

## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

**Report to:** Safety at Sports Grounds Sub - Committee.  
**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
**Report for:** Information  
**Report of:** The Director of Environment.

### Report Title

**Request by Lancashire County Cricket Club for an additional pedestrian corridor along Brian Statham Way for the 3rd Ashes Test Match, 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August and One Day International 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013.**

### Summary

**Report describing the additional pedestrian corridor decision process**

### Recommendation

**That the report be noted**

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

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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

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## **Background**

Lancashire County Cricket Club requested a Multi- Agency Meeting to discuss their proposal to erect a temporary fence on Brian Statham Way as part of an extended boundary of the Cricket Ground. A Multi Agency Meeting was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013 which resulted in the Club being informed that concerns were raised in connection with safety issues, crowd dynamics and evacuation procedures.

The Club submitted a detailed revised proposal on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013 and a further subsequent Multi- Agency Meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013 to discuss the submission.

## **Proposed pedestrian barrier**

The Club proposed the provision of Zaun Fencing with a minimum loading factor of 3Kn between the North Side of Gate BG4 and the South Side of BG6 securing the foot path of the west side of Brian Statham Way. The proposal included the removal and prohibition of a number of gates, as well as the provision of a new emergency gate in the outer fence. The Zaun fencing formed a 6 lane access point for spectators entering the stadium.

## **Conclusion**

The details of the proposal were considered by those in attendance at the Multi-Agency Meeting and due to the tight deadline of only 2 weeks prior to the first game of The Ashes Test Match and the need to order and facilitate the erection of the fencing, it was not considered expedient to refer the proposal to a formal Special Safety Advisory Group meeting. The proposal was approved at the meeting by those in attendance.

## **Recommendation**

The report is noted for documentation purposes.