



Lancaster Avenue Cricket Ground  
Law 19 (Boundaries)

Taken from TS4 "Recommended Guidelines for the Construction, Preparation and maintenance of Cricket at all levels of the game" Published by the England & Wales cricket Board (ECB), March 2007.

Page 65 "The MCC laws of cricket and International Cricket Council (ICC) & ECB playing conditions".

Minimum 50- Maximum 90 yards from centre of pitch to be used.

Saracens Hertfordshire Cricket league, the competition the principle ground users compete in.

Taken from the current league handbook, 2012 edition.

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Boundary to be at least 50 yards from centre of pitch.

The boundary at Lancaster Avenue conforms to the necessary regulations as laid down by the laws of the game and local league requirements.

There is no formal criteria as to what represents a "safe" distance for persons, property or dwellings from the pitch and it is up to the facility provider to conduct a risk assessment to ascertain if control measures are required to protect 3rd parties from potential harm.

From the information provided it would require a straight hit in excess of 75 metres to reach the boundary fencing. As a control measure the ground authority has erected a 6.60 metre ball stop fence, raising the distance a ball would need to travel through the air to clear the fence to in excess of 80 metres.

As a "rule of thumb" the ECB recommends the provision of an 8 metre ball stop fence when the pitch is 50 metres from any potential risk be it person or property. Reducing as distance increases. (Daniel Musson ECB Facilities & Investment manager).

I recommend that assure to residents that the authority takes its duty of care seriously whilst actively promoting sporting and recreational opportunities amongst the populace a risk assessment is conducted ascertaining if suitable measures to reduce risk to an acceptable level are in place and to take the necessary actions and control measures if required. To this end I am available to provide such technical assistance as may be required.

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