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Dear Sir,

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Safety of Sports Grounds Act, 1975
Sheffield Wednesday Football Club

Referring to your letter of 9th September, the Officer Working Party (Sheffield District) has considered the proposals referred to in your letter of 2nd September and accompanying plans.

1. Radial Barriers on West Terrace

Whilst welcoming the increased control on the Terrace which should result, concern was expressed as to the problems which could occur with opposing fans mixing at the rear of the West Stand and/or at the entry/exit gates. However, it was felt that only experience would show whether this would prove to be a reality and, if realised, whether the problem was of such a small scale that it could be easily coped with by the police.

Accordingly, the Officer Working Party at this stage sees no objection to the proposals to instal two 1680 mm high radial barriers, with 1.15 metre gates at the rear, on the West Terrace, subject to:-

- (a) the further calculations required by the Building Authority being satisfactory (Mr. Sheriff to contact you direct);
- (b) confirmation that adequate headroom will be available at the rear of the Terrace after installation of the barriers and gates, and
- (c) the new gates at the rear of the Terrace also being under police control.

2. Security Gates around North Stand

The Officer Working Party fully recognises the Club's need to provide security for the remainder of the stadium when only the gymnasium is in use.

Provided that the gates and/or their supports, hinges, etc. do not impinge on the existing critical ramp widths and the gates are secured in the fully open position on match days, the Officer Working Party sees no objection to the erection of security gates around the North Stand.

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