

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Safety at Sports Grounds Sub-Committee.
Date: 9th May 2013.
Report for: Information.
Report of: The Director of Environment.

Report Title

Request by Lancashire County Cricket Club to extend their General Safety Certificate to cover the newly constructed Players & Media Building, the Pavilion and Stands B & C.

Summary

The Players & Media Building provides players changing rooms, TV Studios and facilities for the press. The Pavilion will provide hospitality suites and executive boxes. Stands B & C will provide two tier seated spectator viewing terraces.

Recommendation(s)

It was recommended that the request be approved subject to the following conditions being in place prior to Players and Media Building, the Pavilion and B and C Stands being brought into use:

- All the construction work is completed in the areas to be occupied to the satisfaction of all the respective agencies.**
- All safety systems are in place and that satisfactory completion certificates have been issued.**
- The Safety Procedures Manual has been amended to include the new development of the Players and Media Building, the Pavilion and B and C Stands.**

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

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Extension: 1011.

Financial Implications:	N/A
Legal Implications:	N/A
Human Resources Implications:	N/A
Asset Management Implications:	N/A
E-Government Implications:	N/A
Risk Management Implications:	N/A

Current Position.

A written request has been received from Lancashire County Cricket Club for permission to occupy the new developments now known as the Players & Media Building and B & C Stands(phase 2a) and the Pavilion(phase 2b). The request and statement of their intended use from Lancashire County Cricket Club is attached as appendix A.

B & C Stands have been designed as cantilever stands but as such they are unable to achieve the dynamic frequency requirements for spectator viewing at cricket matches. Therefore, the upper tier of the stands will be propped until a solution to the problem is found. This arrangement has been fully approved by the Council's and independent structural engineers.

The official handover of phase 2a was 31st March 2013 and at this stage Stands B & C will be issued with a temporary Building Regulation Completion Certificate to cover the forthcoming season. The official handover for phase 2b is 31st May 2013.

In support of their request Lancashire County Cricket Club are currently reviewing their Safety Procedures Manual to include the new developments. This amendment is an extension of the approved procedures contained in the Safety Procedures Manual which is a condition of the General Safety Certificate.

The construction work in the areas to be occupied will be completed to the satisfaction of all the respective agencies prior to use.

All safety systems will be in place and satisfactory completion certificates will be issued prior to use.

The Safety Procedures Manual will be amended to include the new developments.

Conclusion.

The seating capacity of B Stand is 3,776 and that of C Stand is 3,622. The inclusion of B and C Stands will increase the total seated capacity from 22,216 (Twenty Two Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixteen) to 24,151(Twenty Four Thousand One Hundred and Fifty One).

Recommendation.

It was recommended that the request be approved subject to the following conditions being in place prior to the Players and Media Building and B and C Stands being brought into use:

- All the construction work is completed in the areas to be occupied to the satisfaction of all the respective agencies.
- All safety systems are in place and that satisfactory completion certificates have been issued.
- The Safety Procedures Manual has been amended to include the new Players and Media Building and B & C Stands.