

Ruling on the match commanders' application for a further video to be prepared

1. Putting it very shortly, Mr. Berry, on behalf of the match commanders submits that Operation Resolve should be asked to prepare a further compilation video to depict the normal packing of pens. He suggests that should be done so that the jury, which otherwise might well not know, have a proper understanding of how pens were normally packed. They need, he submits, to be able to make a proper comparison of the level of packing in pens 3 and 4 in 1989 and that normally to be expected.
2. That seems to me unnecessary for several reasons. The jury have heard and will continue to hear evidence from fans and police officers about what density was normal and when pens were visibly or palpably over-crowded. There is footage of the pens in 1988 when there was no significant reported injury (albeit some of the families' counsel have described 1988 as a 'near miss'). There is too some footage of the Kop in 1989. It would not be a sensible or proportionate use of court time now to embark on a comparative analysis of the packing of pens at different football grounds.

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