

# **Licensing Committee**

**Thursday 27 September 2018 at 10.00 am**

**To be held at at the Town Hall,  
Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH**

**The Press and Public are Welcome to Attend**

## **Membership**

**Councillors David Barker (Chair), Josie Paszek (Chair), Andy Bainbridge,  
Lisa Banes, Jack Clarkson, Dawn Dale, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst,  
Douglas Johnson, Mike Levery, George Lindars-Hammond, Joe Otten,  
Vickie Priestley, Mick Rooney and Cliff Woodcraft**

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**LICENSING COMMITTEE AGENDA  
27 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Order of Business**

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- 1. Welcome and Housekeeping Arrangements**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Exclusion of Public and Press**  
To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public
- 4. Declarations of Interest**  
Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting.
- 5. Safety of Sports Grounds Act (as amended) and Football Spectators Act 1989 - Stadium General Safety Certificates and Spectator Licences**  
Report of the Chief Licensing Officer

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## ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

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If you are present at a meeting of the Council, of its executive or any committee of the executive, or of any committee, sub-committee, joint committee, or joint sub-committee of the authority, and you have a **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)** relating to any business that will be considered at the meeting, you must not:

- participate in any discussion of the business at the meeting, or if you become aware of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the meeting, participate further in any discussion of the business, or
- participate in any vote or further vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

These prohibitions apply to any form of participation, including speaking as a member of the public.

You **must**:

- leave the room (in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct)
- make a verbal declaration of the existence and nature of any DPI at any meeting at which you are present at which an item of business which affects or relates to the subject matter of that interest is under consideration, at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent.
- declare it to the meeting and notify the Council's Monitoring Officer within 28 days, if the DPI is not already registered.

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your **disclosable pecuniary interests** under the new national rules. You have a pecuniary interest if you, or your spouse or civil partner, have a pecuniary interest.

- Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner undertakes.
- Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period\* in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

\*The relevant period is the 12 months ending on the day when you tell the Monitoring Officer about your disclosable pecuniary interests.

- Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority –
  - under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
  - which has not been fully discharged.

- Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.
- Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.
- Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) –
  - the landlord is your council or authority; and
  - the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.
- Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -
  - (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
  - (b) either -
    - the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
    - if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

If you attend a meeting at which any item of business is to be considered and you are aware that you have a **personal interest** in the matter which does not amount to a DPI, you must make verbal declaration of the existence and nature of that interest at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent. You should leave the room if your continued presence is incompatible with the 7 Principles of Public Life (selflessness; integrity; objectivity; accountability; openness; honesty; and leadership).

You have a personal interest where –

- a decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing (including interests in land and easements over land) of you or a member of your family or a person or an organisation with whom you have a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the Council Tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which you have been elected or otherwise of the Authority's administrative area, or
- it relates to or is likely to affect any of the interests that are defined as DPIs but are in respect of a member of your family (other than a partner) or a person with whom you have a close association.

Guidance on declarations of interest, incorporating regulations published by the Government in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, has been circulated to you previously.

You should identify any potential interest you may have relating to business to be considered at the meeting. This will help you and anyone that you ask for advice to fully consider all the circumstances before deciding what action you should take.

In certain circumstances the Council may grant a **dispensation** to permit a Member to take part in the business of the Authority even if the member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest relating to that business.

To obtain a dispensation, you must write to the Monitoring Officer at least 48 hours before the meeting in question, explaining why a dispensation is sought and desirable, and specifying the period of time for which it is sought. The Monitoring Officer may consult with the Independent Person or the Council's Audit and Standards Committee in relation to a request for dispensation.

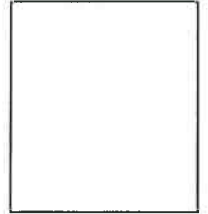
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## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Licensing Committee Report



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**Report of:** Chief Licensing Officer, Head of Licensing

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**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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**Subject:** Stadium General Safety Certificates & Spectator Licences  
Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 (as amended)  
Football Spectators Act 1989

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**Author of Report:** Matt Proctor

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**Summary:** To note the granting of Stadium General Safety Certificates and  
Spectator Licences  
Sheffield United Football Club & Sheffield Wednesday Football Club

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**Recommendations:** That members note the contents of the reports.

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**Background Papers:** Attached documents

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**Category of Report:** OPEN

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## LICENSING COMMITTEE REPORT LIST

### HEARING DAY AND DATE:

**27<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

<b>TIME:</b>	<b>CASE:</b>	<b>NAME:</b>	<b>TYPE:</b>
10.00	91 / 18	Stadium General Safety Certificates	Sports Grounds
10.20	92 / 18	Spectator Licences	Sports Grounds
10.30 – 12.30		Elected Member Training (further material to be provided)	Sports Grounds

**Safety of Sports Grounds Act, 1975 (As Amended)**

**Sheffield Wednesday FC – Hillsborough Stadium  
Sheffield United FC – Bramall Lane Stadium  
Designated Stadium General Safety Certificates**

**1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To confirm the decision of the Chief Licensing Officer (Head of Licensing) to grant a General Safety Certificate in respect of Hillsborough Stadium, Sheffield Wednesday FC and Bramall Lane Stadium, Sheffield United FC

**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The Secretary of State has designated both the Hillsborough Stadium and Bramall Lane Stadium as stadiums requiring a General Safety Certificate under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 (as amended) (the 1975 Act).
- 2.2 Both stadiums have had a General Safety Certificate in place since the introduction of the legislation in 1975.
- 2.3 The Local Authority are the Certifying Authority under the 1975 Act and may issue a General Safety Certificate for stadia situated in the area.
- 2.4 Recommendation 29 of the final report of Lord Justice Taylor into the Hillsborough Stadium Disaster states: -

“.....every stadium certificate should be reviewed by the local authority at least once annually and each certificate should require to be renewed annually.....”

**3.0 BACKGROUND & ANNUAL INSPECTION PROCESS**

- 3.1 The annual inspection process is undertaken during the close season (May – August) each year.
- 3.2 The Club’s engineers and all the inspecting authorities submitted their inspection reports in June 2018. The Safety Advisory Group subsequently met to discuss the respective reports for each stadium..
- 3.3 The items marked urgent in the reports have all now been completed and all the maintenance issues are included in the Club’s maintenance plan. Both clubs have submitted satisfactory schedule seven certificates that are required under the terms and conditions of the safety certificate.
- 3.4 The General Safety Certificate in respect of the Bramall Lane Stadium was issued on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018 and the Hillsborough Stadium on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018 by the Chief Licensing Officer (Head of Licensing) Mr Lonnia. Copies of the Certificates will be brought to the meeting.

- 3.5 Copies of the General Safety Certificate have been served on South Yorkshire Police and the Sports Grounds Safety Authority.
- 3.6 Minor changes and updates were made to both clubs safety certificates as a result of this years review. Additions to the certificates included a section on the use of drones in and around the stadia and a section dealing with the safety features of electronic advertising boards at both grounds.

#### **4.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 4.1 The General Safety Certificate sets out a range of terms and condition that must be complied with at all times the certificate is in force.
- 4.2 The terms and conditions include such issues as:-

- Safety Management
- Medical Services
- Policing
- Stewarding
- Capacity
- Alcohol
- Inspections and Tests; and
- Emergency Procedures

#### **5.0 ADVERTISEMENT**

- 5.1 The issue of the revised General Safety Certificates was advertised on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 in accordance with the legislation.
- 5.2 A copy of the advertisement is attached labelled Appendix A.

#### **6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications for the Council arising from this report.

#### **7.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 7.1 To confirm the decision of the Chief Licensing Officer (Head of Licensing) authorising the grant of an amended and revised General Safety Certificate in respect of the Hillsborough Stadium, Penistone Road, Sheffield, S6 and Bramall Lane Stadium, Bramall Lane, Sheffield, S2 4SU

Steve Lonnia  
Chief Licensing Officer  
(Head of Licensing)

27<sup>th</sup> September 2018

# Appendix A

Statutory Advertisement

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- The Order is needed because works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near the said highway.
- If the Order is made, the Order shall come into operation on 1 September 2018 and shall remain in force for a period of ten months. The duration of the Order can be extended with the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport. The restriction specified will only have effect at such times and to such extent as indicated by the display of notices.
- While the Order is in operation, it will prohibit any person from allowing any vehicle to proceed in the areas of highway as described in paragraph 1 of the Order.
- Access to adjacent properties will be maintained at all times.
- A copy of the draft Order may be viewed on request by contacting the Council on 0114 2734034.

**Dated 23 August 2018**  
**Sheffield City Council**  
**Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH**



**Schedule - B53**  
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**ETHEL PRINCE (Deceased)**  
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of 45 Newfield Green Road Haseley Sheffield S2 2BQ, who died on 20/07/2018, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 26/10/2018, after which date the Estate will be distributed. Please regard only the above as having regard to claims and notices. **KEEBLES LLP**, Commercial House, 14 Commercial Street, Sheffield S1 2AT. 7527435

**JANET LISTER DEAN (Deceased)**  
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of 22 Abbotsdale Road South, Sheffield S17 3LA, formerly of 2 The Crescent, Sheffield S17 4DF, who died on 26/07/2018, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 02/11/2018, after which date the Estate will be distributed. Please regard only the above as having regard to claims and notices. **WRIGHTS**, 3rd Floor Fountain Precinct, Balm Green, Sheffield S1 2JA. 7527439

**JOAN EVELYN SINGLETON (Deceased)**  
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 173 Richmond Road, Sheffield S18 8TD, who died on 25/06/2018, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 31/10/2018, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice. **Irwin Mitchell LLP**, Riverside East, 2 Millands, Sheffield S2 8QT. Ref: GWNNorthings005135471-00000135

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**Sheffield City Council**  
**SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL**  
**SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS ACT 1985**  
**(AS AMENDED)**  
Sheffield City Council has issued a new General Safety Certificate for:-  
Sheffield United Football Club Hillsborough Stadium  
Bramall Lane Stadium Sheffield  
S2 4SU S6 1SW  
The new General Safety Certificates are effective from 3 August 2018 and 10 August 2018 respectively and replace any previous safety certificates issued in respect of these stadia. Copies of the certificates are available for inspection during normal office hours at the **Licensing Service, Block C, Staniforth Road Depot, Staniforth Road, Sheffield, S9 3HD**  
Telephone enquiries to Matthew Proctor on 0114 273 4264.  
**Stephen Lomina,**  
**Chief Licensing Officer (Head of Licensing),**  
**Licensing Service, Staniforth Road Depot,**  
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**Department for Transport**  
**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**  
The Secretary of State gives notice of the proposal to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of a western part width of Claremont Crescent consisting highway verge at Sheffield, in the City of Sheffield.  
If made, the Order would authorise the stopping up only to enable development as permitted by Sheffield City Council, under reference 18/00811/FUL.  
Copies of the draft Order and relevant plan will be available for inspection during normal opening hours at Broomhill Post Office, 273 Fulwood Road, Broomhill, Sheffield, S10 3BD in the 28 days commencing on 23 August 2018, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the address stated below (quoting NATTRAN/Y&H/S2/473455).  
Any person may object to the making of the proposed order by stating their reasons in writing to the Secretary of State at [nationalcasework@dtf.gov.uk](mailto:nationalcasework@dtf.gov.uk) or National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR, quoting the above reference. Objections should be received by midnight on 20 September 2018.  
Any person submitting any correspondence is advised that your personal data and correspondence will be passed to the applicant/agent to be considered. If you do not wish your personal data to be forwarded, please state your reasons when submitting your correspondence.  
**S Zamenzadeh, Casework Manager**

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF LICENSING OFFICER (HEAD OF LICENSING)  
TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE**  
**Safety of Sports Grounds Act, 1975 (As Amended)**  
**Football Spectators Act 1989**

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**Sports Grounds Safety Authority – Spectator Licences – 2018/19**

**1.0 PURPOSE**

1.1 To inform members that the Sports Grounds Safety Authority (SGSA) has granted licences to permit spectators to watch designated football matches at the following stadiums during the season 2018/19.

- Sheffield Wednesday Football Club – Hillsborough Stadium
- Sheffield United Football Club – Bramall Lane Stadium

**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

2.1 In accordance with usual practice the SGSA informed the owners of Hillsborough and Bramall Lane Stadiums of its intention to issue new licences earlier this year.

2.2 The licences are standard and subject to limited conditions attached to them.

2.3 Attached for the Committees information is a copy of the respective SGSA Licences and Conditions labelled Appendix A.

**3.0 SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP**

3.1 The Safety Advisory Group has been informed that the SGSA has issued new licences.

**4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

**5.0 RECOMMENDATION**

5.1 To note the contents of this report.

Steve Lonnia  
Chief Licensing Officer  
(Head of Licensing)

27<sup>th</sup> September 2018



# Appendix A

Spectator Licences & Conditions

Chief Executive  
Sheffield Wednesday FC

Sent by post in hard copy  
Copy of letter sent electronically

16<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Chief Executive,

## **LICENCE FOR 2018/19 SEASON UNDER THE FOOTBALL SPECTATORS ACT 1989**

As you are aware one of the responsibilities of the Sports Grounds Safety Authority (SGSA) is to license football grounds in the Premier League and English Football League, as well as Wembley and the Principality Stadium, in order that they are able to admit spectators. A key element of the licensing process is to implement the Government's all-seater policy and to ensure any terraced accommodation meets prescribed standards. Without a licence from the SGSA you are not able to admit spectators to watch designated football matches at your ground.

### **Your ground's licence**

Thank you for your application for a licence for your ground received earlier this year. I can confirm that the SGSA Board has agreed to issue your ground with a licence to admit spectators for the 2018/19 season. The signed licence is enclosed with this letter.

### **Persistent standing**

As you will be aware, persistent standing in seated areas presents customer care and safety challenges. The SGSA considers the safety risk of standing in seated areas to be significant. Seated areas are designed for sitting, and do not have the additional forms of structural protection which are required for areas of standing, as specified in the Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds.

Your ground is required to be all-seated under the Government's all-seater policy for grounds which have been in the Premier League or Championship for more than three

years. As such, your licence includes two conditions (the second and third conditions on the attached licence) which implement this policy. On 25th June, the Government announced that it will commission an external analysis of evidence relating to the all-seater policy. While this takes place, the all-seater policy remains the current Government policy.

The SGSA has a range of enforcement powers under the Football Spectators Act 1989, including the ability to prosecute for a breach of any condition within the licence. The Act sets out that it would be a defence in any prosecution if a responsible person at the ground could prove the contravention took place without their consent and that they took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid the breach.

While what is considered due diligence will differ on a case by case basis, it is the SGSA's view that in the case of persistent standing in seated areas due diligence to avoid a breach would, at the very least, include:

- For matches where it is expected that persistent standing will occur, undertaking a risk assessment specifically assessing the risk of spectators persistently standing; and
- Putting in place a persistent standing management plan that sets out the measures ground management will put in place to encourage spectators to remain seated, and ensuring this is updated regularly building on documented assessment of operational experience.

If you have not already done so, we recommend that you discuss these documents with your local certifying authority, which has responsibility for oversight of safety at your ground.

This letter and the accompanying licence are being sent in hard copy by post. A copy of the letter is also being sent electronically. If you have any questions about the attached licence please feel free to contact your local SGSA Inspector or Daniel Heath at SGSA HQ on 020 7389 3865.

If you would like to discuss any matters relating to safety at your ground with me, please do not hesitate to get in touch. From 1<sup>st</sup> August, Martyn Henderson will be taking up the role of Interim Chief Executive to cover my maternity leave. I know he would also be happy to hear from you after that date and he can be contacted at [Martyn.Henderson@sgsamail.org.uk](mailto:Martyn.Henderson@sgsamail.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,



**Karen Eyre-White**

**Chief Executive**

**Sports Grounds Safety Authority**

**T: 0207 389 3861**

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# Football Spectators Act 1989

## Licence to Admit Spectators to Watch Designated Football Matches


On the application of R Stanford dated 13 February 2018 the Sports Grounds Safety Authority under section 10 of the Football Spectators Act 1989 hereby licences the admission of spectators to the premises known as Hillsborough Stadium for the purposes of watching a designated football match.

This licence is issued subject to the conditions attached.

Nothing in this licence shall authorise the admission of spectators in contravention of the terms of a general safety certificate issued or amended from time to time by a local authority under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975.

Unless previously surrendered by the holder or revoked by the Sports Grounds Safety Authority, this licence shall expire on **31 July 2019**.

Issued on behalf of the Sports Grounds Safety Authority.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chief Executive

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chair

July 2018

## Conditions

1. The licence holder shall permit any person authorised by the Secretary of State or the Sports Grounds Safety Authority :
  - a. to enter at any reasonable time the premises to which this licence applies; and
  - b. to make such inspection of the premises and such enquiries relating to them as he considers necessary for the purposes of Part 1 of the Football Spectators Act 1989.
2. Only seated accommodation shall be provided for spectators at a designated football match.
3. Spectators shall only be admitted to watch a designated football match from seated accommodation.

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Yours sincerely,

*Karen Eyre-White*

**Karen Eyre-White**

**Chief Executive**

**Sports Grounds Safety Authority**

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# Football Spectators Act 1989

## Licence to Admit Spectators to Watch Designated Football Matches


On the application of D Fletcher dated 26 March 2018 the Sports Grounds Safety Authority under section 10 of the Football Spectators Act 1989 hereby licences the admission of spectators to the premises known as Bramall Lane for the purposes of watching a designated football match.

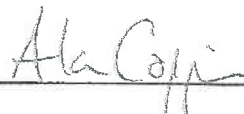
This licence is issued subject to the conditions attached.

Nothing in this licence shall authorise the admission of spectators in contravention of the terms of a general safety certificate issued or amended from time to time by a local authority under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975.

Unless previously surrendered by the holder or revoked by the Sports Grounds Safety Authority, this licence shall expire on **31 July 2019**.

Issued on behalf of the Sports Grounds Safety Authority.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chief Executive

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chair

July 2018

## Conditions

1. The licence holder shall permit any person authorised by the Secretary of State or the Sports Grounds Safety Authority:
  - a. to enter at any reasonable time the premises to which this licence applies; and
  - b. to make such inspection of the premises and such enquiries relating to them as he considers necessary for the purposes of Part 1 of the Football Spectators Act 1989.
2. Only seated accommodation shall be provided for spectators at a designated football match.
3. Spectators shall only be admitted to watch a designated football match from seated accommodation.