

**SAFETY OF SPORTS GROUNDS ACT 1975
CHELSEA FOOTBALL CLUB
SPECIAL SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
(BEHIND CLOSED DOORS MATCHES / COVID-19)**

1ST JUNE 2020

(TRANSCRIPT)

PRESENT:

LBHF

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Sports Ground Safety Authority.

Geoff Galilee. Regional Inspector (GG)

Tim Burgin (TB)

Metropolitan Police Service

Chief Inspector Lysander Strong (LS)

PC Paul Wright (PW)

PC Kris Cardwell (KC)

London Ambulance Service

Matt Shute (MS)

London Fire Brigade

Brett Loft (BL)

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1.	Welcome from Chairman SH Welcomed members to the virtual SAG meeting to discuss CFC matches behind closed doors plans.	
2.	Format of the virtual meeting SH Summarised how he proposed to conduct the meeting.	
3.	Apologies and introductions	
4.	CFC Presentation on COVID-19 Behind Closed Doors plans SH I'm going to pass it over to you Paul Kingsmore from Chelsea to go through your proposals and plans and give us an update of where we are in terms of dates and the two fixtures you've got. PK I'll start off by giving you some background about the Premier League's approach and how we've been working with the Premier League. Obviously, this is a gradual process that the Premier League have been working to return to football. We're currently now working through stages 1 and 2, we are now in stage 2, We've successfully completed stage 1 which was getting the guys back to training and having the appropriate protocols in place to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of them and their families and all those involved in the whole process. Stage 2 is much more close contact and that's generally the difference between stage 1 and 2, the fact that they can now tackle each other and go for the ball and be much more competitive, whereas in Stage 1 they couldn't. We are now in the second week of stage 2 and we're being monitored on a daily basis by the Premier League, they have an insurance officer here and also they will have inspectors throughout the week, this week we have an inspector due tomorrow to come around and look at what we're doing. We've had to put a whole range of safety measures in place and it's based on having a COVID 19 policy, a COVID 19 operational policy and protocol for return to training at each of the stages and then also a risk assessment associated with that as well. The expectation now – and I've just got the guidance through on stage 3 about half an hour ago so I won't give you the details of it yet but it will be the same principles which will be we will have to have a policy in place, an operational plan in place and a risk assessment around that before any of the games take place. By the 12 th June we'll have a target of having to have those in place. That's the general principles around stage 1 to 3. Obviously the Premier League, as part of that process will stipulate a number of people who can be engaged in the actual stadium games, so they will stipulate almost certainly, the people who are in various zones within the stadium, that will likely be the bowl itself will be one zone, the stadium grounds will be a second zone and then the third zone will be outside of that or it could be the pitch is one zone, very much like they've done in Germany in the Bundesliga. So, there will be people allocated to be in different zones and some of those people can travel between the zones but some people will not be able to travel between the zones, they will literally be in one zone and one zone only. We will also get guidance on travel to the ground and also about how we will deal with spectators. So we've done significant work prior to this because we know the stadium, we know what the likelihood is, to put a plan in place and how we would manage the stadium aspect and the only thing we've been waiting on is this guidance to see how that guidance will impact, whether we have to put in additional resources or we've put in too many resources in to do that. This week will give us the opportunity to go over that and make sure that that's fully in place. I've talked about timescale. One of the key factors the Premier League have been keen to put is that this group has sight of what we're doing and will want to work closely with this group on the development of those plans so as we go forward over the next week or so, we will want to share with this group the plans so that there's confidence in place that its being managed. A lot of those plans won't be just around the safety and security of the public and the stadium but also those individuals taking part in the plan and around COVID 19 in particular, but we're	

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	<p>mindful that it needs to be a safe environment outside of COVID 19, we can't let go of all the other safety aspects.</p> <p>There are plans within the stadium to do some work around making it different to an empty stadium environment, so there will be work done around marketing in terms of how the look and feel of the stadium is on the days of the games, we will share this and it will also form part of the operational plan to make sure that doesn't impede with any of our safety measures that we would normally have in place for a game.</p> <p>As you're aware, no supporters will be admitted at all. One of the things we will want to do in the lead up to this will be a clear communication strategy with our supporters, with our supporter groups and also on our various social medias where we will be making it very clear that admission to the stadium will not be possible and also very strongly encouraging our supporters not to come and also with a rider to that will be almost certainly that could impact on our ability to have games at Stamford Bridge in the future if supporters do come and there's any problem. We will be putting a very strong message to our fans about not turning up at the stadium.</p>	
	<p>SH On the time scales, have you had any information on times of the games?</p>	
	<p>PK No. The only fixtures we know of are the ones you've seen in the media, Manchester City, Arsenal which are catch up games to bring everybody up to an equal base of games played. We do know that we have an FA Cup quarter final, which I think is the week after the first tranche of games so we won't have a game that weekend and its very likely that our first game will be an away game if they keep to the sequence of games that would have taken place prior to the lockdown, so we could end up with at least two weeks before we have a game in the stadium, which would be nice for us because it gives us a bit more time to prepare and rehearse things, but that hasn't been confirmed; there's no fixture list out yet, it could be out by 12 o'clock or it might be later in the week, they're rushing to get all the various things in place over a short period of time. But the fixture list is fundamental to that.</p> <p>The fixture list is fairly short list of games that we had left to play at the stadium and from our point of view, none of them are normally contentious games or problem games but obviously the police will have their view on those, so I'll leave that to them to have their say but from our point of view, they are games that are not highly contentious.</p> <p>There will be no more Cup games because even if we win a game and we're into the semi-final, that will be an away fixture. Unless there's a miracle in Munich, we're won't be having a Champions League game unfortunately! So what we're talking about here is the remainder of the Premier League games at Stamford Bridge.</p>	
	<p>GG Regarding the dates, it came out in the Premier League about the first matches which they hope is the 17th, I know there was a revised Premier League press statement I think on the 30th, basically they were saying that that the proposal and there may be league games starting the weekend after which was around the 19th-20th but they were phrasing it slightly differently that subject to everything being ready at the grounds and the government saying yes. It seems to me they were coming back a little bit from the initial statement of "Yes it's all happening immediately without anything else being said", so hopefully those are the dates its going to be starting and moving on from, but they've put in the caveat of as long as everything is ready at all the grounds and the government agree that's right as well.</p>	
	<p>CB To back up what Paul Kingsmore was saying, if we are following the fixture list we have three scheduled away games to play before we would play at home, the away games being Aston Villa in the Premier League, Leicester in the FA Cup and West Ham United in the Premier League. Our first scheduled own fixture would be Watford.</p>	
	<p>PK The guidance that came half an hour ago, what we have to have in place is by the 12th June, we have to have an operational policy in place and approved by our board and they will basically say how we're going to run these fixtures and have all the safety measures in, all the risks attached to that, a risks register and mitigation, we have to have that by the 12th June.</p>	

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GS	Who is the COVID officer for Chelsea, is it yourself?	
PK	Me. There is going to be three roles, there is the COVID officer, there's also a training and coaching COVID person who does the risk assessment on the training routines and I think in this next stage there is a designated COVID medical officer, that would be the club doctor largely. I'll be the COVID officer right through this process.	
GS	You said earlier that the Premier League is sending out inspectors.	
PK	There's two different types of people, the assurers are here on site at training every day and the inspectors come unannounced generally or they can be announced and they come separately, they do an inspection; so they've got a different role, the assurers are keeping their eyes and ears on things on a daily basis, a liaison person but the inspectors come in, do their inspection and go out and make a report, so there's two different roles.	
GS	So as well as the liaison with the local authority in terms of your COVID plans and procedures, is it the case that the Premier League need to be satisfied that everything is in place, do they do their own sign off to ensure that you're COVID secure to return to Premier League competition?	
PK	The policy and the risk assessment has to be submitted to the Premier League as well and they will also send people to inspect this as it happens. If its anything like the training, they will probably send somebody to go over things with us at the same time beforehand.	
SH	In terms of your operational plans Paul, are they going to be shared with the wider group?	
PK	I'm happy to do that. What we've done so far in the operational plan has been done in isolation from any guidance that we've had from the Premier League because we didn't get that until half an hour ago. I think it would be useful if we went over that initially and have a look through that, we're happy to share that again with you as part of the development of this and when we get to a board approved policy, we would want input from you as we go along but we would want to share that with you before we get it finalised as a document. It's a tight timescale, we will be putting demands on you if you're going to contribute.	CFC
GS	I read the guidance when it came out on Saturday and there's a lot in there for you, I know with stages 1 and 2 a lot of the protocols follow on from that but with the larger scale venue football, there's a lot in there and we'll have our work cut out to get this looked as well from our side. The guidance is helpful.	
SH	Has there been any learning from Germany?	
PK	Yes. I've seen a translated version of the Bundesliga stuff, you can see that they're talking about zoning and that was very much the case in Germany, so they are learning from that, it was an advantage them starting earlier because we got a heads up of what the issues might be. We've learned from it and its fundamental to this guidance. They've got an expert panel to work on this, we've also been working with clubs, in the Premier League stakeholders are meeting every week and there's various inputs coming through that as well. But of course, the decision to restart was taken not that long ago, I think they've been working on this for a period of time in the hope that the stakeholders would agree to the restart.	

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5.	<p data-bbox="212 253 1034 286">Presentation and feedback from Sports Ground Safety Authority</p> <p data-bbox="212 315 1038 349">SH Geoff, is there any guidance you've got or you want to share?</p> <p data-bbox="212 378 1436 622">GG First Slide Step 3 is the third part of the five steps which is getting back to total normality, if there is such a thing. Step 3 is without spectators or behind closed doors. This has been worked on by people from the government, Public Health England advisors and people from the various sporting sectors and industries. It is minimum standards that they're putting forward and they're not legal regulations, it's now for the sporting governing bodies such as the Premier League, which is what they're going to do or have done, is put it into specific guidance how it relates to football, so other sports will be doing similar things but using the step 3 guidance as the minimum standard.</p> <p data-bbox="308 651 1436 927">Next Slide. The certifying authority role, so that's the local authority. We've got some guidance we drafted last week, I think it's going through its final consultation, that will be coming out very shortly which is designed to assist local authorities in the sort of things they need to be involved in. I hope it's not necessary but it may be that there would be additional conditions around being dropped into a [certificate] would be around the club or venue complying in respect of COVID 19, the guidance which is published for behind closed door matches, but the nature of what's going on is as Paul said, the Premier League wouldn't be signing a ground off to have to actually have these events unless they were meeting the standards, so we're pretty confident people are going to be there dealing with it.</p> <p data-bbox="308 956 1436 1171">This is the competition organiser and venue, they have to have COVID officers themselves. The individual elite sports which goes across to the club itself have to have a COVID officer plus they have to have those same groupings need to have COVID medical officers. Its emphasised how they must be liaising with each other and working with each other to make sure everything happens. As Paul said, if they're up to the standards of steps 1 and 2 then the issues around cleaning, hygiene, those should be nothing new to them, obviously it might be a little more complex dealing with that within the actual stadium as opposed in a training ground.</p> <p data-bbox="308 1200 1436 1444">There's a bit in there about central staff and the people who will be given entry to the ground, the types are being listed and in our guidance we are also talking about that. I can say that another Premier League ground which has done some of this work as well, they've looked at their ground and they're saying around the total number of people they're estimating would be in the ground is around 460 and the sorts of numbers they were talking about was 70 from the media, including outside broadcasting, riggers etc, so you can see how numbers can get up, I would imagine 300 to 500, depending on the size and complexity of the grounds is going to be expected and not necessarily all at the same time.</p> <p data-bbox="308 1473 1436 1599">Going along with that, you've got the real need for accreditation, how they get in, will there be any tests around that. One of the clubs is saying that everyone going into the ground will also be temperature checked and certainly for playing staff etc, they will be all the full testing that's going on.</p> <p data-bbox="308 1628 1436 1753">As Paul said, there's zoning of the ground which prevents unnecessary movement of people. There's talk about car parking should be available within the zone of the stadium, I'm not sure what's meant by that and all the other stuff around codes of behaviour and the rules and the hygiene, cleansing requirements.</p> <p data-bbox="308 1783 1436 2027">As to whether things like PPE will be required for those people involved on the ground, there might be certain people in certain parts of the ground that have to wear it, basically talking about face masks. As to whether other people in the ground doing other jobs will need it, I don't know, there might be some areas where it might be suitable, but really most people in the ground doing a job should be able to comply with social distancing, so if you're doing that with good hand hygiene etc, there shouldn't really be a need for most people working on the day to have to have PPE, but that's something that will come through with the clubs and their own advisers as to what's needed.</p>	

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	<p>Regarding the police, whether they will be required, hopefully they're not going to be because of good communications and people won't turn up but that's a matter for the police to give their views on what their support will be. Obviously at this point in time the National Lead, Mark Roberts, is talking about certain matches and certain police forces are talking in the same voice as Mark Roberts, that's a national lead on that. What happens on the day, that will depend on how things start moving but I think the important thing is that there's good communications to supporters that they're not wanted at the grounds and hopefully with the TV rights and how that might work then there will be enough on TV for people not to want to go to the ground.</p> <p>There might be some other issues to consider like shops because with the restrictions being eased in other areas around retail etc, that might mean that ground club shops could open; there you would need to think do you want that on a match day.</p> <p>PK I can say we definitely won't open our shops on the match days because its right in the grounds of the stadium and it would just be a distraction and it would also be a risk of <i>inaudible</i> which we don't want in the area.</p> <p>GS That's reassuring to hear Paul because it's something that's on my mind with the 15th when retail are opening, similarly issues we've had in the borough already and how busy its getting out there, also for the street traders, I think we are going to have to put out a strict and stern message to street traders, they may think no one is going to turn up, but there's a big worry about people turning up, just to see if supporters arrive, if the players are coming in coaches etc, so that's a piece of work for us to deter that, to reduce the numbers outside – a big issue.</p> <p>GG One of the other things in our guidance and its referenced in the Step 3 guidance is about medical provision, there's separate medical provision which is what's required for players etc but as far as safety goes, that still does apply to grounds where these matches are taking place, even though the public aren't allowed in, because the revised definition of safety in sports grounds and certification was that it applies to everyone in the ground, so even though there's no public in there, there's still going to be around 300—500 people of different professions etc, so the certificate still applies. Obviously, what we're expecting of grounds in the local authority is that a lot of the operational plans are not going to be relevant, they're going to be scaled right down. Yes, you're still going to need stewarding security but that's probably going to be different in the type and nature of it and where they're going to be deployed, so that's work to be done.</p> <p>Medical provision, as far as what's required for the crowd – well there is no crowd but there's possibly 400 people working there, so once again what we'd be saying to you is that look at your medical plan and assess it again in respect of these behind closed door matches. The trigger points for ambulances and crowd doctors; you might have your crowd doctor, I don't know but the trigger points in respect of those aren't being met because its 5,000 for an ambulance and 2,000 for the event doctor, so what we're saying to people is "Yes, you should have some medical provision but assess the actual event".</p> <p>PK They've specified within the different zones, e.g. in the red zone that would almost certainly be the club team doctor who looks after the players, so it's very similar to a league match and then in the amber zone that would be our crowd doctor there and look after that aspect for the wider population in the stadium.</p> <p>CB The Premier League have indicated that they've been negotiating with St Johns Ambulance to cover every single fixture nationwide. I'm not sure how that sits with the local authority and the SSGA but from day one we were asked not to impact on the medical services in the country.</p> <p>SH My understanding of that was that would be in relation to clubs where they use them for players.</p> <p>CB We indicated that we wouldn't be calling on them but it was made clear to me that they would supply them, if they can come to an understanding.</p>	

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PK	At the moment I can't see anything, but what I can clearly see is the requirement for a doctor in the red zone which is a club doctor looking after the players and a doctor in the amber zone which would be the crowd doctor, that's all I can say at the moment.	
CB	That was an individual email from the Premier League around medical provisions. I don't know whether it's been progressed or not but that's now probably just under two weeks old now.	
MS	I sat in on that meeting and I said to them the impact on NHS or on other services such as private ambulances and St Johns who are actually at this point in time assisting with the NHS, there shouldn't be much impact, certainly from the safety certificate because there are no crowds in there and the requirements are around provision for crowds. The provision which might be there, separate to that for players is something totally different. In some parts of the country St Johns do provide that even for the players but I'm not aware that they do that for you. If they're providing for players and they've said that they will work with the Premier League and other sports to see if they are available to make that provision as well, then that's something for you to deal with them, but as far as the crowd ... because if you're in a factor or large office block with 400 to 600 people in, you wouldn't have employees which is what you're effectively going to have, you wouldn't have an ambulance there, you wouldn't have a crowd doctor there.	
PK	You have a first aid room.	
MS	You've got good facilities and you're probably going to have more than what a normal workplace would have with that sort of number in, but what we're saying to you is you're probably not going to need to rely on the NHS or those who support the NHS such as ambulances, certainly for the majority. What you might need for players is a separate issue.	
GG	The guidance for local authorities, you'll be getting that soon and I wouldn't have thought it was a problem at Chelsea but we are reminding a lot of grounds which have been in lockdown have been closed, some staff have been furloughed, when you open up for these then you've got to make sure that all your plant and equipment, issues around Legionella water supplies, all of that needs to be dealt with and ensure that that happens and the ground is safe. I expect that's the case at Chelsea, but it's something we're saying because this going to involve with the Championship a lot grounds around the country all of different types.	SGSA
PK	Just to reassure everybody that that is not the case at Chelsea. We have kept our essential staff, we've not furloughed any staff and they're all still employed and paid by the club but we've maintained staff at the stadium to maintain all our facilities, we've put in protective measures for those facilities, we've done extra treatments on our water systems around Legionella and we have a process in place for reopening which ensure everything is commissioned properly and working safely, so be assured about that.	
GS	That is reassuring Paul, we had a useful meeting a couple of weeks ago with Chris, Wills and Paul about closed-door matches, we did raise this and I've been in contact with Jamie Grey on the Legionella theme, it's a big issue and we're reassured to hear how you've been operating down there, its good.	

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6.	<p>Advice and feedback from the emergency services</p> <p>London Ambulance Service</p> <p>MS The only thing I would add around the numbers of medical staff/first aiders, the difference between an office which has got 400 people where you just have first aiders covering that, I don't know what advice they're being given but the PHE advice given, the main thing is doing a cardiac arrest resus, actually the levels of PPE that you would need to be able to do that, you can't say we've got a DeFib on the wall and we've got two people trained to do first aid, actually they've got to be trained and equipped to use the right level of PPE to be able to do that as well which may add challenges to the level of first aiders. It's got to be built into the risk assessment about how many people are needed on the day, it's not just using the numbers that's in the agreed guide based on 400 to 500 people. There's an added complexity with the COVID stuff. Public Health England are maintaining the advice about the levels of PPE for different types of procedures and that's where we would direct the club as part of the medical plan, that's what you need to be doing, that's our main bit.</p> <p>Because its 500 max, we wouldn't necessarily need to have a liaison officer in the control room unless we were specifically being asked to be in there.</p> <p>CB In the plan there's no liaison officer point of contact in the control room.</p> <p>MS Are you putting in the normal road closures or are they likely to be different.</p> <p>CB At this current moment in time because there's no supporters, the TMO road closure will not be in place.</p> <p>MS The access to the private residences that normally get closed off. Are the hotels open or are they closed?</p> <p>PK The hotel is not open but we're currently accommodating a group of NHS staff and also Hammersmith & Fulham Council staff as well, that's a key decision, that's due to run out at the end of June. We have to make a decision around occupational zones in the hotel during this match period, we may well have to make special arrangements for every game before the end of June for access and egress from the stadium.</p> <p>MS We've got the phone number for the control room so it would be if someone becomes unwell in the hotel that we've got to respond to, how do we let security know we're coming rather than rocking up at the door with blue lights.</p> <p>PK We will pick up on there.</p> <p>Metropolitan Police Service</p> <p>LS From a policing perspective, Paul has been liaising with MO6 and they've been linked into the National Lead Mr Roberts, from our perspective its really down to the information that you're going to give us and we will police that proportionately. I know Chris has been doing some specific work with the various pubs and the licensed premises; we're not anticipating a lot of them to open, those that do open and work as an off-licence, we will have a proportionate policing plan around that.</p> <p>Realistically with regards to the actual policing of the ground, its behind closed doors and anything around that would be a proportionate policing plan in line with the national lead. Paul, do you want to add anything on the basis of that because I know you've had some conversations through MO6 with Mr Roberts.</p> <p>Kris, I know we've had a conversation from a licensing perspective.</p>	

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	<p>KC As it stands at the moment all the usual pubs can operate as a takeaway, the legislation is that as long as people who bought the alcohol don't consume it in the premises, directly outside or any area adjacent to it. I've engaged with all the usual licensed premises even as far as Earls Court which takes away supporters, we are certainly not expecting any away supporters to turn up. As it stands they've all said that it just wouldn't be cost effective to operate, I know Paul has talked before about encouraging Chelsea supporters to come to the ground, however my only concern would be – I can't give you any dates in relation to this because it's going to come from the government, but when the legislation around pubs is relaxed which is around the 4th July and they can open in a limited capacity, I think that's when you might start getting a lot of Chelsea supporters on a match day thinking "I can't go to the stadium, but at least I can go and have a beer with my mates".</p> <p>I know that's policing but it could potentially have an impact on the stadium if people try to get there, even on the main concourse. At the moment, the usual pubs don't have an appetite for them to open but I think that could change, we will see if any supporters turn up for the first game and we'll judge it from that.</p> <p>PW Messages have been changing constantly from the National Lead and the MPS view, the current guidelines from MO6 is each game that you get allocated with dates etc, go through the usual procedure of contacting us to see if we will approve them and we will reply. I've assessed every home game at Chelsea as low risk but that will depend on the pubs, any issues at the first game may raise issues for future games etc.</p> <p>With the neutral venues we have to look at not only what happens in the borough but across London, there's talk that we may be hosting some high-risk games in London, that's to be confirmed. We would take an overall view from Alpha Whiskey, BCU and the MO6 across London to say they're happy with that game.</p> <p>The usual rules will apply that if high risk games after a certain kick off times, Bank Holidays etc, they will be declined but I can't see that being an issue for any games at Stamford Bridge.</p> <p>GS In terms of neutral ground, I'm assuming that Stamford Bridge has not been deemed a neutral ground for other matches to be played at.</p> <p>PK No.</p> <p>GS So we've got two remaining games of the season, Watford and Man City?</p> <p>CB We have got four, Watford, Wolves, Norwich and Manchester City.</p> <p>LS The only thing from a local BTU perspective is that we will have some officers out and about and certainly have a contingency. From Chris's perspective we will have the licensing team out and about checking on the various pubs that have said they potentially will open and then I'll certainly want a small contingency to deal with any anti-social behaviour in and around the ground or across the PCU, so I'll have something of that nature and then we will wait for an actual steer and some confirmation from on high as to what else we'll be doing but I think Paul has summarised that it will be along a similar line, so we will risk assess each game and then put a proportionate policing plan in accordingly.</p> <p>POD In relation to the zones in the stadium, would you be looking to have a police presence in the control room to make life easier for you or do you want to go through calling us direct on mobile phones?</p> <p>CB From my point of view I have no objections to a police officer being in the control room, the only thing that does worry me is that it will be all down to social distancing. We've got every <i>inaudible</i> in the control room manned but we scaled it down to give us the social distancing. We could have one police officer maximum there and if it makes it easier for you and it makes it easier for</p>	

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	<p>the club, I have no objections. I've not spoken to Paul or Keith about this so I don't know their views.</p> <p>PK We will also be governed by what the Premier League say about numbers that are in the stadium as well. I think our answer is yes we would in principle, it would be nice to have a police officer in the control room but let's work our way through this and make sure that's feasible.</p> <p>PW I heard on the radio, in relation to players having to make their own way to the stadium in private vehicles, if we do have groups of fans trying to get to them, it's something to bear in mind as well.</p> <p>PK In the guidance that I got this morning, it leaves it open for both; players may well come to the stadium in individual cars or they can come in coaches providing social distancing is being practiced. Certainly, the home team would most likely be coaches but it might be two coaches as opposed to one coach for social distancing.</p> <p>GS Man City, I know their coaches is logo'd up, is that something to be considered? I'm thinking about drawing attention.</p> <p>PK I don't know about the other clubs but certainly our coach is not labelled. Manchester's is, yes. It's impossible for them to get everybody they need to on the coach and socially distance in one single coach.</p> <p>Fire Brigade</p> <p>BL No it was covered, it was about access on match days and the road closures. We're guessing the access will be the same as it would have been.</p> <p>PK We won't have the Bovril gate open but I think the plan is to have access in through Stamford Gate.</p> <p>CB Access for the whole site will be through Stamford Gate only, yes.</p>	
7.	<p>Advice and feedback from the Local Authority</p> <p>Highways</p> <p>IH Our stuff tends to be with the fans and the TMO, so I can't see what Highways would be doing, to be honest.</p> <p>GS Its really the governance bit, the documentation, the review of that and the feedback to Chelsea with any comments, that's key from my perspective, on their COVID secure plans. The other question was for Geoff, I know that whilst the guidance ... we haven't issued Chelsea Football Club with the All Persons Safety Certificate, it's just spectator only, in terms of whether we would need to tweak our certificate based on the new changes or is the normal Health & Safety at Work provisions as we are the enforcement authority for Stamford Bridge, the bureaucratic situation.</p> <p>GG There is an issue and the guidance comes out from us that it may be that some local authorities would need to make an amendment to the certificate, only in respect of that particular thing, whether it's for the specific behind closed doors matches or for the future anyway, that's going to be a decision for yourself but preferably you should bring it in line.</p> <p>CB That is the plan but obviously we haven't done it as yet.</p> <p>GG You're correct, in our guidance we do make the point that the Health & Safety at Work Act is very much applicable. In your local authority it's not an issue in all London boroughs because often the certification authority is the same ones who enforce Health & Safety at Work, outside</p>	LA

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	<p>of London there's two tiers, different officers, its more complex but the HSW Act still applies, if you had an issue you could deal with it under that legislation but all of the other stuff to do with the ground being ready etc, the certificate is still applicable on these behind closed door matches because it's a designated football match.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p>SH You said you have to have the documents in by the 12th June?</p> <p>PK Yes, we go to our board on the 12th June or the day before, that's the sort of timescale. I'm happy to share drafts as we go along.</p> <p>POD For the police, the responsibility regarding zone X, if there is no TMO in place, just being aware if crowds start to gather in Zone X, where our responsibility will be, I presume we're going to have contingencies etc in and around the area and the borough, we could contact yourselves, but with no potential TMO in place, its having that understanding and probably more so for our operations plan so we can highlight that in there, about that responsibility and who that falls with.</p> <p>PW The senior management at MO6 are having a meeting on Thursday where they're going to be looking at resourcing levels game by game and the sort of issues that we're going to be looking at. We have powers at the moment in relation to COVID 19, Regulation 7, it didn't work too well at the demos yesterday, I'm not going to lie!! But we do have those sort of powers and we will try and get into people as soon as possible. We will be looking at getting there early to assist everybody coming in, we will be out there during the game and then we will try and get people away as best we can. The first few games will be a challenge and then we will go from there but as we all know, we can't rule out people that are going to try their best to be the hero on social media saying they were there when they shouldn't be there.</p> <p>PK The group are happy for us to work on Stamford Bridge and there's no objection to games being played there, provided all the relevant safeguards are in place etc. Because that's a question I'll get asked both by the club but also by the Premier League, that there's no objections from the side group and the side group are supportive of having the home games played at Stamford Bridge, subject to all the other stuff we talked about.</p> <p>SH I think that's right, obviously we need to see the documents but I haven't heard anybody say that there's any objections. It's certainly alright, providing everything is in place.</p> <p>PK That's helpful. Our promise is we will work with you to go through our operational plan and get your direct input to it.</p> <p>GS We've got a pretty good view on what you're going to do inside Stamford Bridge, my biggest concern is outside and what with the demos in London and the public's response to what's been going on during this emergency and with the relaxations going across different business sectors, I think the issues could be more outside which can affect you, both from a security perspective inside and COVID secure perspective, but it's a concern but we look forward to receiving your plans.</p> <p>PW I would second that, especially the Black Lives demo, the US embassy isn't a million miles away, they get redirected away from Central London, from there you can't rule out trying to make a statement somewhere high profile – just to bear that in mind.</p> <p>GS The English Football League announced that they're going to start playing on the 20th, Fulham has got a big game coming up with Brentford and they're looking towards play off positions. We've got to consider their plans as well. I'm mindful that we are trying to congest all these games in across the borough whilst there's no spectators, we want to try and keep the games, certainly Fulham and Chelsea apart, it's not going to be busy but there will be drains on medical and policing etc, so it needs to be joined up with the football authorities when they're scheduling matches, certainly in the SW6 area.</p>	<p>CFC</p>

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	<p>SH Do we want to meet again before hand, probably week commencing 14th June, shall we get a date now?</p> <p>PK Could we circulate some dates as it's tricky to get dates over the phone</p> <p>SH Ok is there any more business? Ok we will get the minutes out.</p> <p>SH Concluded the meeting</p>	<p>CFC</p>