

PRIME MINISTER

You expressed concern that lack of equipment should not delay the installation of closed circuit TV in time for the new season, particularly if the Football Trust had the funds to pay for it.

The attached note from DOE is a little unclear. But I think the gist of it is that equipment delays are not holding matters up. I shall confirm with them on Monday that there is no question of the Football Trust having sufficient resources on the one hand, and delivery delays holding matters up on the other. It looks as if we should know more on 8 August.

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Home Office and the Football Trust are together looking at equipment and its availability. Briefly, the video and camera equipment should be available quickly, in a matter of days - to be installed, under the guidance of the Police, also in a matter of days. But much will depend on the equipment finally chosen, by local clubs and Police. The potential delivery problem concerns special lenses for still pictures (for evidence) taken through the video; this is a feature which some experts are recommending. Alternatively, still pictures could be taken by separate cameras - cheaper in camera terms, but perhaps requiring more "operators".⁷ Much will depend upon the local decisions taken once clubs have the authority from the Trust to go ahead with a system. Those decisions will depend upon a survey, by companies, of their specific needs. It is obviously vital to select equipment appropriate to the ground conditions and problems.

DOE, Home Office and Football Trust will be studying specifications before the 8 August Trust meeting at which decisions will be taken. We will try to avoid delivery problems. Should they arise, we will give you details immediately.

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