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Wild Roots Festival 2024

Draft Traffic Management Plan, Hazelwood, Sligo, Co. Sligo Friday 31st May - Monday 3rd June 2024

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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Section 10.1 of the Code of Practice for Safety at Outdoor Pop Concerts and other musical outdoor events, a Draft Traffic Management Plan has been prepared in consultation with An Garda Síochána to manage pedestrians and traffic flow in the vicinity of the event site. Should any additional event planning measures be required by the Gardaí to assist with Traffic Management, the Promoter will endeavour to meet such requirements.

Pre-Event Traffic

The main site build for the event will commence on Saturday 25^{th} of May and will be complete on Wednesday the 31^{st} of May. All contractors and staff will be emailed instructions in advance to advise of the site entrance and route. All site traffic will be directed to enter the site through Gate F – as identified on the map below.



Attendee Traffic

It is anticipated that between 4,000 and 5,000 people will arrive over a 14-16 hour period on Friday the 31st of May with the remaining attendees arriving over the course of the 1st and 2nd of June.

Traffic Diversion

Traffic travelling toward Dromahair on the R286 will be diverted from the R286 onto the R278, traffic can continue on the R278 toward Dromahair or turn right on Shaws avenue to meet the R286 again at the top of Hazelwood avenue.

Road Closure Information

A temporary road closure of R286 will be required and has been applied for via Sligo County Council, post consultation with both Sligo County Council & An Garda Síochána. The road closure will be applied for to manage the safety of pedestrians and vehicles along the R286. Road closure positions at Gate A/Control point 6 along to Control Point 25/ Gate G will be implemented from the junction of R286 and R278 to the junction of R286 and will be manned by security personnel throughout the event. One- way traffic will be allowed to travel along the R286 from control point 25 to control point 6. Traffic in the opposite direction will be diverted up the R278 and down Shaws avenue.

Road Closure – Control Points

Road Closure – Advance Notification

Advance road closure notification signage will be erected on the R286 and approaching routes approximately 10 days in advance of the festival to advise road users of the upcoming road closure.

A Variable Message Sign will be installed at the junction of the R286 and the R278 – this sign will be installed 1 week in advance of the event and will advise road users of both the upcoming road closure and the additional site traffic.

Local businesses & residents will be notified via letter drop of the upcoming road closure and traffic restrictions and will be able to seek clarification and assistance both in advance of the event and over the course of the weekend of the event utilising the Wild Roots Residential & Business Hotline.

Anticipated Vehicle Types and Parking

Vehicle Types Location	Expected	
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Private Cars (Parking)	Main Car Park	1500	
Private Cars (Parking)	Sligo IT (Shuttle Service)	250	
Private Cars (Drop Off)	Main Car Park	150 / day	
Event Vehicles	Staff & Trader Car Park	50	
Campervans	Campervan Camping Area	200	
Private Buses	bus parking in town	10	
Taxis		50	
Shuttle Buses	on partially closed road	Ongoing	

All event car parks will be accessible and managed by security personnel on a 24 hour basis throughout the event. Please note; this will not be publicly advertised so as to reduce the amount of pedestrian traffic between the arena / campsite areas and car parks overnight.

Cyclists

Cyclists will be directed to dismount their bicycles at Gate A and to utilise the pedestrian route into the main car park. Parking facilities will be provided within the main car park for bicycles to be locked to.

Local Access

All local residents and businesses within the road closure and its environs will be provided with local resident vehicle passes in advance of the festival. Local resident and business traffic will be permitted access throughout the road closure, when safe to do so, throughout the festival. If necessary a security escort will be utilised to "walk" a vehicle through.

Car Parks

A car park management team will be provided and will be in place to manage the flow of traffic into the main car park. In addition to the main car park, a secondary overflow and processing car park has been planned for. Should the main carpark become full or in the event that there is an access delay, traffic will be diverted into this car park to reduce delays accessing the main car park.

Campervans

Campervans will enter the campervan site via the entrance across from Gate E. A security & parking management team will be in place to ensure a smooth entry system and avoid any delays.

Bus & Coach Parking

Bus companies will be informed to travel via N16 and onto the Calry Road and enter a dedicated bus parking on the grounds of Hazelwood via Gate B Signage will be in place to direct bus traffic accordingly. The festival will partner with a local Bus Company who will be providing the majority of the bus traffic to the site. Drop offs and private coaches and minibuses will also be facilitated via Gate B.

Vehicles Displaying Disability Badges

Vehicles displaying a 'disability' badge will be given access to a dedicated parking area close to the event cordon on site. Vehicles will be directed to enter 'Gate F''. A special ticket and registration system is set up and instructions are sent out in advance. Signage will also be in place to direct this type of traffic to Gate F as part of the overall signage schedule agreed with NRA, Sligo County Council and Garda Síochana in advance.

Staff Parking

Staff Parking will enter the site via Gate F and immediately turn left into the staff car parking facility. This facility will open from the initial site build until the event derig has been completed.

Pedestrian Access Route A

Pedestrian Route A will be manned on a 24 hours basis for the duration of the road closure. Security personnel will be positioned at either end of the pedestrian route and will be in direct radio communications with their counterparts, supervisors and Event Control throughout the event.

Suitable barriers will be installed to delineate a safe area for pedestrian usage on the south side of the R286 for the duration of the road closure. A one way traffic flow system will be in operation throughout the event, should the need arise this one-way system can be inverted to allow traffic to pass contra-flow along the north side of the R286.



Checks & Inspections

Final checks of the diversion route shall be conducted a week prior to the event to ensure hedgerows/tree branches and grass verges are clear and don't obstruct traffic along the proposed diversion routes. Any proposal to cut back any obstruction shall be considered in the context of Section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976, as amended by Section 46 of the 2000 Amendment Act.

Inspections will be carried out throughout the festival to ensure that there are no traffic related issues along the diversion route (once in operation). Security will monitor the road closure throughout the event to ensure that there are no traffic related issues during the event. Any issues will be reported directly to Event Control, An Garda Siochana and/or Sligo County Council as appropriate.

Checks and inspections will ensure that the adjacent public road network shall remain clear of muck/debris emanating from the proposed car parks in the event of poor weather conditions during the event. Where required a road cleaner will be utilised to clean any affected areas. In the event of dry weather the promoter will ensure adequate dust suppression/ prevention measures are provided within the site.

The public road will be inspected immediately after the event to ensure that any litter/muck/debris left on the public road has been removed prior to the road being opened to traffic.

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