.
- The enforcement of legislation under the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Act 1985 at sporting events on vehicles travelling to the event.
- Public order.
- Football (Offences) Act 1991; Football (Offences and Disorder) Act 1999 ; Football Spectators Act 1989 and the (Football Disorder) Act 2000 and any amendments.
- The enforcement of legislation and investigation of racially aggravated/homophobic/hate crime offences.
- Criminal Activity.

The deployment or use of any of these police powers being at the discretion of the Metropolitan Police Service.

### 3. DECISIONS AS TO PRIMACY

In the event of an incident reaching a critical stage beyond the capacity of Stadium 185 to address the situation, the protocol of the Metropolitan Police Service having primacy (if in attendance within the ground) will be as follows;

- a) If the Safety Manager or Stadiums representative decides the situation is beyond the capacity of the Stadium, the nominated Stadium Safety Manager will consult with the Police Commander or Senior Police Officer present. The Police Commander or Senior Police Officer present will take primacy.

Or

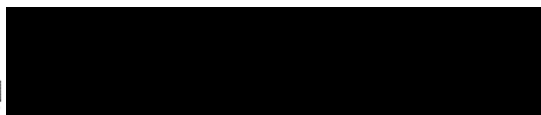
- b) If the Police Commander or Senior Police Officer present decides the situation has reached a critical stage, requiring the immediate intervention of police resources, they will consult with the Safety Manager. The Metropolitan Police Service will take primacy. Employees and agents of the Stadium will work in conjunction with the Metropolitan Police Service.

In either case, the situation and circumstances will be documented in the policy log, together with the rationale behind it. These situations will be dynamic by their nature hence the need for expediency by way of verbal decision, to be formalised in writing as soon as practicable.

### 4. VARIATION

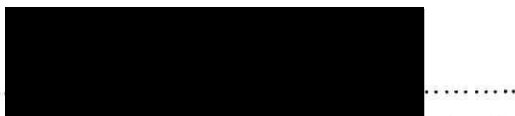
Any variations as to the division of responsibility will be agreed in writing between the Stadium and Metropolitan Police Service and will be appended to this document, signed by the same representative/authorised representative identified below.

Signed



Duly Authorised to sign for and on behalf of Stadium 185.

Signed



Metropolitan Police Service On behalf of the Commissioner

Dated 21.07.2016