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Now there are the conflicting if you like purposes. The Police don't want unnecessarily large gates because if they have to go in, a couple of Policemen have to go in and bring out somebody who is misbehaving it is so easy to have a crowd surge out.

On the other hand if you regard the prime purpose of those gates as being for escape then they should be bigger.

Now this is a matter of much debate over a very long period and it was decided that those gates were appropriate.

- Q. So far as the Kop end was concerned they were made 1.1 metres, a minimum of 1.1 metres, because as you say they were to be treated as parts of the means of evacuation in order to get the crowd capacity to the desired level?
- A. That is it.
- Q. At the other end that is the Leppings Lane end, of course they weren't to be used as an evacuation in the sense that the crowd capacity did not depend upon those gates? - A. That is so. Part of the picture sir was that the evacuation time at the Leppings Lane end was particularly favourable, whereas the calculated time for the Kop was I believe 16 minutes originally.
- Q. Indeed. We have seen the documentation. I don't think we need go into the detail? - A. Only 6 minutes for the Leppings Lane.
- Q. But nevertheless it was clearly desirable that there should be gates in case of an emergency? - A. Yes.
- Q. And there should be a sufficiency of gates, a sufficient number? - A. Yes.
- Q. And that they should be of a sufficient width to cope if they had to without of course being too wide? - A. Yes.
- Q. Now 1.1 metres is not enormously wide, is it? - A. No, that is suitable for two people abreast.
- Q. And one would have thought not too wide to defeat the Police object in not having too large a gate? - A. This is a matter of balance and compromise as with many of these decisions which have to be taken by the professional team, professional judgment, commonsense, and the team spent much time discussing these matters.
- Q. Of course since 1986 the new Guide has come down in favour, clearly in favour of 1.1? - A. Yes.
- Q. We can see that in paragraph 215 of the 1986 version of the Guide? - A. Can I say sir of the several grounds where