



LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNER'S REPORT

LICENCE NO.: LIC 22 - 01

APPLICANT NAME: EP Republic

PROPOSAL: Permission for a licence to hold an outdoor musical event under the terms of Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 to 2015 (as amended)

ADDRESS: Stradbally Hall, Stradbally Estate, Stradbally

LEGISLATION:

In accordance with Article 183 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) an event licence is required for events where the audience comprises 5,000 or more persons. The applicant is therefore seeking a licence in accordance with Section 230 "*Obligation to obtain a licence for holding of an event*" of Part XVI "*Events and Funfairs*" of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

PROPOSED EVENT:

The applicant is seeking an Event Licence to stage an outdoor musical event between 1st September 2022 and 5th September 2022 at Stradbally Hall, Stradbally Estate, Co. Laois.

SUBMISSIONS / OBSERVATIONS:

A number submissions (4) were received in relation to the proposed development and are briefly summarised below. The submissions in their entirety are contained on the planning file.

Ellen Moore, Main Street, Stradbally

- "Superfan" of the event;
- Concerned that Health and Safety has not been a priority if the organisers over the last two events;
- Not enough qualified staff employed within the arena.
- Staff not sufficiently aware of the layout of the exits.
- Little or no control within the camp site.
- Family camping reduced in size resulting in children camping in the main camp sites.

- Health and Safety and crowd control needs to be increased or there will be a serious incident.
- Family camping needs to be increased in size.

Peter Bouclier, Laois Cricket Club Secretary, c/o 'Ardnafinch, Ballaghmore, Borris in Ossory, Co. Laois.

- Laois Cricket Club fully support the Electric Picnic and benefit from financial support from the organisers, which has been extremely valuable to the club.

Jackie Cooper, Principal, Cosby National School, Stradbally, Co. Laois

- Write in support of the electric Picnic. The picnic donates tickets to the school annually, which has become one of the best fundraisers for the school. The loss of same over the last two years has been significant.

Joyce Chambers, Honorary Parish Secretary, Stradbally Union of Parishes, Church of Ireland, Stradbally.

- The Electric Picnic is an important fundraiser for the parish, with parishioners working voluntarily on the camp site to raise funds. These funds have been missed over the last number of years.

The contents of the submissions have been fully considered in the assessment and recommendation of this report.

REPORTS:

-Eastern Area Office: No objections subject to conditions

- Environment: No objection subject to conditions

- Water Services Section: No report at time of writing

- Roads: No report at time of writing

- Laois County Council Fire and Rescue Services: No objections subject to conditions

- E.H.O: No objections subject to conditions

-HSE (Emergency Management Office): No objections subject to conditions

- Irish Water: No report at time of writing

-An Garda Siochana: No report at time of writing

PRE-EVENT MEETING:

Statutory Pre-Event meetings were held before the licence application was lodged with all relevant stakeholders invited. No significant issues were raised by any of the stakeholders in attendance.

ASSESSMENT:

The proposed event comprises an outdoor live music and arts festival with multiple stages featuring a variety of entertainment including inter alia, bands, DJs, comedians and cabaret performances. The event is proposed to be held on Thursday 1st September, Friday 2nd September, Saturday 3rd September and Sunday 4th September 2022 at Stradbally Hall, Stradbally Estate, Co. Laois. It is noted that only 'low key' entertainment is proposed for Thursday 1st September, with the main entertainment to take place from Friday to Sunday. This festival has been run at Stradbally Hall on an annual basis since 2003.

The applicant has submitted letters of consent from the various landowners to indicate their consent to the use of their lands for the proposed event.

As set out in the Event Management Plan the anticipated maximum number of attendees will not exceed 70,000 on any one day during the course of the event, including children and guests. A limited number of people, up to 20,000 will be permitted entry on Thursday 1st September all of whom must hold an Early Entry Ticket.

The event site construction will take place over a number of weeks leading up to the event. A number of stages (1 outdoor and 7 main tented entertainment areas), marquees and temporary structures will be utilised during the course of the event. The event will include camping and campervan areas for the duration of the event.

The application is supported by the documentation required under Article 187 of the Regulations, including an Event Management Plan and layout drawings. The draft Event Management Plan includes details in relation to the following: - Management Structure; -Security; Public Safety; -Medical and Welfare Provision & Facilities - Environment; -Communications and Traffic, and incorporates a Major Emergency Plan.

Certain aspects of the above plan will be altered subject to the requirements and conditions of An Garda Síochána, Fire Services, HSE and the Planning Authority. A finalised Event Management Plan shall be submitted prior to the event.

-SCHEDULE:

The festival schedule commences on Thursday 1st September in the form of low key entertainment in the late night arena, from 19:00 to 24:00. This evening will be attended by a maximum of 20,000 early entry ticket holders.

Entertainment for weekend ticket holders will commence on Friday 2nd September at 14.00hrs and will finish at 04.00hrs on Monday 5th of September. The approximate start and finish times for the shows are provisionally scheduled as follows:

Main Arena & Terminus Stage		
Opening Times		
Date	Opening Time	Entertainment Curfew
Friday 2 nd September	14.00 hrs	02.00hrs
Saturday 3 rd September	11.00hrs	02.00hrs
Sunday 4 th September	11.00hrs	00.00hrs

All other areas		
Opening Times		
Date	Opening Time	Entertainment Curfew
Thursday 1 st September	18:00hrs	00.00hrs
Friday 2 nd September	12.00 hrs	04.00hrs
Saturday 3 rd September	10.00hrs	04.00hrs
Sunday 4 th September	10.00hrs	04.00hrs

Following the closure of the Main Arena, the use of a late-night arena and a number of smaller stages will facilitate staggered crowd dispersal, prevent overcrowding at exits and entrances to campsites and is therefore considered acceptable.

The proposed schedule is subject to alteration based on any health and safety issues or technical issues which may arise during the course of the event, which is considered reasonable. Any significant variation in start and finish times should be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of the event.

-TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN:

A Draft Traffic Management Plan has been submitted which includes an outline of all aspects of vehicle and pedestrian access, vehicle routes, public transport, car parking and signage etc.. A more detailed Traffic Management Plan will be drawn up by An Garda Síochána in consultation with the applicants, transport providers and the Local Authority. The final Traffic Management Plan will be included as part of the finalised Event Management Plan. With respect to movement in and out of the site, it is noted that the applicants propose to provide weekend tickets for the full event and a limited number of day tickets for Sunday 4th September.

In the event of a grant of a licence a condition shall be attached stipulating that Traffic Management be carried out in accordance with the finalised plan and any alteration required by An Garda Síochána.

-CAMPING & CAMPERVANS:

A number of camping and campervan sites are included in the proposed site layout plan to cater for the full anticipated attendance, excluding day ticket holders for Sunday 4th September. The campsites are sectioned into named zones for ease of identification and location. Each campsite will be clearly signed and lit with facilities

including fire lanes, water points, information hubs, toilet blocks, managers, security and stewarding teams. A security/ emergency vehicle access route will be provided around the perimeter of each zone. Observation towers of scaffold construction will be strategically placed in each campsite, acting as fire points and watch towers.

The campsites will be open between 16.00hrs on Thursday 1st September and 16.00hrs on Monday 5th September, for Early Entry Ticket Holders (limited to 20,000 persons), 150 campervans in the Family Campsite and 900 campervans in the Campervan Campsite. While the general campsites will be open between 07.00hrs on Friday 2nd September and 16.00hrs on Monday 5th of September 2022.

It is noted that the Event Management Plan indicates that in the event of facilities being ready, completion certificates obtained and security, fire and medical cover in place, the applicant may choose to open the campsites earlier than advertised to accommodate early arrivals and prevent pressure building at gates. This is considered reasonable and acceptable.

-CAR PARKING:

Car parking for early entry ticket holders will be open from 16.00hrs on Thursday 1st September. General car parking will be open from 07.00hrs on Friday 2nd September. A number of "Red, Yellow & Green" car parks will be accessed from the Abbeyleix Road, Timahoe Road and N80 respectively. Each car park will be filled simultaneously from their respective approach routes. Family car parking will be provided in the lands adjacent to the Abbey and will be accessed via the N80.

In the event of a grant of a licence any alterations to the proposed car parking locations shall be agreed with the Planning Authority and An Garda Síochána prior to the commencement of the event.

-ROAD CLOSURE:

A Notice for closure of public roads will be advertised indicating the road closure from Money Cross to Stradbally and a section of the R427 from Vicarstown to the N80 opposite Gate 6, for a duration to be agreed with An Garda Síochána.

-MEDICAL PLAN:

A detailed Medical Operational Plan will be provided to and agreed with the HSE as part of the Final Event Management Plan to be submitted to the Planning Authority by way of condition in the event of a grant of the licence. It is noted that a comprehensive on site medical provision will be provided by Code Blue. Medical facilities including Medical Control, Main Medical Centre, First Aid Posts, Ambulance parking, roaming medical teams and X-Ray Facilities will be provided on site.

-ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING:

NOISE: A Noise Monitoring Plan is to be submitted as part of the Event Management Plan. The draft plan includes proposals for two fixed noise monitoring locations will be established at the nearest noise sensitive receptors, while three further positions where observations and handheld measurements will be taken throughout the show

times of the festival in the vicinity of the site. In the event that a predetermined noise limit is exceeded, a further assessment will be made off site to determine the stage/stages/ area or areas of the site causing the breach. A procedure is in place for appropriate action to reduce the noise level to the predetermined level from the relevant stage. This approach is considered reasonable and acceptable.

WASTE MANAGEMENT:

A Sanitation and Waste Management Plan is to be submitted as part of the Event Management Plan.

With respect to Sanitation It is noted that toilets are to be provided throughout the site as detailed on the proposed site layout plan which enables access for servicing vehicles. Production, backstage, traders and accessible toilets will also be provided.

In relation to Waste Management It is noted that a Waste Management Plan, Litter Management Plan, Food Waste Management Plan and Trader Food Waste Leaflet will be provided as part of the finalised Event Management Plan. In particular, It is noted that all food packaging and food waste will be compostable. Litter picking will take place throughout the event and a post event waste contractor will complete a full clean up of the site with all waste being removed to approved facilities.

In the event of the grant of a licence any conditions requested by the Environment section and HSE shall be attached.

-WATER SERVICES:

Drinking water points will be provided and placed around the site to provide an adequate potable supply for attendees. Water points will be monitored on a regular basis throughout the event. Portable showers and portaloos will also be provided on site. All waste shall be screened on site and disposed of in accordance with the requirements of Irish Water. These matters shall be agreed in writing with Irish Water prior to the commencement of the event.

-NATURA 2000 SITES:

An appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report has been prepared for this application and accompanies this planning report. The nearest Natura 2000 Site is the River Barrow And River Nore SAC which is located circa 160m north east of the subject site.

-CONTRIBUTION:

A contribution of €10,000 should be paid to the Planning Authority in respect of infrastructure use in association with the event.

-BOND:

In the event of a grant of the licence and in order to ensure satisfactory compliance with all of the conditions of same, and to cover any clean-up or remedial works arising from any damage to public property or facilities associated with the event, it is considered reasonable to require a bond of €30,000.

-CONCLUSION:

Having regard to the consultations with the prescribed bodies it is noted that no objections have been raised in relation to the proposed event. A number of the prescribed bodies have requested conditions in the event of a grant of the licence.

Having consideration to the above it is recommended that the proposed licence be granted subject to compliance with details submitted and conditions set out below.

RECOMMENDATION: GRANT**-SCHEDULE 1:**

Regarding, an Event Licence to hold an outdoor musical event comprising multi stage concert event to be held on Friday 2nd September to Sunday 4th September 2022 with low key entertainment on Thursday 1st September. General camping facilities from 2nd September 2022 to 5th September 2022 and family campervan, general campervan and early entry camping facilities for a maximum of 20,000 from the 1st September 2022 to the 5th September 2022" to be held at the lands at Stradbally Hall Estate, Stradbally, Co. Laois. The anticipated number of audience attending the event is a maximum of 70,000 people each day including children and guests. I recommended that the proposed event be granted a licence subject to the conditions set out in Schedule 2 below:

-SCHEDULE 2:**GENERAL:**

- 1.** The Event shall comply in full with the proposals, drawings, particulars and undertakings received by the Planning Authority on 4th February 2022 except where altered or amended by additional information received or conditions in accordance this licence. The applicant shall comply in full with the conditions attached to this licence. Any alterations relating to the event shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the event.

- 2. a) Main Arena & Terminus Stage performance hours shall be as follows:**

	Opening Times	
Date	Opening Time	Entertainment Curfew
Friday 2 nd September	14.00 hrs	02:00hrs
Saturday 3 rd September	11.00hrs	02.00hrs
Sunday 4 th September	11.00hrs	00.00hrs

- b) All other Areas/Late Night Arena performance hours shall be as follows:**

Date	Opening Times	
	Opening Time	Entertainment Curfew
Thursday 1 st September	18:00hrs	00.00hrs
Friday 2 nd September	12.00 hrs	04.00hrs
Saturday 3 rd September	10.00hrs	04.00hrs
Sunday 4 th September	10.00hrs	04.00hrs

c) Campsite opening/ closing times shall be as follows:

-Early Entry Camping, Campervans and Family Campsite:

16.00hrs Thursday 1st September to 16.00hrs Monday 5th September

-General Campsites:

07.00hrs Friday 1st September to 16.00hrs Monday 5th September.

The above times are subject to alteration based on health and safety issues or other technical issues which may arise during the course of the event. Any variance in start and finish times shall be agreed with the Planning Authority.

- 3.** The applicant shall submit a **Final Event Management Plan** which shall have regard to and accord with the provisions of this licence and shall be submitted to the Planning Authority on or before **15th August 2022**. The Final Event Management Plan shall include a Major Emergency Plan, Traffic Management Plan, Safety Strategy Statement, an Environmental Monitoring Programme, Noise Monitoring Plan, Clean-up Programme and all management arrangements unless previously submitted to Laois County Council. The Final Event Management Plan shall be implemented in full.

The applicant shall submit copies of the Final Event Management Plan to all relevant parties, including the H.S.E, An Garda Síochána and Fire Service.

Any alterations to the Final Event Management Plan shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to commencement of/ during the event.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT:

- 4. a)** Details and drawings of the **Final Traffic Management Plan** for the Event shall form part of the Final Event Management Plan and shall be submitted on or before **15th August 2022** and agreed in writing with the Planning Authority and An Garda Síochána. Traffic Management for the event shall be carried out in accordance with the agreed plan, unless otherwise agreed with the Planning Authority and An Garda Síochána.
- b)** Car/ Coach and Mini-Bus parking/ drop off/ pick up shall be facilitated as per the Traffic Management Plan.

CROWD CONTROL & SAFETY:

- 5. a)** The event shall be run in accordance with the code of practice for safety at Outdoor Pop concerts and Other Outdoor Musical Events, DoEd.,1996.

- b) The crowd capacity shall not exceed the lowest of the following:
- (i) Entry capacity.
 - (ii) Holding capacity.
 - (iii) Exit capacity.
 - (iv) Emergency exit capacity.
- c) For the purpose of sizing emergency exits, the crowd capacity shall include all attendees, guests, visitors, volunteers, staff, sub-contractors and concessionaries. The **Final Event Management Plan** shall include an outline of the expected numbers for all categories based on ticket sales and previous event history.
- 6.
- a) Stewarding and barriers shall be provided at all entrances/ exits to and from the venue.
 - b) Stewarding shall be provided along all emergency routes.
 - c) Security personnel on site shall wear appropriate tabards suitably numbered as to identify each person. A **list of security personnel** and the name of the company to be employed shall be submitted to An Garda Síochána **prior to the commencement** of the event.
 - d) Security at the campervan parking site and early camping parking shall be in place from 15:00hrs on Thursday 1st September 2022 and shall remain on site until all campers have evacuated the site.
 - e) Full security at the campsite shall be in place from 07:00hrs on Friday 2nd September 2022 and shall remain on site until all campers have evacuated.
7. Adequate CCTV coverage shall be provided throughout the site to the satisfaction of An Garda Síochána.

EVENT/ FIRE SAFETY:

8. The **Adverse Weather Plan** for the event shall be agreed in writing with the Fire Authority **at least one month prior to the commencement of the event** and shall include actions to be taken in the event of severe weather advisories or warnings from Met Eireann.
9. Six copies of a **finalised site plan** at 1:1,000 scale shall be submitted to the Fire Authority **two weeks prior to the commencement of the event**, indicating the location and name of all temporary structures on site, the location of LPG Storage areas, generators, fuel stores, observation/ lighting towers and emergency routes.

10. The layout of **catering and concession units** shall be agreed in writing with the Fire Authority **at least one week prior to the commencement of the event.**

11. a) The construction and use of the marquees shall comply with the *MUTA Code of Practice for Marquees*.

b) Marquees, tents and tented structures shall be erected in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations in a safe position. All temporary structures, including stage/s, marquees, concert tents, lighting towers, cinema etc., shall be **certified** by a chartered structural engineer no later than 4.00pm on **Wednesday 31st August 2022**. Additionally, all temporary structures shall be certified by a chartered structural engineer after adverse weather conditions and after any alterations. Certification shall be available on site for inspection by the Fire Authority.

c) Structural certification and test certification for the temporary structure's linings, drapes and roof coverings shall be available on site for inspection by the Fire Authority.

d) ~~Prior to the commencement of the event~~, the promoter shall provide "as built" plans and calculations relating to the number, location and capacity of exits for each of the temporary structures which will accommodate members of the public i.e. marquees, tents and tented structures.

Note: The occupancy of each temporary structure shall be based on an occupancy load factor of 0.3m²/person— this will alleviate the possibility of inadequate egress facilities when areas are used to full potential i.e. during times of inclement conditions or during popular performances.

e) Each publicly accessible marquee, tent or temporary structure with a capacity of greater than 50 people, shall have a laminated notice affixed in a place which is available for inspection at all times by Fire Authority personnel which sets out the following information:

- Name and contact details of person(s) in charge of structure (and their deputies if appropriate).
- Maximum occupant capacity.
- Number, location and size of exits (shown on a drawing if appropriate).

f) The emergency exits from each structure shall lead to a place of safety and shall be available at all times whilst the structure is in use.

g) The layout and management of **any structure with more than one storey** shall be notified to and agreed with the Fire Authority prior to construction.

- h) An anemometer shall be fitted at the highest point of the temporary structures and the wind speed shall be monitored in the event of high winds. The **Final Event Management Plan** shall include a maximum wind speed at which temporary structures must be evacuated. All temporary structures, including stage/s, marquees, concert tents, lighting towers, cinema etc., shall be monitored by a chartered structural engineer throughout the course of the event.
- 12.** a) An emergency route shall be provided to, from and within the site for emergency vehicles. The emergency access route shall be sign posted, clearly identifiable and kept available for use by emergency service vehicles at all times. Gates on the emergency route shall be manned at all times. If it is proposed to allow access by non-emergency traffic or pedestrians to any part of the emergency route, procedures for ensuring availability of the **route for emergency vehicles** shall be agreed in writing with the Fire Authority **prior to commencement of the event** and shall be incorporated into the Final Event Management Plan.
- b) Hard-standing lay-bys shall be provided for site service vehicles along the emergency route and access routes (including campsites) adjacent to toilet blocks and any other areas where site service vehicles may need to stop. Other vehicles shall not be allowed to park on these lay-bys. The **emergency route and access routes** shall be available for inspection by the Fire Authority at least **five days prior to the commencement of the event**.
- c) Any vehicles obstructing emergency access routes or lay-bys shall be removed immediately.
- 13.** The applicant shall submit a **Draft On-site Firefighting And Water Supply Plan** for approval to the Fire Authority **at least one month prior** to the commencement of the event. The Draft Plan shall include proposals in relation to the following items:
- Firefighting personnel: Minimum of 6 personnel including a supervisor on duty at all times, with appropriate rest periods and welfare arrangements.
 - Crew training: At a minimum, successful completion of an NDFEM approved recruit course or equivalent training to the satisfaction of the Fire Authority.
 - Supervisor training: At a minimum, successful completion of an NDFEM sub officer course or equivalent training to the satisfaction of the Fire Authority.
 - Vehicles: Minimum of 1 "Class B" water tender and 1 offroad capable vehicle with appropriate firefighting capability.
 - Equipment: All firefighting equipment to have records demonstrating compliance with the *UK Fire Service Manual – Volume 1: Inspection and Testing of Equipment*, HM Fire Service Inspectorate, London, 2003.

- Response times: Maximum response time to the arena of 3 minutes, campsite 5 minutes, car parks 7 minutes from time of first alarm by event staff.
- Procedures for calling local authority fire service.
- Provision of firefighting water supply: Minimum flow rate of 1000litres per minute for a duration of 60 minutes delivered to a location within 200 metres of the main stage via female instantaneous fire hose couplings.

If in the opinion of a Senior Fire Officer of Laois County Fire & Rescue Service fire-fighting or water supply arrangements do not achieve the agreed level of provision, alternative on-site fire cover arrangements may be put in place by Laois County Fire & Rescue Service at the expense of the event organisers.

- 14.** a) All electrical wiring, fittings and appliances shall be certified prior to use. **Certification** shall be retained in the event control room and available for inspection by the Fire Authority.
- b) Where LPG gas is used, the cylinders shall be secured in cages or ~~compounds to which members of the public will not have access.~~ **Certification** shall be retained in the event control room and available for inspection by the Fire Authority.
- c) Portable gas or petroleum fuelled heaters, petrol driven generators and sky lanterns are prohibited on the site unless specifically agreed in writing with the Fire Authority in advance. Ongoing inspections shall be carried out by the event organisers to ensure this is maintained for the duration of the event.
- d) Any open fire (including barbecues) shall be separated from all adjacent structures (including tents or campervans) by a minimum of 6m. The location of all **open fires** shall be subject to the agreement of the Fire Authority.
- e) Any use of the Main House (Stradbally Hall and the farm yard buildings) in relation to the event shall be appropriately **risk assessed** and agreed in writing with the Fire Authority **prior to the commencement of any use.**
- f) Specific details of any proposed **pyrotechnics** shall be supplied to the Fire Authority, in accordance with the requirements of the *Guidance Document for Organised Pyrotechnic Displays*.

CAMPSITE SAFETY:

- 15.** a) The **final layout of the camping areas** shall be submitted for the approval of the Fire Authority at least **two weeks prior to the commencement of the event.** The access roadways within and around each campsite and campervan area shall be a minimum of 4.5m wide and shall provide

emergency vehicle access to within 50m of all areas of the campsite and campervan area. Additionally, adequate room shall be provided at junctions to allow fire fighting vehicles to manoeuvre.

- b) Appropriate **fire separation distances** shall be maintained between any solid structures in the campsites, all details of which shall be agreed **prior to the commencement of the event** with the Fire Authority.
- c) Sufficient observation/ lighting towers shall be provided to allow observation of all areas of the campsites. The towers shall be crewed at all times whilst the campsites are open to the public. The personnel manning the towers shall have two way radios on the security net, arrangements shall be put in place to mitigate the risk of radio communications failure. The observation/ lighting towers shall be available for inspection by the Fire Authority at least five days before the event.
- d) A procedure for ensuring that **adequate fire separation distances and emergency access routes** are maintained for the duration of the event between campervans / caravans shall be agreed with the Fire Authority **at least one month prior to the commencement** of the event and incorporated into the Final Event Management Plan. This plan shall include specified minimum separation distances, management procedures, staffing and supervision arrangements.
- e) Caravan and campervan parking areas shall be kept separate.
- f) Inspections of each car park will be undertaken during the hours of darkness by security personnel to remove any unauthorised tents.

LIGHTING & SIGNAGE:

- 16.** a) The applicant shall ensure that map type “*you are here*” signs are displayed for the duration of the event throughout the venue. These signs shall identify in particular essential services such as medics, toilets, lost persons area, bus parking etc. The applicant shall ensure that all pedestrian routes are of a suitable standard and adequately illuminated. All signage at the site shall be wind/ weather resistant.
 - b) The applicant shall provide adequate **signage** within the site regarding exits to take for Taxi/ Pick Up, Bus Collection, Car Parks and pedestrian access to Stradbally. Details of the proposed exit signage shall be agreed with the Planning Authority and An Garda Síochána **at least one week prior to the event.**
- 17.** a) Lighting towers shall be provided at all car parks, entrances/ exits, pedestrian areas and manned junctions. A service engineer shall be available at all times during the course of the event to remedy any breakdown in lighting.

- b) The applicant shall provide adequate **public lighting** from Gate 5 South West to Gate 3(a) on the Timahoe Rd. Adequate lighting shall also be provided at the Apiary Gate on the Timahoe Road. Details shall be agreed with the Planning Authority and An Garda Síochána **at least one week prior to the event.**
 - c) Adequate artificial and emergency lighting and exit signage shall be provided to cover all escape routes (internally and externally). All maintained emergency lighting shall be used within marquees, tents and tented structures.
 - d) An **Emergency Lighting Plan** shall be submitted for approval to the Fire Authority **at least one month prior to the commencement of the event,** setting out a programme for installation, commissioning and inspection of emergency lighting facilities prior to and throughout the event. Emergency lighting shall be fully functional in all areas one day prior to occupation by members of the public. A signed copy of the lighting certification shall be provided prior to any arranged on site lighting verification audit.
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- e) All exit signage shall be illuminated and of the “*running man*” configuration. The **size of the signs** shall be agreed with the Fire Authority **prior to the commencement of the event** and will depend on the associated viewing distances.
 - f) All emergency lighting and exit sign power circuits shall be designed and installed so that the failure of any single power supply does not reduce illumination levels below those permitted by IS3217.

MEDICAL PROVISIONS:

- 18.** a) A **Finalised Medical Plan**, approved by the Health Service Executive shall be submitted to the Planning Authority and the HSE, Emergency Management Office 2 weeks prior to the Event. Any alterations to this Finalised Plan shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority in consultation with the HSE prior to commencement of/ during the event.
 - b) All medical / first aid activity (if any) at the event shall be recorded, compiled and forwarded directly to the Health Service Executive Emergency Mid Leinster Emergency Management Office **within one month of the completion** of the event. The record shall include the following:
 - (i) Number of patrons accessing medical/ first aid services;
 - (ii) Number of patrons transferred/ transported to hospital;
 - (iii) Summary/ synopsis report of patient illnesses/ injuries and the respective hospitals to which the patients were transferred.
- 19.** The licence may be suspended by the Licensing Authority at the request of

the Health Service Executive due to issues of public safety regarding major public health risks. The HSE Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) provide the most up to date guidance and supporting documents which are available at www.hpsc.ie. The licence, hereby permitted is subject to the event organisers adhering to government and local public health requirements. Public health requirements may change between the granting of the licence and the commencement date of the event, in this case the most up to date government and local public health requirements must be adhered to by the event organiser.

- 20.**
- a) Access shall be facilitated to the immediate catchment area for Health Service Executive Community Services providing domiciliary care services to the population adjacent to the venue.
 - b) Access shall be facilitated for any hospitals, health centres or residential units located within traffic or pedestrian restricted areas associated with the event, access for staff, Clients and visitors.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION:

- 21.**
- a) Sanitary accommodation must be provided as per the *"Code of Practice for Safety at Outdoor pop concerts and other outdoor Musical Events"*, DoEd., 1996.
 - b) Wash hand basins and hand-drying facilities shall be provided in accordance with the following guideline:
 - (i) Female: One wash hand basin per 4 WC's;
 - (ii) Male: One wash hand basin per 5 sanitary units.
 - c) Suitable sanitary accommodation shall be accessible to disabled persons.
 - d) Toilet blocks shall be positioned equidistant from all portions of the crowd. A suitable well-drained level surface shall be provided at each location. Urinal areas shall be screened by a suitable robust screen, at least 1.8m high, and the area shall be enclosed by appropriate security fencing.
 - e) Flush toilets and wash hand basins with hot and cold water, liquid soap and paper towels shall be designated for food workers, in a reasonably accessible area to catering units. Access to these toilets shall be restricted to food personnel and bar staff only. One WC shall be provided exclusively for every four catering stalls as stated in the application.
 - f) Sufficient staff with appropriate equipment shall be available for emergency repairs and cleaning. Responsibility for routine cleaning shall be clearly designated.

WATER SUPPLY & DRINKING WATER:

- 22.** The applicant shall maintain and operate all water infrastructure within the event site.
- a) Where the applicant intends to draw water from a regional water supply such as the South East Regional Water Scheme (Kyle Spring), a ***“Water Plan”*** shall be submitted by **15th August 2022** for the written agreement of Irish Water and Laois County Council. The ***“Water Plan”*** shall ensure that the off take rate by the event shall not impede the ability of this scheme to provide treated water to existing customers (i.e. the proposed rate of drawdown plus the average rate (x110%) of use shall not exceed the rated capacity of any limiting factor of the treatment capability of the scheme e.g. the UV disinfection plant). Water reservoirs on-site shall be topped up at off-peak times which shall be detailed in the ***“Water Plan”***.
 - b) Irish Water and Laois County Council shall not be liable for any water outages (e.g. main bursts etc.). The applicant shall have a contingency plan for emergency on-site storage of water.
 - c) In the event that water tankers are required, they shall be provided at the expense of the applicant. ~~Water tankers shall only be filled from locations~~ nominated by, and at a rate/frequency directed by Irish Water/ Laois County Council. This shall be determined in response to operational requirements and considering the needs of existing customers.
 - d) All water supplied to the event through a metered connection shall be charged at the normal commercial rate. All invoices shall be paid by due dates.
 - e) Any complaints shall be notified to Irish Water, through the normal customer service channels.
- 23.**
- a) A potable water supply shall be provided in compliance with the standards of E.U. (Drinking Water) Regulations S.I. 122 of 2014. The applicant shall facilitate sampling and testing of the drinking water supply within the event site.
 - b) Clearly labelled drinking water points shall be provided. Drinking water shall be dispensed through standpipes with spring loaded taps and adequate waste drainage. A suitable non-slip surface, adequately drained, shall be provided at each location. These facilities shall be conveniently accessible at areas of dense crowding particularly at toilet blocks, barriers and front-of-stage. A minimum of one drinking point per 1,000 persons is recommended.
 - c) In the event that drinking water is required to be stored in tankers, the water shall be properly protected, supervised and sampled for potability in compliance with E.U. (Drinking Water) Regulations S.I. 122 of 2014. The

minimum amount of stored water for drinking and for water to fittings shall be 4.5 litres per person per day.

- d) All water tankers, back up tankers and the water connection line (hose/taps) along the arena shall be cleaned prior to use.

WASTE WATER:

24. a) Waste water collected at temporary sanitary facilities must be disposed of in an appropriately licensed waste or waste water treatment facility. Treatment works receiving the waste water shall be designated by Irish Water based on operational availability and subject to a Tankered Waste Agreement concluded with Irish Water. The Event Manager shall apply to Irish Water a minimum of 8 weeks in advance of any imports being received at nominated Irish Water Wastewater Treatment Plants.

b) The applicant shall prepare and submit a **Method Statement**, including Risk Assessments, Traffic Management Plans and Safe Working Procedures where relevant, for wastewater disposal at all nominated Irish Water facilities by **15th August 2022** to allow circulation for comment to all relevant sites. The applicant will revise the plan to take into account any feedback provided by Irish Water or its agents.

c) The applicant shall, directly or through its approved subcontractors, prepare, establish and maintain a **Traffic Management Plan** for any deliveries to the **Timahoe Road Pumping Station**, if utilised. This plan shall at a minimum be compliant with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual for the duration of all wastewater deliveries.

d) For any wastewater imported to an Irish Water treatment works, the following conditions shall apply:

- (i) The haulage sub-contractor shall comply with all health and safety requirements and site rules at the treatment works proposed and nominated drivers shall complete site induction for any sites they will attend prior to arrival with the first load;
- (ii) Shower and toilet wastes shall be mixed at an agreed ratio prior to removal from site so as to balance loads as far as possible;
- (iii) Subject to agreement with Irish Water, loads will travel to the nearest available Irish Water facilities subject to operational availability and waste water discharge licence conditions not being compromised. Irish water reserves the right to amend any Agreement in order to maintain safe and compliant operations;
- (iv) The applicant shall provide a schedule which sets out the maximum volume and number of anticipated loads to each facility, which shall be agreed with Irish Water;
- (v) The applicant shall provide sufficient onsite storage to allow for all portaloo and shower waste waters to be stored temporarily onsite,

screened to <5mm and removed within 24 hours of generation. No unscreened waste water will be permitted to be disposed of to the public sewer. Details shall be agreed with the Licensing Authority and Irish Water on or before **15th August 2022**;

(vi) The haulage sub-contractor shall nominate dedicated drivers for the transport of wastewater to Irish Water facilities. Such dedicated drivers shall be safety inducted and familiarised with the sites and their procedures in advance of the event. Save for such certified tanker drivers, no other tanker drivers will be permitted to enter the sites. The drivers will be required to sign in and out when entering or leaving the sites. Site Inductions will not be carried out during the event;

(vii) The haulage sub-contractors shall operate a numbered waste transfer note system to include Haulier/ Company name, Waste Collection Permit number, Source of Waste, Waste Type, Signature of Originator, Destination of Waste, Volume, Signature of Recipient. A copy of same must be maintained and provided to Irish Water on request.

25. The disposal of sanitary waste from any chemical toilets shall be agreed with Irish Water prior to the commencement of the event.

26. Signage and collection points for wastewater disposal shall be provided within the campervan parking areas.

CATERING:

27. a) The company responsible for food vendors on site shall liaise with the Health Service Executive personnel regarding operational/ structural requirements for food vendors up to and during the course of the event.

b) A list of vendors shall be submitted to the Environmental Health Department, HSE Dublin Mid-Leinster, St. Fintans Campus, Dublin Rd, Portlaoise, Co Laois for vetting at least **two weeks prior to the commencement** of the event. This list shall clearly state proposed food and facilities to be available at the event.

c) Adequate spacing shall be provided between food vendors, positioned so as to minimise the risk of contamination from dust, traffic, etc.

28. a) Designated waste disposal facilities including covered skips for the sole use of food vendors shall be in place on the day before the event commences. Provision for the adequate storage and disposal of this refuse shall be maintained throughout the event. This information shall be clearly conveyed to the food vendors.

b) Facilities for the disposal of wastewater from catering units shall be provided. A programme for the collection and adequate disposal of same at regular intervals shall be drawn up and implemented.

29. All food business operators must comply with the following food hygiene legislation:

- (i)** Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs & E.C. (Hygiene of Foodstuffs Regulations 2006-2010;
- (ii)** EC (Labelling, Presentation & Advertisement of Foodstuffs) Regulation 2002-2009;
- (iii)** Regulation (EC) 178/2002 on the General Food Law Food Hygiene Regulations 1950-89.

WASTE MANAGEMENT:

30. a) The applicant shall prepare a **Food Waste** Management Plan for the written approval of the Planning Authority, no later than **one month prior to the commencement** of the event. A copy of the Food Waste Management Plan shall be made available for inspection for the duration of the event.

The Food Waste Management Plan shall:

- (i)** Provide detailed information in respect of the proposed supply of food at the event regarding the use, type, quantity, origin, management arrangements and destination of food waste by that producer;
- (ii)** Include the steps which the person intends to take to ensure the environmentally sound management of food waste;
- (iii)** Contain at least the information set out in Part 1 of Schedule 2 of S.I. No. 508 of 2009, Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations 2009.

The Organiser of the event shall implement the provisions of the approved Food Waste Management Plan.

b) Waste Segregation and Recycling shall be carried out by all food vendors/concessions. Food vendors/concessions shall be provided with colour coded and clearly labelled waste, recycling and food waste receptacles. No build up of waste shall occur in these areas.

c) Robust litter bins shall be provided adjacent to food and drink outlets. All food waste receptacles shall be clearly identifiable through labelling and colour coding of the receptacles both at vendor locations and throughout the site and campsites.

d) A thorough clean up after each event shall be deployed. A programme for emptying of bins at regular intervals during events shall be implemented.

e) Within **28 days** of the completion of the event a **Food Waste Management**

Implementation Report specifying the steps taken in order to comply with the Food Waste Management Plan, the requirements of the Regulations and the results of those steps, shall be submitted to the Planning Authority. The Implementation Report shall include food waste disposal dockets outlining the weight of food waste disposed of at authorised facilities.

- 31.** a) A Final Waste Management Plan shall be submitted one month prior to the commencement of the event for the written approval of the Planning Authority. This plan shall:
- (i) Outline the Waste Management practices employed to reduce the amount of waste going to Landfill (e.g. recycling initiatives);
 - (ii) Identify and clarify the following Waste Sources & Streams:
 - Food Vendors Waste Management Practices – Outline separate collection system (food/recycling/residual waste);
 - Waste collection and disposal/recovery sites;
 - Appropriate Waste Collection Permit and Waste Facility Permit/License details (name, address and permit number).
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- b) Waste Segregation and Recycling shall be carried out throughout the site, including in campsites, with appropriate clearly labelled and colour coded waste, recycling and food waste receptacles. No build up of waste shall occur in these areas.
- c) Waste receptacles shall be delivered prior to commencement of the event. Ease of access to bin stations for collection and delivery by the Waste Contractor shall be considered prior to positioning waste receptacles.
- d) Vendors/ concessions shall have access to adequately sized, labelled and colour coded residual and recycling waste receptacles.
- e) All vendors/ concessions shall be made aware of the Waste Management Plan and Procedure for the event and shall be provided with the contact details of the Waste Contractor/ appropriate representative employed on site.
- f) Contact details shall be provided to the Planning Authority of the Waste Contractor and Clean-up Contractor employed on site.
- g) As part of the Waste Management Plan, within 28 days of the conclusion of the event, a **Waste Management Implementation Report** specifying the success of recycling initiatives employed shall be submitted. The Implementation Report shall include waste/ recycling disposal dockets clearly outlining the weight of materials disposed/ sent for recovery at an authorised facility.

NOISE MONITORING:

- 32.** a) The applicant shall submit a **Final Noise Management Plan** to the Planning Authority on or before **15th August 2022**. This plan shall identify all noise sensitive receptors and shall include proposals to ensure that noise level limits at these locations are not exceeded.
- b) The Music Noise Level measured 1m from the façade of any identified noise sensitive receptor shall not exceed 65dba average over any 15 minute period. The applicant shall comply with the U.K. Noise Council Code of Practice on *"Environmental Noise Control at Concerts"*.
- c) The applicant shall appoint a suitably qualified consultant, for the approval of the Planning Authority, **no later than one week prior** to the event to monitor and record noise levels associated with the concert and take any action necessary to ensure that noise levels are in accordance with the above Environmental Noise Control Standards.
- d) A report, including noise monitoring results carried out for the event in relation to same shall be submitted to the Planning Authority within 3 months from the end date of the event.
- e) Music from rehearsals and sound checks for the event shall not be audible at the façade of any noise sensitive premises after 22.00hrs prior to the commencement of the event. Any variation to this requirement shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of any official performances.

ACTIVITIES:

- 33.** a) The applicant shall submit a **Final Swimming Safety Plan** to the Planning Authority on or before **15th August 2022**.
- b) The promoter shall provide a boat on site to monitor the lake area during daylight hours for the duration of the event.
- c) Security personnel shall be positioned around the perimeter of the lake for the duration of the event.
- 34.** a) All **Funfair Equipment** documentation and safety certification shall be submitted in hard copy to the Planning Authority by the **24th August 2022**;
- b) All Funfair Equipment shall have an ISG plate and/or ADIP's I/D identifying number plate attached and easily accessible for inspection. All equipment shall be erected on site and made available for inspection by the Planning Authority by Midday on **31st August 2022**.

EVENT CONTROL & PERSONNEL:

- 35.** All areas of the site shall be ready for **inspection for compliance** with the event licence conditions and statutory fire safety requirements on the day **prior to opening** to members of the public.
- 36.** a) An event control room / area shall be provided throughout the duration of the build up, event and break down. The event control room shall be provided with necessary facilities as agreed prior to the event with the Fire Authority to be used as an on-site coordination facility by principal response agencies in the event of a major emergency occurring at the event.

b) HSE personnel and Fire Services staff carrying out inspections at the concert shall be facilitated by promoters including the provision of office and rest facilities. A suitably furnished secure "portacabin" shall be provided for the Fire Authority **3 days prior** to and for the duration of the event. It shall be located adjacent to the event control centre and shall be provided with an electricity supply, a table, four chairs and four hand-portable radios with earpieces on the event management / security net.
- 37.** a) ~~The event controller and event safety officer shall organise and attend an~~ **emergency services meeting** in the event control room between 10:00hrs and 11:00hrs (or as otherwise agreed) on Thursday 1st September, Friday 2nd September, Saturday 3rd September and Sunday 4th September 2022 and at 15:00hrs on Monday 5th September 2022 which will outline the programme for the day ahead as well as a review of the previous day.

b) A debriefing session shall be arranged by the applicant **within 8 weeks** following the completion of the event. The applicant shall advise the Planning Authority and all relevant parties of details, times and venues of the debriefing session at least 1 week prior to the scheduled date.
- 38.** a) A comprehensive list of **contact persons** for each relevant stakeholder shall be compiled and circulated by the applicant on or before **15th August 2022**. Such persons shall be available to contact throughout the duration of the event.

b) Nominated members of the event safety management team (i.e. Event Controller and Event Safety Officer or their nominated deputies as listed in the Final Event Management Plan), contactable on the event management / security net, are to be on site on a 24 hour basis whilst the campsites are in operation during the event to ensure adequate supervision and management of site safety. Any changes to the event safety management team shall be agreed in writing with the Fire Authority.
- 39.** The applicant shall provide "***access all areas***" passes to named Laois Fire and Rescue Fire Officers and the named Licensing Compliance Co-ordinators from

the Planning Authority commencing at least **3 days before** the event and ceasing to have effect on Monday 5th September 2022. Suitable access passes to the site during the event shall be provided to other Laois County Council personnel and any other relevant body/ persons with appropriate accreditation as necessary.

- 40.** Staff access to the site shall be provided via Gate 4 (b), which shall be adequately lit prior to and during the course of the event.

FINANCIAL:

- 41.** **Prior to the commencement** of the event, the promoter shall pay to the Planning Authority **€10,000** as a contribution towards the estimated costs of measures to be taken by the Planning Authority and its agents in connection with the event.
- 42.** **Prior to the commencement** of the event, a bond in the form of a bank draft to the value of **€30,000** shall be lodged with the Planning Authority by the applicant as a surety for the satisfactory completion of the clean-up programme and any remedial works arising from any damage to public property or facilities associated with the event. This bond or part thereof will be released subsequent to the post event debriefing session.
- 43.** In order to ensure that congestion caused by traffic to or from the event does not hinder fire brigade access to areas outside the event, the event organisers shall reimburse Laois County Council Fire & Rescue Service with the appropriate amount to provide a standby fire crew at Stradbally Fire Station at necessary times. These arrangements shall be agreed in writing with the Fire Authority at least one month before the event.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- 44.** a) In accordance with Section 231(4)(k) of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended, the applicant shall maintain adequate **public liability insurance** cover for the event.

b) The applicant shall ensure that all exhibitors, traders and ancillary participants have an adequate **insurance** including, public liability insurance, employer liability insurance, motor insurance, etc. Laois County Council and its agents shall be indemnified against any claims arising as a result of or in connection with the event.

One week prior to the commencement of the event evidence of compliance with this condition shall be submitted to the Planning Authority.

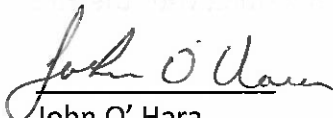
- 45.** **Off-site casual trading** shall not be permitted whether or not such use might otherwise constitute exempted development. The Promoter shall liaise with An Garda Síochána in relation to this matter.

- 46.** a) The promoter shall provide **road washing facilities** in the event of wet weather to maintain all public roads in a clean and safe condition at the points of access/egress to and from the site and to and from all car parks.
- b) In the event of dry weather the applicant shall ensure adequate dust suppression/ prevention measures are provided within the site.
- 47.** All areas of the site shall be ready for inspection for compliance with the event licence conditions and statutory fire safety requirements on the day prior to opening to members of the public.

NOTE:

The above conditions have been applied to ensure the event is carried out in accordance with this licence, in the interest of securing the safety of persons at the place in connection with the event, the provision of adequate facilities for the health and welfare of persons at the place in connection with the event, including the provision of sanitary facilities, the protection of the environment in which the event is to be held, including the control of litter, the maintenance of public order, the avoidance or minimisation of disruption to the neighbourhood in which the event is to take place and ensuring the provision of adequate means of transport to and from the place in which the event is to be held.

This event licence relates to the subject event only and nothing in this event licence shall be construed as negating the applicant's statutory obligations or requirements under any other enactments or regulations.



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A/Senior Executive Planner

Date: 13/05/22

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**APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING REPORT
AND
DETERMINATION**

(A) Project Details

Licence File Ref	LIC 22 - 01
Applicant name	EP Republic
Development Location	Stradbally Hall, Stradbally Estate, Stradbally
Site size	0.46ha
Application accompanied by an EIS (Yes/NO)	No
Distance from Natura 2000 site in km	The nearest Natura 2000 Site is the River Barrow And River Nore SAC which is located circa 160m north east of the subject site.

Description of the project/proposed development

Permission for a licence to hold an outdoor musical event under the terms of Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 to 2015 (as amended)

(B) Identification of Natura 2000 sites which may be impacted by the proposed development

		Yes/No If answer is yes, identify list name of Natura 2000 site likely to be impacted.
1	Impacts on sites designated for freshwater habitats or species. <u>Sites to consider:</u> River Barrow and Nore	<i>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include freshwater habitats and/or species, or in the catchment (upstream or downstream) of same?</i> No
2	Impacts on sites designated for wetland habitats - bogs, fens, marshes and heath.	<i>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include wetland habitats</i> No

	<u>Sites to consider:</u> River Barrow and Nore	<i>(bog, marsh, fen or heath)</i>	
3	Impacts on designated terrestrial habitats. <u>Sites to consider:</u> River Barrow and Nore	<i>Is the development within a Special Area of Conservation whose qualifying interests include woodlands, dunes or grasslands, or within 100m of same?</i>	No
4	Impacts on birds in SPAs <u>Sites to consider:</u> River Nore	<i>Is the development within a Special Protection Area?</i>	No

Conclusion:

If the answer to all of the above is **No**, significant impacts can be ruled out for habitats and bird species.

No further assessment in relation to habitats or birds is required.

If the answer is **Yes** refer to the relevant sections of **C**.

(G) SCREENING CONCLUSION STATEMENT

Selected relevant category for project assessed by ticking box.

1	AA is not required because the project is directly connected with/necessary to the conservation management of the site	
2	No potential significant affects/AA is not required	X
3	Significant effects are certain, likely or uncertain. Seek a Natura Impact Statement Reject proposal. (Reject if potentially damaging/inappropriate)	
Justify why it falls into relevant category above (based on information in above tables)		
Having regard to the proximity of the nearest Natura 2000 site and given the nature and extent of the proposed event, with no direct connections to the hydrology of the SAC/SPA, it is not considered there would be potential for significant effects on the Natura 2000 network.		
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