

**NOTES FROM THE MEETING OF
WORKING GROUP – WORCESTER PARK CONCERTS
DATE 30th May 2023**

PRESENT: Cllrs S Hewlett, J Hammond, Cllr H Turner, J Pearce
Officer: Clerk Fiona Thornton
Badminton Estate: Mr S Dring, Ms K Harris

Traffic Management issues to follow up and seek clarification on were: -

1. Location of pedestrian 'holding pens' and crossing of A433 from car parking on Point-to-Point site to venue site via Worcester Lodge gateway, in the rape field.

S Dring advised there will be a track cut through the crop so that people, once they have left their vehicles, will be directed, and arrive at a gate directly opposite Worcester Lodge track. Groups of concert goers will then be held in pens and cross the road in pulses. There will be one crossing point only. Pedestrians from the village will probably be directed into the blue car park and use the exit there. Clarification needed.

It was noted that Leighterton Road is due to be closed for the period of the first concert.

2. Dead zone in the car park now agreed at 100 metres.

S Dring advised the 100 meters will be measured from the property boundaries and that the car park will fill up from the far end so it is doubtful that the vehicles will even reach the 100 meter mark.

3. Drop-Off and Pick-Up location for coaches, taxis and private vehicles and the parking of coaches and how it will work consistent with the proposed traffic routing plans,

S Dring advised that the question was raised about moving this to the green car park, having reviewed this the swap from blue to green is not possible, the entrances are not suitable for coach access. Also, the volume of people post event at a decision-making point- Coaches, VIP, Pick Up, Taxis, Accessible Need to be easy and the level of signage needed to route green makes this more difficult. Furthermore, the size of blue (in Worcester Park) is greater than green, making it more suitable for the plans we have proposed. Stadium do not recommend moving this.

It was noted that the pickup at the end of the night must ensure a swift movement of vehicles so as not to come back up onto the road causing a jam with vehicles trying to enter the site.

4. The management of car park allocation when event tickets are purchased and use of known postcodes to ensure correct direction of vehicles to the correct car park based on direction of travel.

S Dring advised that postcode data will play a crucial role in the final plans and signage deployment so whilst we predict that the vast amount of traffic will come from M4 we need to see the data to ensure that we dare correct.

It was noted that people travelling from Bristol, who are familiar with the area, will probably not use the M4 as a route.

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5. The wider use of traffic information/directions for people coming from towns and cities other than just the Bristol area, which is where Robomagic/WASTML have assumed the vast majority of people will come from, as use of sat navs etc will mean plans to control traffic, keep it to the designated routes and ensure it is directed to the correct parking zone will be pointless, unable to be enforced and result in major disruption within the village and parish.

S Dring advised that in our experience people rarely, if ever, ignore directional signage for an event, whilst they will use satnav to get them to the general vicinity of an event, they will follow signage once they get there. We can also tell people to switch off their satnav on the signage. The signage deployed is not limited to the Bristol area, but we do believe that the M4 is the direction most people will arrive from.

6. Assurances over the correct level and the nature of security to ensure public nuisance is minimised and the safety and protection of villagers is ensured,

S Dring advised we are confident that the current levels of SEC and TM deployment is reflective of the event we are delivering.

Stewards will be on all the entrances to the car parks and the gate normally used for car parking at the P2P will be closed. All car parks will have a parking supervisor as well as directional stall to ensure concert goers exit the car parks at the correct points.

7. The limited delegated approval being sought only from Avon & Somerset Police to direct/re-direct traffic when this will only apply on A46 and A433 to County boundary and the wider road network in the vicinity being the responsibility of Glos Police and Wiltshire Police,

S Dring advised that they believe this refers to the approval of CSAS staff; for this area the ratification of CSAS staff falls under Somerset and Avon Police. Wiltshire authority are aware of the events.

8. How the 'cumulative effect' of road traffic and related disruption on the village and the local environment of Westonbirt Concerts, Autumn Colours, Enchanted Xmas, Horse Trials, Point to Point races is deemed to be not relevant,

S Dring advised that this is not really for Robomagic to answer – it's not that we don't consider it relevant, but we can't control it – what we can do is put in the best possible plans to alleviate the effect of our event on the area.

9. Clarification on the significance of the 28-day period when there is no requirement for planning permission, rather than licence compliance, given that car parking will be on the Pointy to Point fields which have been used this year already; the time frame for the whole two events is exactly 28 days so Robomagic believe there is no need to obtain planning permission for use of these fields.

S Dring advised that they can remove the infrastructure between shows, so we are not exceeding 28 days.

10. It was agreed that following the concerts, a further residents meeting will be held.