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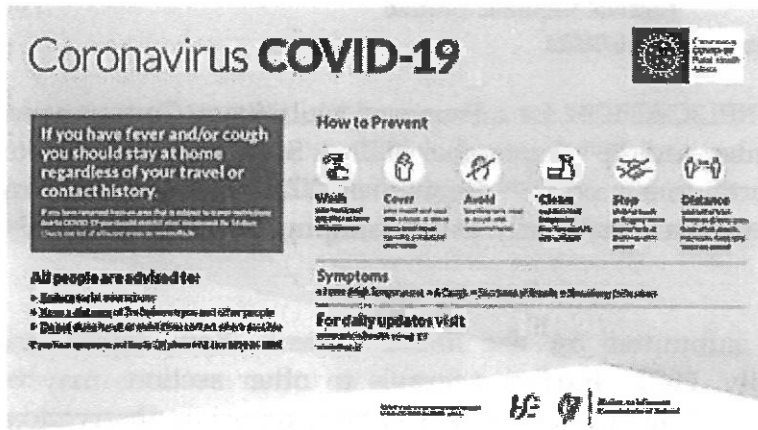
Please see attached correspondence with reference to Licence Application Ref. LIC 2021-01.

An original copy is available if required.

Regards,

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Licence Application Ref. LIC 2021-01

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**Applicant:** E P Republic Ltd.  
**Agent:** Festival Republic Limited  
**Public Notice Date:** 23/06/2021

EP Republic has applied for a LICENCE APPLICATION for a Proposed Multi Stage Concert event to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 25<sup>th</sup> September and 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at Stradbally Hall Estate, Stradbally, Co. Laois, with low key entertainment on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021. General camping facilities, family campervan, general campervan and early entry camping facilities from 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

I enclose herewith copy of documents submitted by the above named. Your report and observations are required before 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2021. Further referrals to other sections may be necessary in the processing of the above planning application, and if your report or observations are not received before the above date, the Planning Section shall proceed on the basis that there is no objection to the proposed development.

**Your report and observations are required before 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2021**

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:**

Is a referral to another section required  
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20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Ref: LIC2021-1 Festival Republic Limited- EP Republic Ltd Licence Application for a Multi Stage Event-  
Electric Picnic - Stradbally Hall, Stradbally County Laois -23<sup>th</sup> September – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Dear David,

In response to Laois County Councils request for observations, LIC2021-1 to be submitted by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2021 on the application by Festival Republic to hold the Electric Picnic Festival in Stradbally Hall, Stradbally County Laois from 23<sup>th</sup> September – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021. I wish to make the following observations on behalf of the HSE.

At this time, due to the current government guidance for the management of COVID 19, events of this nature are restricted to only 500 people attending which include patrons, staff and artist. Please see highlighted section to the government guidance Published on 29 June 2021c and last updated on 19 July 2021.

Should this guidance change prior to the proposed date of the event we would of course be available to discuss in line with any update the requirements in place that may facilitate the holding of this event.

Yours Sincerely,

Brendan Lawlor  
Chief emergency management Officer.

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# Public health measures in place right now

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Published on 29 June 2021

Last updated on 19 July 2021

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## Family and social gatherings

- if you or any of the people you live with aren't fully vaccinated - you can have visitors from 1 other household where everyone is not fully vaccinated
  - there is no limit on the number of people who can visit together if they are all fully vaccinated (<https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/when-you-have-been-vaccinated/>) or have recovered from COVID-19 in the last 9 months
  - if you are fully vaccinated (<https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/when-you-have-been-vaccinated/>) you can meet indoors with unvaccinated people from a single household, as long as they are not at risk of severe illness and no more than 3 households are present
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## Weddings

Weddings can go ahead with up to 50 guests for wedding ceremony and reception. [More advice on weddings is available here.](#)

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[Guesthouses.pdf](#))

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## Theatres and cinemas

Up to 50 patrons permitted, with protective measures in place.

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## Organised indoor events (such as large conferences, concerts and shows)

These are controlled environments with a named event organiser, owner or manager. They are not permitted right now.

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## Organised outdoor events

A maximum of 200 attendees can attend the majority of venues. A limit of 500 people is in place for venues with capacity greater than 5,000 with appropriate protective measures in place - including social distancing requirements.

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## Summer camps

Summer camps should adhere to public health measures on organised indoor and outdoor activities as appropriate, applying at the time. Currently outdoor camps can go ahead, but indoor camps are not permitted.

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## Outdoor amusement/theme parks/funfairs

Can open with protective measures in place.

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## Drive-in cinema and drive-in bingo

Can open with protective measures in place.

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## Exercise and sporting activities

- outdoor training in pods of a maximum of 15 people is allowed
  - gyms, swimming pools, leisure centres are permitted to open for individual training only with protective measures
  - swim lessons and classes can take place
  - other indoor sporting activities including matches, group/team training and exercise/dance classes are not permitted
  - outdoor sports matches are permitted, with attendance in line with the regulations for organised outdoor events
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## Funerals

The number of mourners permitted at funeral services is 50 people, regardless of size of venue. Attendance at wakes in private homes and at funeral homes is for family only. Related family gatherings should strictly adhere to prevailing public health advice on household mixing, including visitors to your home and indoor and outdoor dining.



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## Baptisms, communions and confirmations

It is advised that religious ceremonies such as Baptisms, First Holy Communions and Confirmations should not take place at this time. Further advice will follow on resumption of these ceremonies when it is safe to do so.

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## Other religious services

In-person religious services are permitted with protective measures with a maximum attendance of 50 people.

Where the size of the premises allows for a capacity of greater than 50 this may be permitted only where:

- social distancing guidelines are adhered to
- the premises can be subdivided into distinct sections (cordoned or marked appropriately) of not more than 50 persons in each section
- there is a minimum of 4 metres between sections
- each section has its own entrance and exit route
- there are separate arrangements for elements of the service involving close contact, for example the distribution of Holy Communion
- strictly no movement of people between sections before, during or after the service
- the premises is well-ventilated

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## Galleries, museums and other cultural attractions

Can open with protective measures in place.

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## Libraries

Can open for lending services. No access to reader spaces/PCs.

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## Other indoor leisure facilities

Closed (for example: circuses, play centres, amusement arcades, bingo halls, leisure facilities).

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## Bars, cafes and restaurants

Outdoor services permitted with protective measures in place.

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## Nightclubs, discos and casinos

Closed.

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## Hotels, guesthouses, B&Bs and other accommodation

Can open with protective measures in place. Services including leisure facilities, indoor restaurant and bar services must be restricted to overnight guests/residents only.

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## Retail and personal services

Can open with protective measures in place.

Personal services such as hairdressers, barbers and beauticians can open by appointment only.

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## Domestic travel

No restrictions.

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## International travel

All the latest information on international travel is available on this page.  
(<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/77952-government-advice-on-international-travel/>).

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## Early learning and childcare services

Can open with protective measures in place.

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## Public transport

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Walk or cycle where possible. Public transport is currently operating at 75% of normal capacity.

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## Work

Work from home unless necessary to attend in person.

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## Statutory instruments relating to the COVID-19 pandemic

See the full list of statutory instruments relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.  
(<https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/1f150-view-statutory-instruments-related-to-the-covid-19-pandemic/>).

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