

**2003 No. 1256**

**SPORTS GROUNDS AND SPORTING EVENTS**

**The Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 2003**

*Made* - - - - - *29th April 2003*

*Laid before Parliament* *8th May 2003*

*Coming into force* - - - *31st May 2003*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on her by section 1(1) of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975(a), and after such consultation as is mentioned in section 18(4) of that Act, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 2003 and shall come into force on 31st May 2003.

**Designation**

2. The sports grounds specified in the Schedule to this Order (being sports grounds in England at which association football matches are played, which are occupied by clubs which are members of the Football League Limited or the Football Association Premier League Limited, and which in the opinion of the Secretary of State have accommodation for more than 5,000 spectators) are hereby each designated as a sports ground requiring a safety certificate under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975(b).

29th April 2003

*Tessa Jowell*  
Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

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(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) The number 5,000 was substituted for the number in section 1(1) of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 for Football League grounds in England and Wales by the Safety of Sports Grounds (Accommodation of Spectators) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/499).

# SCHEDULE

Article 2

<i>Sports ground</i>	<i>Occupier of sports ground</i>
Neasham Road Darlington DL2 1GR	Darlington Football Club
National Hockey Stadium and Conference Centre Silbury Boulevard Central Milton Keynes MK9 1HA	Wimbledon Football Club

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order designates the Neasham Road stadium in Darlington and the National Hockey Stadium and Conference Centre in Central Milton Keynes as sports grounds requiring a safety certificate under the Safety of Sports Ground Act 1975.

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