



MARLAY PARK CONCERTS 2015

24th June 2015

Dear Resident,

This letter has been put together by An Garda Síochána, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and Festival Republic on behalf of MCD Productions. We would like to keep you informed and up to date on the events taking place in Marlay Park this summer.

The current schedule is as follows:

Friday 3rd July (Gates 4pm) – Avicii/Rudimental/Clean Bandit/The Dead Prezidents

Saturday 4th July (Gates 3.30pm) – Paulo Nutini/ Imelda May / Alabama Shakes / Gaz Coombes

Friday 17th – Sunday 19th July (Gates 1.30pm) – Longitude Festival

The events finish at 23.00hrs on each day. Pyrotechnics will be in use during the Avicii performance on 3rd July.

It is intended that the Local Authority, Event Staff and An Garda Síochána keep in close communication with residents to ensure inconvenience and disruption is kept to an absolute minimum.

PARKING PERMITS

To deter non-residential parking on concert days, parking permits have been issued to all residents in the surrounding area. Three permits have been issued per household. Please contact the Council at 01-2054714 if any resident in your area has not received their permits by the end of June.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

Signage

Directional signage will be erected on local approach to the concerts and selected roads to the concert site. A recommended route for patrons travelling to and from the event will be advertised nationally. Importance will be placed on maximising the relevant junctions on the M50.

Buses/Coaches

Marathon Coaches will run a shuttle bus service from Customs House Quay in the city centre to the event. It shall commence at 2pm on the 3rd and 4th July and at 1pm on the 17th, 18th and 19th July. Marathon Coaches shall be located in the College Road car park. In an effort to keep disruption to the minimum on public roads adjacent to Marlay Park, all private buses are licenced to park in the College Road car park.

Road Closures

A number of road closures shall be put in place at the end of each event to safeguard the large volume of pedestrians expected to exit onto the Grange Road. The following are an estimated time at which the road closures shall commence depending on the volume of pedestrian traffic.

- Grange Road from the junction with Taylor's Lane to the junction of Ballinteer Avenue and Brehon Field Road shall close to all vehicular traffic at 10.30pm. Traffic will NOT be allowed to exit any estate or the Lidl car park.
- College Road from the junction with the Whitechurch Road to the junction with the Grange Road shall close to traffic at 10.30pm to allow for vehicles to exit the College Road carpark.
- Stonemasons Way from the junction with the Grange Road to the junction with Broadford Road shall close to vehicular traffic at 10.30pm
- Taylor's Lane from the junction with the Whitechurch Road to the junction with the Grange Road shall close at 10pm. Traffic shall be permitted to drive down Taylor's Lane only towards Whitechurch Road in a contra flow system.

Please note that during these road closures access will be allowed for emergency vehicles.

These road closures shall be removed as soon as the Gardai deem it safe to do so.

PARK AND CAR PARK OPENING/CLOSING TIMES

Marlay Park will remain open to all visitors as normal except on concert days (see above list).

The concert layout and build schedule this year has changed compared to 2014. The new layout aims to maximise the availability of the park to other park users, minimise disruption and make available the amenity space in front of Marlay House and around Bolands Café. To allow this, the stage has been relocated to a new position.

On concert days a circulation route around the park will be maintained until 12noon. Following this, access will be restricted until the park closes at 6pm or earlier should An Garda Síochána consider that this is necessary.

The Grange Road carpark will remain open except on concert days when it will be completely closed. The car park at College Road will remain open at usual times.

LITTER

There will be designated litter teams allocated to the residential areas surrounding Marlay Park. These teams will be litter picking throughout the duration of the concerts and will be available to respond to any waste generated by event attendees. **Please report any litter issues to the residents hotline at 01 4375750.**

NOISE LEVELS

In accordance with the licence issued under the Planning & Development Act 2000, the noise level limit for the concerts is 72dba. Both the HSE and MCD will monitor noise levels through daytime sound checks and the evening concerts.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Entry to the event is by ticket only, and the event site will be securely fenced off. Following consultation with residents associations a robust plan has been developed to ensure that the site and surrounding residential areas are kept safe and secure. There will be enhanced policing of residential areas surround Marlay Park as well as comprehensive

stewarding and sign posting to direct attendees to and from the event. An Garda Síochána and event stewards will work together to prevent anti-social behaviour and illegal parking within the estates. A mobile event security team, organised by the Promoter, will also be in place. Any issues in relation to security can be reported through the **residents' hotline number 01 4375750**.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Council are aware, that with any large gathering, there will always be an element of anti social behaviour. An Garda Síochána are well versed in this regard and are aware of the expected element. However if you experience anti-social behaviour in your area on concert days, you can contact us on any of the numbers below:

CONTACT INFORMATION

- **On Non Concert Days** - Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Council, Marlay Park Concert hotline at 01-2054714, during office hours (Mon – Friday 9am – 4.30pm).
- **On Concert Days** dedicated **Residents Hotline** number is available as a facility for residents to call in with any concerns or observations. Calls to the hotline number will go directly to the event control facility on site, and will be answered by event staff. The facility will be operational on concert days from 11:00hrs to 00:30hrs and the number is 01 **4375750**
- **On Concert Days** any of the Council staff on duty (Aidan Blighe 087-9922866; Therese Langan 086-6074095; Jeanette White 086-0223341)
- the Gardaí at Rathfarnham Garda Station (01-6666500)
- the community Gardaí at 01-6666520

As outlined at the start of this letter, it is our intention to minimise disruption and inconvenience to the residents surrounding Marlay Park and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued assistance and support during these concerts over the last ten years.

The income generated from these concerts has contributed towards vast improvements in Marlay Park, namely playgrounds, hospitality facilities, sports facilities and some of the other events held (e.g. Samhain and Movies in the Park).

Should you have any queries regarding any aspect of the concerts please do not hesitate to contact the dedicated Marlay Park Concert hotline numbers listed above.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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