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Hi Stuart

See attached as per previous email

Martin

From: Keith Ferguson <keithferguson@btinternet.com>
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Here is my report having visited the ground.

BACKGROUND

Benburb F.C. require an access appraisal for Scottish F.A. licencing purposes and to meet the Entry Level requirements.

It is clear that one area is "work in progress" and I have agreed with the club that when all the necessary work is carried out, I will revisit the ground and review (also informing the Scottish F.A. of the outcome). The area in question is the covered wheelchair viewing area.

One of the excellent advantages the club have with regard to access is the whole pitch is surrounded with concrete slabbing.

REPORT/COMMENTS ON SCOTTISH F.A. ENTRY LEVEL REQUIREMENTS

(as per 5.15 Provision for Disabled Spectators)

Appoint a Nominated Individual – *Janine Peacock*

Create the Club Disabled Policy – *There is one on the club's website.*

Carry out an Access Appraisal – *as per this report.*

Demonstrate Activities in relation to the Access Appraisal – *This is for the club to identify and demonstrate to the Scottish F.A. with one aspect currently work in progress.*

A designated accessible WC – *in place however minor adjustments required.*

Accessible parking – *in place however improvements needed.*

Accessible to catering or an ordering service in place – *not required as drop down counter in place,*

A covered area with space for at least 2 wheelchairs and Personal Assistants – *not in place as work in progress*

COMMENTS/ACTIONS AS A RESULT OF THIS APPRAISAL

Please find details below which is split into two sections .

Related to 5.15 Provision for Disabled Spectators

Club Disabled Policy – One currently in place which KF will review and edit.

A designated accessible WC – The current accessible toilet requires the following changes:

A paper towel dispenser needs installed.

A mirror needs placed about the sink able to be viewed by somebody sitting down or standing up.

The sign on the door needs replaced

Accessible parking is available in the car park next to the main gate. The spaces needed turned 90 degrees so that the front of the car is facing the path area. This will provide the shortest distance between the driver's door and the actual path.

A covered area with space for at least 2 wheelchairs and Personal Assistants –

The location has been identified however has still to be constructed.

The barrier at the front of the accessible viewing area needs additional horizontal bar/s added to for safety reasons.

There should be a gap between each wheelchair space to allow for a personal assistant to sit. (*Moveable cheap plastic seats are acceptable and you may find the personal assistant prefers to stand*). When the club have finished the work KF is happy to review when finished.

Other Recommendations which are Essential or Good Practice.

Essential – Main gate is the accessible entrance point and this needs to have a clear sign indicating this including the international logo.

Essential - Appropriate signage should be in place along the route to guide the person who is disabled from the accessible entrance to the accessible viewing area. Signage in the accessible viewing area should also show the direction or details how to get to the accessible toilet and if possible, the location of the refreshment kiosk.

Essential – Signage on the outer wall of the “club house” is a little confusing and could send people in the wrong direction. Club officials whom I met understand what change is required.

Essential – With regard to the “club house” the outer door floor surface is not flush. Thresholds should be no more than 15mm high and bevelled to prevent a wheelchair from jarring. Metal thresholds, which have compressible rubber strips, are most suitable.

Good Practice – The club should also consider installing a number of seats in the covered enclosure which should be highlighted as “priority seats” (*see attached label example*) to accommodate supporters with reduced mobility and/or who have difficulty standing for long periods. Labels should be attached to every second seat so there is an adjacent seat available for a personal assistant.

Essential - The accessible toilet should be fitted with a RADAR lock. This considerably reduces non – disabled people using this toilet which is regarded as an abuse of the facility. Most people who are disabled carry a RADAR key however a spare one should be kept at the kiosk with a sign on the accessible toilet door explaining this.

Good Practice – An Accessible Information page should be available on the web site (and should also be available as a printed document which can be posted). Please see attached examples I drafted for other clubs.

Good Practice - In all areas where food and drink are served provide menus in large print.

Essential – The car park surface is very uneven and is rough standing.

Wheelchair users and people with reduced mobility will find it very difficult to walk/manoeuvre on. Turning the spaces round will help however the club should

consider making this tarmacked. To help reduce costs the areas the cars sit on could remain as is as long as when you open the driver's or passengers' doors you step onto solid ground.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions especially if anything I have written is not clear. Also, in the future if you are looking for any advice no matter how small please feel free to phone me.

It was a pleasure to assist your club.

Regards

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