

Further Information requested for Forest Fest 2023

1. It is noted that it is proposed to close the Strategic Regional road R422 (Mount Mellick to Emo Road). This proposal is acceptable in principle subject to a Road Closure agreement. It is accepted that there is no proposal to close the Strategic Regional road R419. However, the proposal to barrier / fence this road to provide a segregated walkway is unacceptable. This is for safety reasons. The free flow of traffic along the R419 is imperative to traffic management and therefore any proposal to provide facilities to the west of the R419 cannot be supported and alternative proposals are required.

All above has been agreed – please see attached revised Traffic Management Plan showing these changes

2. Public Service Vehicle plan is required
3. Clarity is required in relation to taxi / car collection and drop off points (note that this should be set away from the proposed bus drop off point).

Please see attached PSV plan

4. The proposed Emergency Route is the main access point to Emo Court. It is not clear how visitors to Emo Court will access this amenity or how this will be managed in terms of traffic management.

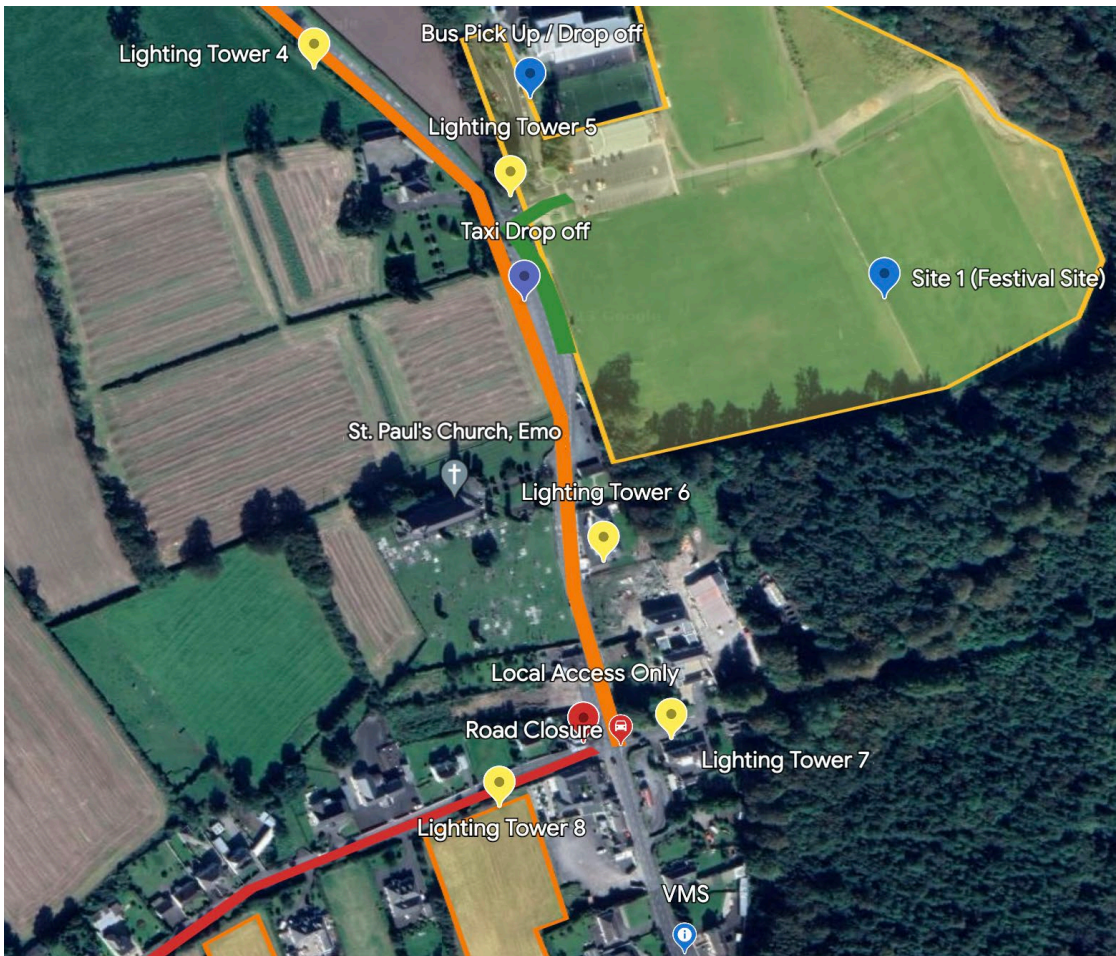
The OPW have confirmed, in relation to Emo Court that all visitors will be directed to the rear entrance on the Port Arlington side so use of the entrance and route in Emo will be confined to Emergency Route traffic, The organisers will provide signage to direct visitors to that entrance

5. Feedback from last year's event identified parking in Emo Village as a hazard to other road users and emergency vehicles. A proposal to address this issue is required. This proposal shall also seek to prevent double parking in the village.

The proposed road closures will help prevent rogue parking in the village. Cones and stewarding will also be employed to monitor and prevent parking and double parking

6. Details of lighting are required.

Lighting in the arena and campsites/parking is indicated on the revised drawings attached, There are 8 lighting towers allocated for use in the village. These will be positioned in liaison with An Garda Siochana as was done last year, Proposed locations are shown below





7. Details in relation to the duration of site construction have not been provided.

Staff on site for build Monday July 17th
Break completed by Wednesday evening July 26th

8. The submitted Event Management Plan states that sound levels will be monitored before and during the event. Further details have not been provided but are required in relation to this matter.

A noise consultant has been contracted to provide a Sound Management plan and to administer it on the day. He will contact the Relevant EHO and agree the Noise Management plan with him/her.

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9. The location of the proposed sanitation facilities has not been identified and it is not clear if servicing vehicles will be able to access these facilities. Uisce Éireann have advised that wastewater collected at temporary sanitary facilities must be disposed of in an appropriately licensed waste or wastewater treatment facility. If the intended disposal route is to import the wastewater to an Uisce Éireann wastewater treatment plant, then the Uisce Éireann imported wastewater application process must be adhered to by the Event Manager. The Event Manager must apply to Uisce Éireann a minimum of eight weeks in advance of any imports being received.

The location of the sanitary facilities is now shown on the attached drawings. All toilets will be accessible from the site perimeter road and additional widths of tracking will be installed at these points so that when servicing is taking place the site perimeter road is not blocked

All waste water will be transported off site by a waste management company to a licensed wastewater treatment centre.

Additional information

A staff carparking field has been located as per the drawing below

