

## National Joint Pitch Council

### Minutes of the meeting of the Aintree Local Joint Pitch Council held on Friday 28 July 2006 at Aintree Racecourse

#### PRESENT:

Mark Ryan	Chairman - NJPC (MR)
Charles Barnett	Aintree Racecourse (CB)
Zoë Greenall	Aintree Racecourse (ZG)
Jim Walmsley	National Association of Bookmakers (JW)
Graham Billington	Rails Bookmakers Association (GB)

<b>1.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b>  The minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2006 were read and approved by members as a true record.
<b>2.</b>	<b>BETTING WITH BOOKMAKERS IN NEW AREAS</b>  CB started the meeting by showing members plans of the two new Grandstands with a view to ascertaining approval for new betting areas to the front and back of the new Grandstands. Additionally CB stated that he would like to develop the Aintree Pavillion behind The Mound as a new betting area. CB stated that in total he would be looking for approval to potentially develop 5 new areas.  These are as follows:  <b>1. In front of the 2 new Grandstands.</b>  <b>2. Between the 2 new Grandstands.</b>  <b>3. To the rear of the Lord Sefton stand, between the pre-parade ring and new weighing room.</b>  <b>4. Behind the Earl of Derby stand and Queen Mother stand, between the old weighing room and the bottom of the new parade ring (Chair Statue).</b>  <b>5. The Aintree Pavillion behind The Mound.</b>

	<p>After general discussion members agreed for these areas to be approved. CB stated that he would write to David Bradshaw at the Horse Race Betting Levy Board for formal approval, and that a draft letter would be sent to MR to keep on file.</p> <p>Members agreed that a decision would not be made on which areas would actually be developed, the number of Bookmakers allowed to bet, and whether this arrangement would be on a trial or permanent basis, until the completion of the Grandstand in Mid-February 2007.</p> <p>CB stated that Bookmakers would be invited to an open meeting in March with members of the LJPC present to view the new Grandstands and potential new areas. Immediately after the open meeting an LJPC meeting would be held to determine the development of the new areas in time for the Grand National meeting commencing 12 April 2007.</p> <p>CB stated that overall he hoped that the new areas would give Bookmakers a chance to service new customers who might not enter the existing betting rings. In addition, the capacity of each new Grandstand would hold 3,000 people including hospitality, increasing the overall capacity to the racecourse by 3,000. The Aintree Pavilion would have an increased capacity of up to 13,000 people. GB asked if more Bookmakers would be needed to be added to the existing lists if the new areas were developed. CB said he was not looking to increase Bookmakers numbers for the foreseeable future.</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>RAILS POSITIONS</b></p> <p>This is an additional agenda item previously minuted for September 2006 and brought forward due to the fact that the development of betting with Bookmakers in other areas is an agenda item in this meeting.</p> <p>GB stated that because he had a rails position at Aintree he could not comment on this matter.</p> <p>JW asked if it was necessary to move the rails as it was already in an established area. MR stated that the increased capacity of 3,000 to members would naturally enhance business to the rails area. CB asked MR if there were any ring improvement monies available should the rails be moved. MR stated that there was no funding available from the NJPC and that any costs would have to be incurred by the racecourse.</p> <p>After general discussion members agreed to defer a final decision on rails positions until after the 2007 Grand National meeting when the effects of the new betting areas would be known. Under the NJPC mechanism, rails positions would be offered the opportunity to bet in the new areas should they be developed.</p>

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**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

GB asked ZG about the positioning of flower beds on the tarmac in front of the rails positions. ZG stated that it was the same arrangement as in previous years. However, she said she would look to position the flower beds away from the rails positions.

**NO OTHER BUSINESS**

**MEETING CLOSED**