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SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS ACT 1975

Note of a Meeting held at the Hillsborough Stadium,
Sheffield on 4th February, 1982

PRESENT: Representing the Sheffield Wednesday Football Club Ltd

E. England (Secretary)
Dr. W. Eastwood (Messrs. Eastwood & Partners)
J. Strange (Messrs. Eastwood & Partners)

Representing the Officer Working Party (Sheffield District)

Ms. J. Barker (South Yorkshire Police)
R. Herold (South Yorkshire Police)
D. Horner (South Yorkshire County Fire Service)
M. Johnson (South Yorkshire County Fire Service)
D. Sheriff (City of Sheffield Metropolitan District Council)
D. Sumner (City of Sheffield Metropolitan District Council)
D. I. Vaughan (South Yorkshire County Council)
F. Waterhouse (South Yorkshire County Fire Service)

1. Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the apparent difference of opinion on certain aspects of the radial barriers installed on the West Terrace and the security gates at the top of the North stand ramps, as well as to carry out the usual winter inspection of the Stadium.

2. Ground Inspection

A. West Terrace

Whilst the whole Terrace had yet to be used, the matches played since the erection of the radial barriers indicated that generally they worked well and satisfactorily effected the segregation of opposing groups of fans.

However, the police pointed out that in places the existing crush barriers had been extended up to and, in some cases, completely through the new radial barriers, which had the effect of making it relatively easy for anyone who wished to do so to climb from one pen to another. Also, in the pen nearest to the South Stand, a small length of existing crush barrier had been left unsupported.

IT WAS AGREED -

(i) That, on balance, it was preferable from a safety point of view to prevent crowd surge by the existing barriers being extended up to and/or through the new radial barriers than to completely prevent persons being able to climb from one pen to another, subject to review at the end of the current season.

✓ (ii) That the unsupported small length of existing crush barrier would be cut off.