# Away Supporters Stamford Bridge Access Guide 2024/2025





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### Support at Chelsea Football Club

At Chelsea Football Club we are committed to providing accessible services and facilities to our supporters with disabilities and additional needs.

This guide provides helpful information on services available at Stamford Bridge, to make you journey to the stadium and experience here as enjoyable as possible.

If you need a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) or have a medical requirement for equipment, medication, or larger bags, please use this link to complete a form and our matchday safety team will be in touch with you;

www.chelseafc.com/en/personal-emergency-evacuationplan-peep-baggage-exemption-2024

Lift passes for the day can be collected from Window 7 of the ticket office or from main reception.

For accessibility and disability enquiries please contact:

#### Hannah Travers Disability Access Officer

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## **Ticket Office**

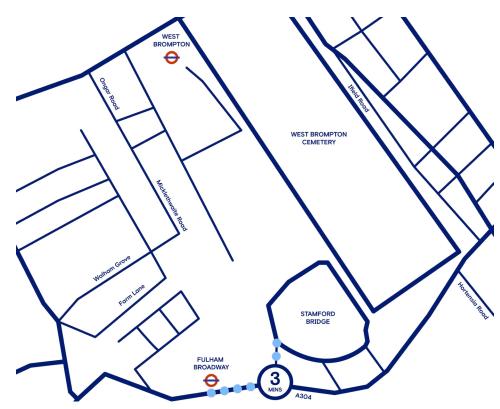
The ticket office is located behind the Shed End Stand at the south end of the stadium, next to the main reception. There are seven windows including an accessible window, number 7, which has a lower counter height. Window 7 is fitted with an induction loop and there is good lighting directly above the windows.

		Shed End Stand	
	Kick-off time	Ticket office opens	Ticket office closes
Weekend	12:30 pm	09:15 am	Half-time
Weekend	1-1:30 pm	09:45 am	Half-time
Weekend	2-2:30 pm	10:15 am	Half-time
Weekend	4 pm	11:45 am	Half-time
Weekend	4:30 pm	12:15 pm	Half-time
Weekend	5:30 pm	1:15 pm	Half-time
Weekend	7:30 pm	3:45 pm	Half-time
Weekend	8 pm	3:45 pm	Half-time
Midweek	7:30 pm	3:30 pm	Half-time
Midweek	8 pm	4 pm	Half-time

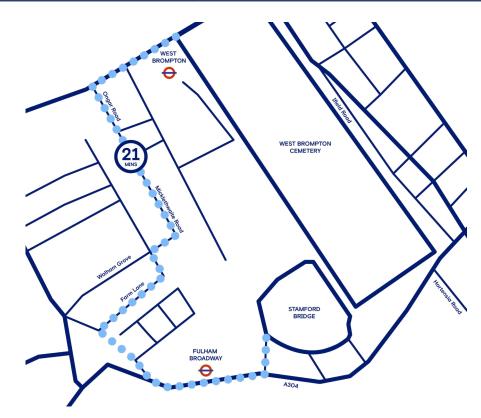


## Getting to Stamford Bridge Stadium on Public Transport

From Fulham Broadway Station		
Which London Underground line is this station on?	The Wimbledon branch of the District Line (green), between Earls Court Station and Parsons Green Station.	
What is the station address?	Fulham Road SW6 1BY	
Is staff help available?	$\checkmark$	
Boarding ramp for train access?	$\checkmark$	
Step-free access coverage?	$\checkmark$	
Step-free access to ticket hall from street?	√ via shopping centre.	
Step-free access to each platform from ticket hall?	√ via lift.	
Wheelchairs available?	X	
Toilet access?	✓ In shopping centre.	
Waiting room access?	X	
Car park access?	✓ Underground car park with lift access. Shopping Centre car park closed 2.5 hours before kick-off and for 2 hours after final whistle.	
Underground fare zone?	Zone 2	

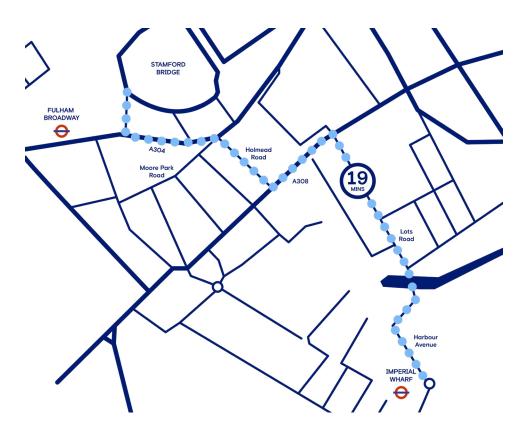


From West Brompton Station	
Which London Underground line is this station on?	National Rail and London Overground (orange) and the Wimbledon branch of the District Line (green) between Earls Court Station and Fulham Broadway Station.
What is the station address?	Old Brompton Road SW5 9JX
Is staff help available?	X
Boarding ramp for train access?	X
Step-free access coverage?	X
Step-free access to ticket hall from street?	Platform 2 – Eastbound District Line service. Platforms 3 and 4 – London Overground services. Step-free interchange between these platforms is possible.
Step-free access to each platform from ticket hall?	X
Wheelchairs available?	X
Toilet access?	X
Waiting room access?	X
Car park access?	✓ drop-off point is close by with dropped kerb and pelican crossing.
Underground fare zone?	Zone 2



## Getting to Stamford Bridge Stadium on Public Transport

From Imperial Wharf Station	
Which London Underground line is this station on?	National Rail and London Overground (orange) Stratford to Clapham Junction line.
What is the station address?	Townmead Road SW6 2ZH
Is staff help available?	$\checkmark$
Boarding ramp for train access?	$\checkmark$
Step-free access coverage?	$\checkmark$
Step-free access to ticket hall from street?	$\checkmark$
Step-free access to each platform from ticket hall?	√ via lift.
Wheelchairs available?	$\checkmark$
Toilet access?	X
Waiting room access?	X
Car park access?	X
Underground fare zone?	Zone 2



## Local Bus and River Boat routes

#### Buses

The following bus services stop directly outside the Britannia Gate entrance to Stamford Bridge.

- 14 From Putney Heath (Green Man) – Warren Street or Gower Street.
- 211 Hammersmith
  Waterloo Station /upper Taxi Road.
- 414 Putney Bridge Station
  Chippenham Road Maida Hill.

Many other services pass close by through the Fulham Broadway area.

All buses are low-floor vehicles (excluding heritage buses covering parts of routes nine and 15), which means the doorways are close to pavement level when the bus stops, and the doors open.

Every bus also has a retractable ramp, which connects the floor of the bus directly with the pavement, making access possible for wheelchair users.

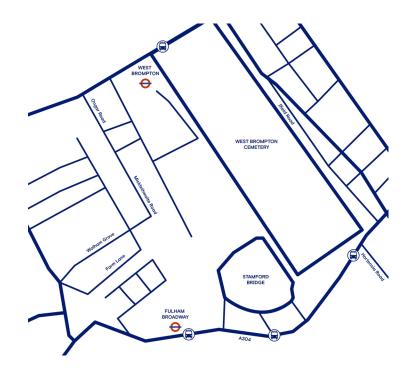
The wheelchair space on buses cannot take a wheelchair bigger than 70cm in width and 120cm in length.

#### **River Boat**

All boats are wheelchair accessible via a ramp for boarding, with room for a maximum of four wheelchairs on larger boats and can also accommodate a further three folding chairs. Electronic wheelchairs are also welcome. All piers are wheelchair accessible except for London Bridge, Wandsworth Quarter and Cadogan Pier.

Route R86 travels between Putney and Blackfriars operating during peak hours Monday to Friday. The closest pier to Stamford Bridge is Chelsea Harbour which is a 14-minute walk via Lots Road, Kings Road and Holmead Road with level paved pavements and dropped kerbs.

All boats except the Star, Storm and Sky Clippers have accessible toilets.



## **Accessible Car Parking**

#### Non-Matchday Parking

We have 6 marked accessible parking bays in the underground car park at Stamford Bridge (lift access to Copthorne Hotel) and a further three accessible car parking spaces at the nearby Fulham Broadway Shopping Centre. There are no accessible bays above ground.

The bays are for Blue Badge holders who are guests or visitors to Chelsea FC and the parking duration is for the period the driver is visiting the site or using the facilities on site such as the Megastore, stadium tours, Frankie's, or hotels.

#### **Matchday Parking**

For matchdays, spaces can be booked via our online booking form found here - Accessible Car Parking | Official Site | Chelsea Football Club (<u>chelseafc.com</u>)

We are unable to accept car parking applications by telephone or email. Bookings open approximately 28 days prior to the fixture date. Bookings are allocated on a first come first served basis and are subject to availability.

Supporters are required to display a valid Blue Badge whilst parked at Chelsea Football Club sites.

We advise supporters to arrive no later than two hours prior to kick-off time to avoid not being able to park in the accessible car parking spaces due to matchday road closures.

#### **Local Parking**

Parking in the vicinity of Stamford Bridge is managed by two local authorities, The Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. The most recent changes to restrictions can be found here – New parking restrictions introduced around Stamford Bridge | News | Official Site | Chelsea Football Club (chelseafc.com)

#### Drop-Off Points for Accessible Supporters

A drop-off and pick-up point is provided for accessible supporters on matchdays. This is situated at the Stamford Gate entrance on Fulham Road. This is area is controlled by stewards on a matchday.

Please note that Fulham Road is closed to traffic approximately two hours prior to kick-off and post final whistle. There will be no access to Fulham Road for any vehicles during the road closure once closure has been enforced.

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Applications for accessible car parking spaces will be accepted from 10am on the booking release date, as listed in the official club website ticket information. All bookings for individual fixtures will close three days prior to the fixture date.

## Chelsea Disabled Supporters Association

Chelsea Football Club and the Chelsea Supporters' Trust are pleased and proud to announce the re-establishing of an independent Chelsea Disabled Supporters Association (CDSA).

The aim of the CDSA is to empower disabled supporters and amplify voices, to break down barriers, to enable a positive matchday experience, and to unite all supporters by encouraging awareness and education for those who are not disabled.

This is a very exciting opportunity for the club to work closer with our disabled supporters on key policy issues and updating facilities. Having this link will allow the club to target projects specifically to our supporters' needs and work towards improving fan experiences.

The CDSA and the club will work alongside Level Playing Field for projects and events.





To get involved with the CDSA use this QR code.

# Entering the Stadium and Where to Sit

Stamford Bridge has 9 accessible entrances which are all attended by stewards on matchdays. Entry is via your ticket with readers on each entrance. These open approximately 90 minutes before kick-off but may vary.

**Shed Lower Away Supporters:** Access to the away seating is via Dickie's Deck, to the left of the East Stand concourse. There is a railed ramp to get up to the accessible entrance which will take you to the accessible platform. Stewards will be at the entrance to assist with tickets and entrance needs.

For row 10, seat number 3–28 non-ambulant (wheelchair users) spaces are on a raised platform and the PA tickets are next to the non-ambulant ticket.

For row 13, seat number 29–33 non-ambulant (wheelchair users) spaces are on a raised platform and the PA tickets are behind the non-ambulant ticket in row 14.

**Safe-standing areas:** ambulant supporters with Shed Lower and Shed Upper tickets, should know these are safe-standing areas. Although supporters will be allocated a seat, they are likely to stand throughout the match.

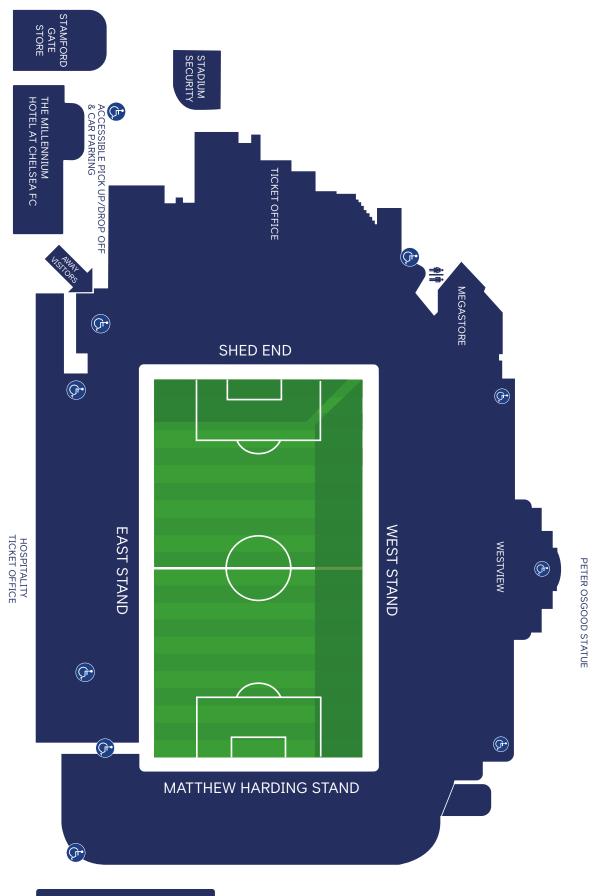
#### **Disability Stewards**

At Stamford Bridge we have multiple disability stewards. These stewards have received in-depth awareness training and are committed to helping our disabled supporters.

They are very visible in their purple bibs and are based at every accessible entrance and seating area.

If you require any assistance on a match day, please speak to your nearest disability steward.







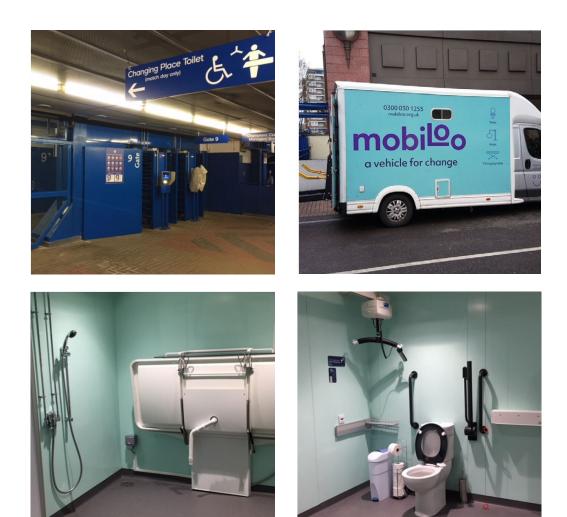
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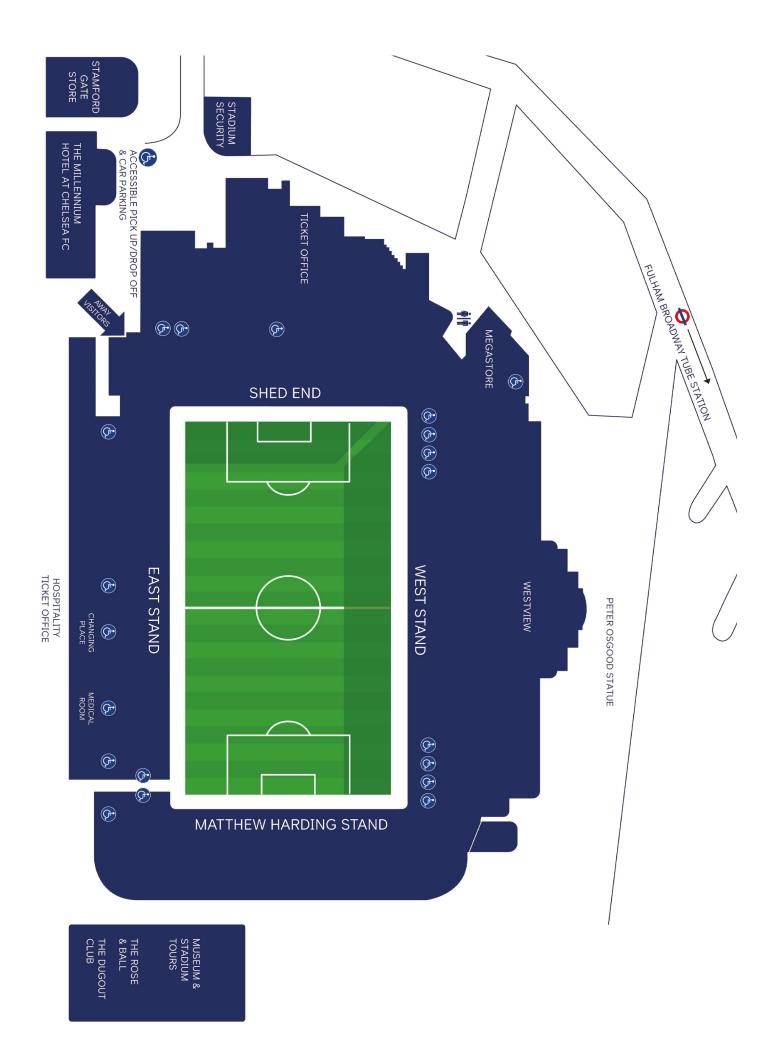
Stamford Bridge has 20 accessible toilets and 2 changing places.

A fully equipped changing place toilet is located at the north end of the East Stand lower tier concourse. Access is by RADAR Key and the facility is supervised on matchdays by stewards. In addition to this permanent facility, a mobile changing place (Mobiloo) is also in attendance on matchdays and is parked adjacent to the Millennium Hotel.

All accessible toilets and changing places are clearly signed and have level access. These facilities use the RADAR key system. Supporters who do not have their own RADAR key can ask stewards for assistance.

Away supporters in the Shed Lower have access to 2 accessible toilets, one on the Dickie's Deck concourse and one through a door behind the away PA seats.





## Sensory Room and Prayer Room

#### Sensory Room

The sensory room is a bookable space run by the Chelsea Foundation, designed to support those with sensory needs, anxiety, and similar disabilities. The capacity of this room is a maximum of 10 supporters and 2 specially trained members of staff. There is an accessible toilet within the room.

The sensory room is accessed via the East Stand lower tier concourse. No ticket is required but confirmation of booking may be needed for stewards on the way to the sensory room.

To book or get more information please contact the Chelsea Foundation inclusion and disability team at <u>nico.manduzio@chelseafc.com</u>



#### **Prayer Room**

The prayer room is a separate space to the sensory room. It is a bookable space for adults with sensory needs to take a moment of reflection and pray.

The prayer room is located on the first floor of the Millennium Hotel. It has level access and a lift. A member of security staff will be present to support.

Please visit: <u>https://www.chelseafc.com/en/quiet-area-prayer-</u> <u>room-h</u> for more information.

#### **Additional Accessible Amenities**



Induction Loop – Telecoil hearing induction loops are available from the main reception and ticket office Window 7.



Audio Commentary – Disposable radio commentary headsets are available from the ticket office. Stamford Bridge also has high frequency commentary receivers. These can be picked up from the ticket office. Book via this link. Request Accessible Earpiece Customer Self-Service (powerappsportals.com)



Assistance dogs are welcomed at Stamford Bridge. Please contact <u>access@chelseafc.com</u> if you will be bringing an assistance dog.



Seat moves may be accommodated for temporary disabilities and injuries if enough notice is given. If you require a temporary move, please contact access@chelseafc.com.



Sunflower Lanyards can be collected from the ticket office and main reception.



Accessible Catering – Use the CFC Express app for pre-order and in-seat delivery. Alternatively, the West Stand concourse, Westview, and East Stand have lowered counters and collection points at food and drinks kiosks.

## Megastore and Matchday Shopping

**The Megastore** is located between the West Middle South entrance and the main reception.

Access is via double doors on the ground floor with a small incline.

To the left of the entrance is a lift to the first floor. The first floor has a ramp for access to the platform area, which a member of staff can help with. There is a lower counter at the ground floor tills.

Next to the main entrance is our new communications board, introduced by the Chelsea Foundation, to better help supporters with communication needs.



	Opening times	Closing times	
Monday - Friday	10 am	5:30 pm	
Sunday and Bank Holidays	11 am	5 pm	
Match Day	Depends on kick-off time. Please check the official club website.	Closes at kick-off and re-opens for an hour after the game.	

**Mobile matchday merchandise units** are at the Stamford Gate and Britannia Gate. The counters are high, but staff are available to help.

**The matchday store** at the Stamford Gate is not step free. Entry is via a single narrow door and all tills are on the basement level with no lift. The exit is via 12 steps to ground level.

## **Museum and Tours**

The museum and stadium tours operate on different days and times depending on the time within the season.

The table below shows what is available.

Venue	September - March	April – June	July - August
Stadium Tours	10 am – 4 pm	10 am – 4 pm	10 am – 4 pm
Museum	9:30 am - 5 pm	9:30 am - 5 pm	9:30 am – 7 pm
Museum Centre (ground floor with trophy photo opportunity)	9:30 am – 4:30 pm	9:30 am – 4:30 pm	9:30 am – 6:30 pm

#### British Sign Language

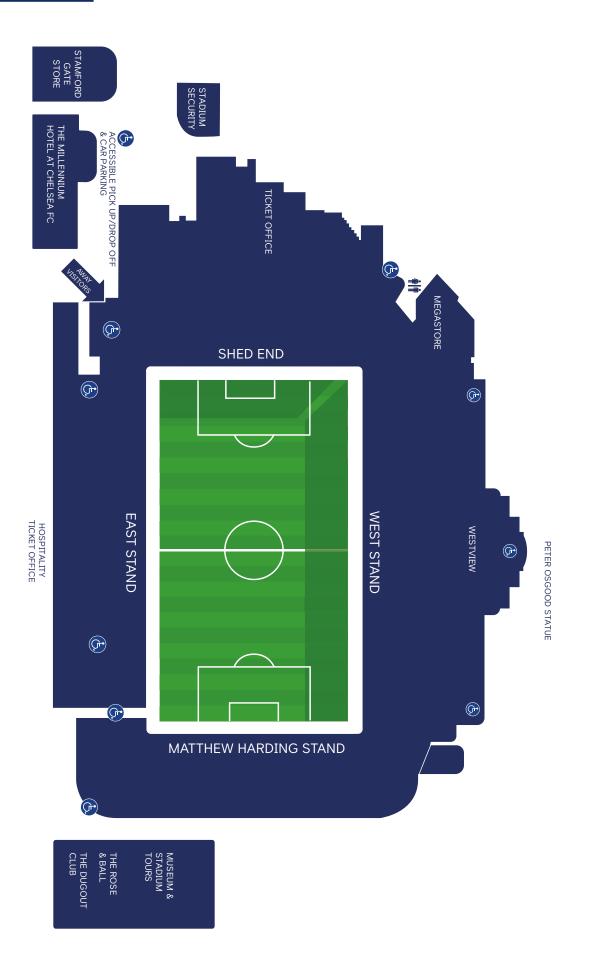


British Sign Language (BSL) tours will be available on Sundays at 3pm.

The museum and stadium tours can be booked using the QR code below:



## **Stamford Bridge Map**



## Thank you

