

Clarification: The Arena has a dedicated away end, which was designed as such and is stewarded as such. The Club fully complies with and is aware of the league rules regarding minimum allocations to away clubs, in terms of the number of tickets given – we apologise this was not clear in the meeting. We often give Clubs above this amount, as the demand exists from most visiting Clubs in the Championship and this creates revenue for the Club, and the home demand has not required alternative arrangements.

Using any unused areas of the Away end for home support has significant impact currently on the overall stadium capacity, due to segregation and use of barriers both in the bowl and in the concourse. Safety regulations and views of external agents have evolved since the stadium was designed and opened, which we have to adhere to. We are constantly working with, and challenging where appropriate, these arrangements and views, which are made with everybody's (home and away fans) safety in mind.

Vs Middlesbrough, 11 and 12 were opened but we were required by the Safety Officer to close Block 10 for segregation, with 8 and 9 opened for away fans. The capacity in Block 11 and 12 is all that the segregated concourse can hold safely as is the capacity in the concourse of blocks 8 and 9 – thus killing over 2000 seats in the bowl. As noted elsewhere within the meeting, concourse capacity at the Arena also creates concerns for home supporters too and that is something that is more difficult to manage safely in smaller spaces such as the South Stand.

Against Birmingham City a sell out was declared at 30,175 – by using the South Stand for home fans too, the sell out figure was reduced vs Middlesbrough to 28,874.

As this is a topic members of the Supporters Forum have an interest in, the Club will arrange for the next meeting of the Forum to be at the Arena so representatives are able to view the South Stand concourse and barriers themselves and talk with safety officials from the Arena regarding the safety restrictions that are in place.