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SPORTS GROUNDS AND SPORTING EVENTS, ENGLAND

The Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2020

Made - - - -	*22nd July 2020*
Laid before Parliament	*23rd July 2020*
Coming into force - -	*24th August 2020*

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(1) and 18(2) of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975(**a**).

The Secretary of State is of the opinion that the conditions in section 1(1) of that Act are satisfied(**b**) and has, in accordance with section 18(4) of that Act, consulted with such persons and bodies of persons as appear requisite to the Secretary of State.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2020 and comes into force on 24th August 2020.

Amendments to the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 2015

2.—(1) The Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 2015(**c**) is amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 1 (sports grounds designated under article 2(1)), omit the entry for Zebra Claims Stadium, occupied by Workington Town Rugby League Football Club.

(3) In Schedule 2 (sports grounds designated under article 2(2))—

(a) after the entry for Goldsands Stadium, occupied by A. F. C. Bournemouth, insert—

"Plough Lane, Plough Lane, Wimbledon, SW17 0BL	A. F. C. Wimbledon";

(b) omit the entry for Cherry Red Records Stadium, occupied by A. F. C. Wimbledon; and

(**a**) 1975 c. 52; section 1(1) was amended by Schedule 2 to the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987 (c. 27).

(**b**) By section 1(1) of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975, the Secretary of State may by order designate as a sports ground requiring a safety certificate under that Act any sports ground which, in the Secretary of State's opinion, has accommodation for more than 10,000 spectators. The Safety of Sports Grounds (Accommodation of Spectators) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/499) substituted the number 5,000 for the number of spectators specified in section 1(1) of that Act in respect of sports grounds in England and Wales at which association football matches are played and which are occupied by a football club which is a member of the Football League Limited or the Football Associated Premier League Limited.

(**c**) S.I. 2015/661, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

(c) after the entry for Oakwell Stadium, occupied by Barnsley Football Club, insert—

"Holker Street, Wilkie Road, Barrow-In-Furness, LA14 5UW	Barrow Association Football Club".

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Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

22nd July 2020

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/661, "the 2015 Order") so as to designate Plough Lane occupied by A. F. C. Wimbledon, and Holker Street occupied by Barrow Association Football Club, as sports grounds for which a safety certificate is required under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 (c. 52, "the 1975 Act").

As well as being occupied by members of the Football League Limited, both are sports grounds in England and Wales at which association football matches are played and which, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, have accommodation for more than 5,000 spectators.

The 2015 Order is also amended so that Zebra Claims Stadium and Cherry Red Records Stadium are no longer designated as sports grounds for which a safety certificate is required under the 1975 Act.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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