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POLICY ON POLICING

Date of Review	Reason for review	Amendments
08/01/2009	New Policy Approved	Not Applicable
09/01/2014	Periodic Review	None
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1. Introduction

This document is drafted in accordance with the Rules of Reading Football Supporters' Society Limited and sets out the Policy on Policing adopted pursuant to a resolution at a Board Meeting held on 8th January 2009.

2. Definitions

Definitions of the terms used in this policy are laid out in a separate Definition of Terms document, which should be read in conjunction with this policy.

- 3. STAR believes that football supporters should be treated in all instances as law-abiding members of the public, and so is against any policing methods which are based upon stereotyping or the assumption that supporters are potential criminals/hooligans. As such, STAR supports intelligence-led policing and opposes such things as random searches (including using sniffer dogs) directed at football supporters only. It considers that if random search methods are to be used they should apply equally to all members of the population. This also includes the use of legislation such as Section 60 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and Section 27 of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 when used against groups of supporters in a stereotypical way without intelligence backing.**

4. STAR deploras the use of legislation which specifically targets football supporters as a group, since this is based on an assumption of criminality.

5. This policy will be reviewed by STAR's Board biennially, but members may call for it to be reviewed at any time by contacting the Secretary.