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**RE:** PLANNING REFERENCE EP Republic Ltd  
**DATE:** 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 **FILE REF.:** Licence Number LIC 2021-01

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**Application Date:** N/A  
**Decision Due Date:** N/A

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 at Stradbally Hall, Stradbally, Co. Laois.

**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.

A 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, the applicant propose to provide weekend tickets for the full event and a limited number of day tickets for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

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.

Within the traffic management plan the following approaches to the event have been highlighted:

**Approach Routes to Site**

**M7 – South Bound:**

- Exit M7 at Ballydavis interchange (Junction 16)
- Cross to new Carlow Rd (Ballyclider) and on to the Broomfield roundabout
- Continue straight at Bloomfield and on to Sheffield, Lamberton Junction and Money Cross (with the exception of coaches and campervans)
- Turn left at Money Cross and follow the signage for the designated parking areas.
- Minibuses and coaches will exit at junction 16 and be directed via the heath into Stradbally, and will use the designated pick-up / drop-off area inside green car park Z.
- Campervans will be directed straight on at Money Cross and turn left at Timahoe onto Timahoe Road. Campervans then turn left again to enter at the Apiary Gate.

**N7 (Limerick)**

- Continue onto M7 and exit at Junction 17, and proceed onto the R423 to Meelick.
- Turn right onto Meelick Road, right to Timahoe Road (R426) and right to Sheffield (R425)
- At Sheffield join the Bloomfield roundabout traffic.
- Any campervans on this route will continue to Money Cross and will then continue straight ahead at the junction, and turn left onto the Timahoe Road.
- Any coaches and minibuses should continue onto Junction 16 and follow the directions as above.

**N8 (Cork):**

- Exit the M8 at junction 4 and follow signage for Durrow and Abbeyleix.
- Travel through Durrow, to Abbeyleix and turn right at Balluroan and onto Money Cross.
- Campervans will turn right at Money Cross and will then continue straight ahead at the junction, and turn left onto at Timahoe village.

**Portlaoise:**

- Event Traffic will be directed onto the Knockmay Relief Road, onto Clonminham Relief Road, to Abbeyleix Road and Meelick Road.
- Any other traffic will travel via the Stradbally road, onto Bloomfield roundabout and then will turn right at the Bloomfield roundabout for Sheffield/ Money Cross.
- Coaches and minibuses will use the pick-up/drop-off area inside Green Car Park Z.

**All Other Routes (Carlow / Athy / Vicarstown / Heath):**

- All event traffic (with the exception of coaches) will travel west on the N80 towards Portlaoise Town
- All event traffic will be directed to turn left at the court square onto the Timahoe Road and will turn left into the Yellow Car Park for cars and right for campervans.
- Coaches will pass through the town and will enter the designated pick up / drop off area just of the N80 beyond the Cork Road junction.

**Variable Message Sign (VMS Board):**

Advanced notice shall be given to the general public of the upcoming event, VMS boards shall be required to be erected on the approaching to the event. The location of the VMS boards shall be provided to the Local Authority.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> of September and 16.00hrs on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September, for Early Entry Ticket Holders (limited to 10,000 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 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and 16.00hrs on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2021.

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.

**Car Parking:**

Car parking for early entry ticket holders will be open from 16.00hrs on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. General car parking will be open from 07.00hrs on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of 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. Day ticket holders on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 will be catered for in Car Park Z accessed from the N80.

In the event of a grant of a license 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 Notice:**

A Road Closure Notice for closure of public roads will be required to be advertised indicating the road closure from Money Cross to Stradbally for a duration to be agreed with An Garda Síochána.

**Diversion Route:**

A diversion route shall be put in place for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September & Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September for all HGV's to be diverted at the Moneycross crossroads, in order to divert traffic via the N78 (towards Newtown) and R430 (towards Abbeyleix), in order to avoid the town of Stradbally. This diversion route shall be agreed with the Roads Department.

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