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APPLICATION FOR LICENCE FOR EVENT AT CAR PARK G, LEOPARDSTOWN RACECOURSE, DUBLIN 18

On 15 June 2024

Reg. Ref. OEL/01/24

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

- i. Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended;
- ii. Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended;
- iii. Planning and Development (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, provides for the requirement of a licence for the holding of outdoor events. Section 231 refers to regulations relating to matters of procedure and administration for applications and the granting of licences. S.I. No. 600 of 2001 and S.I. No. 116 of 2012 relate.

An event is defined in Section 229 of the Act as:

- a. *"a public performance which takes place wholly or mainly in the open air or in a structure with no roof or a partial, temporary structure and which is comprised of music, dancing, displays of public entertainment or any activity of a like kind, and*
- b. *any other event as prescribed by the Minister under section 241."*

Article 183 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, defines an event as prescribed in Section 230 of the Act as being *"an event at which the audience comprises 5,000 or more people shall be an event prescribed for the purposes of Section 230 of the Act."*

The following codes of practice and guidelines are also considered relevant to event licences.

- i. Code of Practice for Safety at Outdoor Pop Concerts and other outdoor musical events Department of Education in January 1996.
- ii. Code of Practice for Safety at Sports Grounds, 1996.
- iii. Code of Practice for Management of Fire Safety in Places of Assembly, Department of Environment.
- iv. Code of Practice for Fire Safety of Furnishings and Fittings in Places of Assembly, Department of Environment.
- v. Ensure compliance is achieved with the requirements of the Fire Services Act 1981 and Amendment 2003 and the Fire Safety in Places of Assembly (Ease of Escape) Regulations 1985.
- vi. Safety Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005.
- vii. Building Control Acts 1990 to 2014.
- viii. Litter Pollution Act 1997 (as amended in 2017).
- ix. Environmental Protection Agency Act and regulations.

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APPLICATION

On 15 March 2024, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council received an application for an events licence from Val Entertainment Agency. It is proposed that a concert will take place at Car Park G of Leopardstown Racecourse on 15 June 2024.

The applicant has submitted a Draft Event Management Plan for the subject event.

Summary of Proposal

The Applicant states that the maximum anticipated attendance at the event is 15,000 people, including staff and performers. The Applicant states that the events will in general be no longer than 11 hours in duration and will start at between 12:00pm (midday) and conclude at 11pm.

The Draft Management Plan includes, *inter alia*, details on the following matters:

- Event Management Structure and Responsibilities
- Event Safety Policy
- Medical Provision and Facilities
- Site Security and Crowd Management
- Traffic Management Plan
- Emergency Plans and Procedures
- An environmental monitoring programme for before, during and after the proposed event.
- Provision for the full clean-up of the area and for any remedial works arising from any damage caused to public property, facilities or amenities associated with the event.

There is also a list of appendices at the end of the report including the following:

- Newspaper Notices
- Letter of Consent
- Statement of Compliance
- Fire Safety Checklist
- Medical Operating Plan
- Production Schedule
- Architectural Drawings

It is considered that the submission complies with the requirements set out in Article 187 of the Planning and Development Regulations of 2001 in its form and content for the purposes of making an application.

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NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Article 186(1) of the Regulations provides as follows: -

"An application must be made at least 13 weeks prior to the date of the holding of the event to which the application relates or, in the case of an application for a number of events at a venue in a period not exceeding one year, at least 13 weeks prior to the holding of the first event."

The application was lodged on 15 March 2024 and is therefore in excess of 13 weeks prior to the date of the first proposed event on 15 June 2024.

Article 186(1a) of the Regulations states:

"A local authority shall not accept an application for a licence for a proposed event unless a pre-application consultation meeting under article 184 has taken place in relation to the event during the 12-month period prior to the date of the event to which the application relates or, in the case of an application for a number of events at a venue in a period not exceeding one year, 12 months prior to the holding of the first event."

The pre-application consultation meeting was held on 11 March 2024 and therefore this criterion has also been met.

DECISION ON APPLICATION

S. 231 (3) (a) of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 (as amended) states that:

"Where an application for a licence is made in accordance with regulations under this section, the local authority may decide to grant the licence, grant the licence subject to conditions as it considers appropriate or refuse the licence."

LEOPARDSTOWN RACECOURSE

Leopardstown Racecourse is a racecourse facility located in the administrative county of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown. The racecourse is situated between the M50 motorway to the west and Foxrock village to the east. Residential development and playing pitches are located to the north. The southern extent of the subject site comprises undeveloped grassland and an overflow car park (Car Park G) – the latter of which is the proposed event location. Residential development at, *inter alia*, Brighton Place and Brighton Wood, is located c. 80m to the east of the car park lands.

The main road access to Car Park G is the access road that runs parallel to the M50. Access to the south is provided from the road network adjacent to Junction 15, with access provided for local travel to Carrickmines, Foxrock, Ballyogan, and beyond. On days where events are not taking place, it is possible to drive through the racecourse site from Leopardstown Road to the north. The racecourse is in the ownership of Horse Racing Ireland.

The wider racecourse grounds include additional facilities in the form of, *inter alia*, Westwood gym, McGurk's golf shop, and a golf course and driving range.

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DEVELOPMENT PLAN

In the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development 2022-2028, the majority of Leopardstown Racecourse is zoned Objective 'F', the objective of which is 'to preserve and provide for open space with ancillary active recreational amenities'. However, the location of the proposed event is located on lands zoned Objective 'A', the objective of which is 'To provide residential development and improve residential amenity while protecting the existing residential amenities'.

Specific Local Objective 49 relates to the racecourse lands and states that it is an objective:

To support the status of and continued viability of Leopardstown Racecourse as one of Europe's premier racetracks and a major leisure facility in the County by encouraging its future development and facilitating the development of supporting facilities.

Table 13.1.9 of the County Development Plan 2022-2028 outlines the land uses that are permitted in principle and open for consideration on land zoned 'F'. 'Cultural use' is identified as 'permitted in principle' of 'F' zoned lands, and 'open for consideration' on 'A' zoned lands.

Cultural use is defined under Section 13.12 of the Plan as 'Use of a building or part thereof or land for cultural or purposes to which the public may be admitted on payment of a charge or free of charge and includes an art gallery, museum, public library or public reading room, theatre, public hall, exhibition hall.'

It is considered that the licence application complies with the provisions and land use zoning as set out in the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan 2022-2028.

PUBLIC BODIES AND INTERNAL CONSULTLEES

As part of the assessment process, Article 189 (1) of S.I. 600 requires that the licence application be circulated to certain prescribed bodies. In doing so, the Local Authority submitted copies of the application to:

1. An Garda Síochána
2. Dublin Fire Brigade
3. National Transport Authority
4. Wicklow County Council
5. South Dublin County Council
6. Irish Rail
7. Transdev (LUAS)
8. HSE (Environmental Health Officers, Noise & Air Pollution, Water and Tobacco Control Unit)
9. Irish Water

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DLR Co.Co. INTERNAL CONSULTEES

The application was also referred to the following internal consultees:

1. Traffic
2. Transportation
3. Water & Drainage

Responses were received from the following bodies/internal departments-

Environmental Health Office, Air and Noise Unit (HSE)

A written response was received from the Environmental Health Office, Air and Noise Unit, dated 4 April, as follows:

Re: Application for Proposed Concert to be held at Leopardstown, Foxrock, Dublin 18 on 15th June 2024.

APPLICANT: Val Entertainment Agency

RECEIVED: 15/03/2024

RETURNED: 04/04/2024

Observations and Recommendations:

The application is acceptable Environmental Health Service subject to the following conditions:

Sanitary Services

1. The numbers of sanitary accommodation (including a minimum 2 disabled toilets) must comply with the standards set out in the Code of Practice for Safety at Outdoor Events (Department of Education 1996). The following is required:

	WC	URINAL
	Units : No. of Persons	Units : No. of Persons M. Lengths
Female	10 : 1000	-
Male	2 : 1000	8 : 1000 or 3.6m : 1000

Toilet blocks must be placed in suitable locations that are easily accessible at all stage areas.

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2. All sanitary accommodation units must be in situ and in proper working order a minimum 24 hours prior to the commencement of the outdoor events and are accessible for inspection by the Environmental Health Service.

3. Separate sanitary facilities (including wash hand basins and hand drying facilities) for food workers must be provided in addition to and separate from sanitary facilities for other users.

4. A suitable non-slip surface, adequately drained must be provided to all sanitary accommodation areas.

5. It is recommended that no non-flush chemical toilets are to be used.

6. There must be wall-mounted receptacles which dispense liquid antibacterial gel. These must be supplied in sufficient numbers outside each block of toilets and they must be in proper working order for the duration of the outdoor events. The gel shall be replaced as required. Signs of sufficient size stating "anti-bactericidal gel" must be erected in areas where the public can see.

7. It is the responsibility of the Event Organiser to ensure that all sanitary facilities are maintained in a clean and hygienic condition. Record keeping of the cleaning programme may be reviewed by the Environmental Health Service.

8. The requirements of the Drainage Section of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council in relation to the disposal of wastewater from the sanitary accommodation and urinals shall be adhered to.

Drinking Water

10. Drinking water must be in compliance with the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2014. A **Drinking Water Safety Management Plan** must be contained within the Event Management Plan and this plan shall include Microbiological and Chlorine sampling of the proposed water source. The microbiological sampling must be carried out to the mains water public supply to confirm that the drinking water complies with the above regulations. This sampling must be taken a minimum of fourteen days before the date of the first event.

11. Microbiological sampling must also be taken from the drinking water outlets (after the pipework/distribution system has been flushed) prior to the commencement of the outdoor events. The water distribution network should be super chlorinated and flushed prior to use in order to ensure that the network

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is sanitised and suitable for the distribution of potable water and a record of this should be maintained by the 'event Organiser.

Results of all water analysis must be sent to the Environmental Health Service prior to the commencement of the outdoor events.

12. A Drinking Water Contingency (Emergency) Plan must be prepared and implemented in the event of drinking water contamination or an insufficient supply of drinking water. Any serious incidents shall be notified immediately to Irish Water and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. The use of emergency potable storage back up tank is advised, such storage tank must be capable of supplying enough water to the event in the case of an emergency and the water must be in compliance with the aforementioned regulations. Adequate disinfection of the emergency supply must be undertaken prior to use.

13. A map of all drinking water pipe connections (permanent and temporary) and the location of original water sources must be drawn up and maintained by the Event Organiser.

14. It is recommended that chlorine testing should be taken throughout each day of the event, at the point of use locations around the site to indicate that adequate levels of chlorine are reaching all areas of the site. The chlorine results should be documented and maintained by the Event Organiser. If low levels of chlorine are recorded, then remedial action should be taken as a matter of priority.

15. A minimum of one drinking water supply point shall be provided per thousand persons attending each event. The drinking water facilities should be dispensed through spring- loaded taps and should have adequate waste drainage. The drinking water points must be located near the main stage areas and adequate signage must be put in place to indicate the drinking water supply points. The drinking water supply points must be thoroughly cleaned and sanitised prior to the commencement of the outdoor events and also during each day of the events. A suitable non-slip surface that is adequately drained must be provided at each location.

Noise Monitoring

16. The music noise level shall not exceed 75 dB LAeq over a fifteen – minute period, at 1m from the façade of any noise sensitive premises for the events being held.

17. The applicant shall appoint a qualified and experienced noise control consultant to liaise between the event promoter, the sound engineer and the

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Environmental Health Officer for Noise control on all matters relating to the noise control prior to and during the event.

18. The appointed noise control consultant shall monitor the music noise levels at 30min intervals to ensure noise levels are not exceeded. The Environmental Health Officer (s) shall have access to the results of the monitoring at any time and a copy of these shall be forwarded to the Environmental Health Officer(s) within 3 working days after the event.

19. The applicant shall comply with the specific noise levels at the nearest noise sensitive area during rehearsals, sound checks and the event.

20. The applicant shall comply with the specified start time for the event:

*Gates Opening: **13:00hrs***

*Finish Time: **23:00hrs***

21. There shall be no activities carried outside of the permitted hours that are likely to cause a noise nuisance to residents such as dismantling the stage, movement of equipment etc.

Dublin Fire Brigade

A written response was received from Dublin Fire Brigade by email on 29 March 2024.

That email stated, as follows:

Please find below our observations in respect of this licence application. The following items will need to be addressed.

- ***Finalised Event Management Plan*** to be submitted a minimum of two weeks (10 working days) in advance of the event.
- ***Finalised Drawings*** to be submitted a minimum of two weeks (10 working days) in advance of the event:
 - a) *A list of the key personnel (event controller, event safety officer, etc.) and their telephone numbers should be included on the site layout plan.*
 - b) *Stage barriers including the sightline barriers should be clearly indicated on the drawings, complying with Section 8 of the Code of Practice for Safety of Outdoor Pop Concerts and Other Outdoor Musical Events, 1996.*

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- c) *The access and egress routes including the occupant capacities and exit width dimensions should be clearly indicated for the different areas in use e.g. stages, tented structures, guest areas, etc. and the total occupant capacity for the overall venue.*
- d) *The estimated peak occupancies for the general standing/seating areas should be clearly indicated for the different stage layouts.*
- e) *Drawings clearly indicating the designated emergency access and egress routes for fire appliances including the location of fire hydrants, water supplies to be used for firefighting operations, places of special risks, control room location etc.*

- **Signage:**

- a) *All exit signs should be illuminated.*
- b) *Directional arrows should be as per standards referred.*
- c) *Exits to be labelled e.g. 'Exit #', etc.*
- d) *Exit signage to be separated from signage for other facilities i.e. toilets, drinking water, etc.*

- **Stewarding:**

Stewards are to be trained in emergency and evacuation procedures; in particular the duties and responsibilities of stewards should be in accordance with Section 13.6 – 13.12 (inclusive) of the Code of Practice for Safety of Outdoor Pop Concerts and Other Outdoor Musical Events, 1996.

- **Vehicle Parking:**

Vehicle parking shall not obstruct exit routes, fire brigade access routes or facilities for firefighting. Vehicles shall be parked in designated parking areas only.

- **Certification:**

Appropriate certification shall be kept on site in the safety file and available for inspection such as:

- *Staff Training*
- *Electrical Installation*
- *Emergency Lighting*
- *Lining Materials*
- *First Aid Fire Fighting Equipment (fire extinguishers to IS 291:2015+A1 2022, fire blankets to IS EN 1869 2019, etc.).*
- *Fireworks / Pyrotechnics*

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- o *Etc. - The above list is non-exhaustive*

- **Petrol:**
No petrol of any amount or device that uses petrol is permitted on site for use by any trader.

- **Gas:**
If gas is being used it will have to comply with 'Guide to Gas Usage at Events' (attached), this will require RGI, safety officer, duty holder and staff to sign off Tables O1&O2/N1&N2 of IS 820:2019/Appendix 2 of guide to gas.

Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB) have concerns over the sufficiency of fire-fighting water supply. The venue/promoters shall supply at least 1 water tanker near the stage and subject to review by our operation department may be required to provide a second. Furthermore, the venue/promoters shall ensure by upgrade or necessary works that

DFB has access to the reservoirs for use for fire-fighting. The exact nature of the requirement either 2 tankers or one tanker and reservoir will be decided 2 weeks out based on available water and weather conditions.

DFB also require a risk assessment on possible fire sources and water requirements thereto.

DFB have yet to be satisfied on the adequacy of means of escape and alternative means of escape pending further comprehensive details.

We reserve the right to reduce the numbers if means of escape provided prove inadequate.

DLR Drainage Planning Section

Dated 15 April 2024.

Drainage Planning do not have any objection to this application.

DLR Transportation Planning Section

Dated 23 April 2024.

Traffic Management Plan

The submitted Traffic Management Plan is noted. The plan shows a participant route to towards the north (event car parking area). Pedestrian movements should be closed off and restricted to the south west direction at peak times.

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The existing footpath along the 3-lane access road will be unable to cater for pedestrians at peak times of the event. The access road should either be closed to motor vehicles at these times, or vehicle movements restricted to a minimum, with a lane re-allocated to pedestrians and appropriately signed and guarded. Provision for large numbers of pedestrians should be made along the entire extent of the walkway to the car parking area to the north as there are sections that interact with vehicle movements/parking and have no footpaths provided.

The proposed Stop & Go is noted, but further details should be submitted which clarify the proposed arrangement.

Cycle Parking

Secure and supervised temporary cycle parking should be provided for attendees who wish to travel to the event by bike. The provision of this should be clearly communicated to attendees in advance.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS / OBSERVATIONS

The application was also subject to third-party submissions/observations. 2 No. third-party submissions/observations were received in the prescribed period. The issues raised may be summarised as follows:

General comments

- The event should be allowed to go ahead.

Noise

- Sound partitions need to be used where possible.

ASSESSMENT

1. IMPACT TO LEOPARDSTOWN RACECOURSE

DLR Co. Co. raises no major concerns in relation to the impact of the event on the racecourse. The event is temporary in nature, at a remove from the main racecourse facility, and is of a similar character to many outdoor music events hosted during the summer months in Ireland.

2. IMPACT TO WILDLIFE

The Local Authority notes that the proposed event will take place in an overflow car park, that is comprised of tarmacadam, and loose/uncompacted stone/gravel material. While

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the north-eastern and north-western boundaries comprise trees and hedgerows, it is considered that there will be negligible impact on biodiversity due to the scale and temporary nature of the event.

3. OPERATION OF THE CONCERTS

The consultation process has been carried out as required under legislation relating to Event Licences. Newspaper notices were issued as per Article 186(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended).

Pre-planning consultation minutes are made public following a decision on the event licence application as per the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Leopardstown Racecourse is considered to be a suitable venue by both the Local Authority and the statutory agencies.

Event opening times, finishing times, and attendance numbers are considered to be acceptable by both the Local Authority and the statutory agencies.

Sanitation facilities are provided in compliance with the Code of Practice for Safety at Outdoor Events, 1996.

4. DISTURBANCE IN THE LOCAL AREA

Disturbance to the local area is anticipated to be kept to a minimum and is covered in the draft Event Management Plan. Further and more robust details will be required via the provision of finalised Event Management Plan submitted no later than two weeks prior to the date of the event.

A Traffic Management Plan will be in place for the concert. As part of the final version of that plan, various requirements are outlined in Condition No. 36 below, including, *inter alia*, the requirement for a protected and managed pedestrian route between the event venue and the Carrickmines Luas Park and Ride to permit safe access to and egress from the event.

The concert promoters have developed a policing, security and stewarding plan which endeavours to minimise disruption caused by the concerts.

Sound levels are monitored and measured by the appointed noise control consultant. A detailed Noise Management Plan will be sent to the Environmental Health Noise Department and to the Local Authority in advance of the Event. Sanctions can be applied where there is found to be a breach of the noise level restrictions.

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The Noise and Air Pollution Unit also advises that the appointed noise control consultant shall monitor the music noise levels to ensure noise levels are not exceeded and that the Environmental Health Officer (s) shall have access to the results of the monitoring at any time and a copy of these shall be forwarded to the Environmental Health Officer(s) within 3 working days after the event. The Local Authority act on advice from the Noise and Air Pollution Unit as specialists in this area and noise reports for previous years are available to view on www.dlrcoco.ie.

There will be some restrictions to access roads as part of the event. Westwood customers will be able to access that facility without restriction on the day of the event.

Cleaning teams work during the shows and after to ensure that no litter remains inside or outside the venue.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

Contractors, Partners and Staff employed on the site shall be provided with detailed health and safety information via the health and safety documentation in advance of the build.

400 No. parking spaces will be available at Car Park A during the event. It is unclear how that parking will be allocated (first come first served, advance purchase, etc.) It is noted that the promoters will encourage people to avail of public transport and taxis to attend the event, and these methods should be elaborated on in the final Traffic Management Plan.

It is considered that a more detailed and robust final Traffic Management Plan should be provided no later than 2 No. weeks before the date of the event that addresses, *inter alia*, the following matters:

- Allocation and management of private car parking on site.
- Measures that will be implemented to encourage the use of public transport to and from the event site, taking account of the likelihood that thousands of concert goers may travel en masse to Carrickmines Luas once the event concludes at 11pm.
- The exact nature and management of the 'controlled pedestrian walk' to and from the venue, and whether any letters of consent are required for same in the event of segregation of public footpaths by the use of fencing, etc.
- The nature of the private bus services provided on the day – frequency of services, terminus points.
- The provision of shuttle bus services between the Carrickmines Luas Park and Ride and the event site should be provided.
- The concert promoters have proposed a detailed security and stewarding plan for the event, which endeavours to maintain good order and public safety.

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No information appears to have been provided with regard to a public liaison or complaints plan for issues arising related to the staging of the event.

While reference is made to litter and waste disposal methods, the absence of any reference to recycling is notable in the event licence application documentation.

In accordance with the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is the licencing authority for Outdoor Events in its jurisdiction.

DLR will work with the concert promoter and An Garda Síochána to ensure any instances of Anti-Social behavior are kept to a minimum and dealt with immediately.

THIRD PARTIES

The third-party submissions have been duly noted and summarised above, with concerns raised addressed where appropriate in the relevant sections of the report above and all planning issues pertaining to the proposed development taken into consideration in the assessment of same.

It is further noted issues related to noise control were raised and addressed by in the HSE's Environmental Health Office Report, and can be managed by way of condition should permission be granted for the event license.

APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT (AA) SCREENING

The proposed development has been screened for AA (report on file) and it has been determined that the proposed development alone or in combination would not significantly impact upon a Natura 2000 Site.

The proposed event is located c. 4.6 km away from the nearest European site at the South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA. The AA screening process has considered the potential effects which may arise during the construction, operational and decommissioning phases as a result of the implementation of the proposed event.

While the proposed site is not connected to the European sites in Dublin Bay via direct or indirect hydrological pathways, it is noted that the Carrickmines Stream passes through the subject site and ultimately joins the Loughlinstown River where it terminates at the coast north of Shankill. However, that location where the river joins the sea is neither an SAC, nor an SPA.

Through an assessment of the pathways for effects and an evaluation of the project characteristics, taking account of the processes involved and the distance of separation

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from European sites, it has been evaluated that there are no likely significant adverse effects on the qualifying interests, special conservation interest or the conservation objectives of any designated European site. The ecological integrity of the European site/s is not foreseen to be significantly affected by the subject event.

Given the nature of the proposed event, its scale, and the localised and temporary nature of the construction and operational effects identified as potential sources, the proposed development will not lead to a significant in-combination effect with any other plans or projects.

Following, the proposed event is not anticipated to give rise to any significant adverse effects on any designated European sites, alone or in combination with other plans or projects and a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not required.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) SCREENING

Similar to the above, having regard to the nature and scale of the proposed development, which comprises an event license for a temporary cultural event, in a fully serviced urban location, it is considered that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development. The need for environmental impact assessment can, therefore, be excluded at preliminary examination and as such a screening determination is not required.

SUMMARY

The Local Authority has had regard to the pre-application consultation, the information relating to the application furnished to it by the applicant in accordance with the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended).

It is considered that the application for an event licence complies with the requirements of the Act and Regulations, subject to conditions. It is recommended that the outdoor event licence is granted, subject to the following conditions, which accord with Section 231(3) and Section 231(4), respectively, of the Planning & Development Act 2000, (as amended).

CONDITIONS

1. The Outdoor Event Licence shall be for the date of 15 June 2024 only. The Outdoor Event Licence shall be for a maximum capacity of 15,000 people (inclusive of staff and performers). All plans and proposals submitted as part of the application shall be implemented in full save as may be required by other conditions attached hereto.

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2. A Final Event Management Plan shall be formally agreed with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Dublin Fire Brigade H.Q., Health Service Executive and An Garda Síochána a minimum of two weeks (10 working days) before the date of the event and written confirmation of agreement shall be submitted to the Council prior to commencement of the event. Subsequently, the agreed Final Event Management Plan shall be implemented in full.

3. Finalised architectural drawings shall be submitted a minimum of two weeks (10 working days) in advance of the event. Those drawings shall include the following information:

- a) A list of the key personnel (event controller, event safety officer, etc.) and their telephone numbers should be included on the site layout plan.
- b) Stage barriers including the sightline barriers should be clearly indicated on the drawings, complying with Section 8 of the Code of Practice for Safety of Outdoor Pop Concerts and Other Outdoor Musical Events, 1996.
- c) The access and egress routes including the occupant capacities and exit width dimensions should be clearly indicated for the different areas in use e.g. stages, tented structures, guest areas, etc. and the total occupant capacity for the overall venue.
- d) The estimated peak occupancies for the general standing/seating areas should be clearly indicated for the different stage layouts.
- e) Drawings clearly indicating the designated emergency access and egress routes for fire appliances including the location of fire hydrants, water supplies to be used for firefighting operations, places of special risks, control room location etc.

AN GARDA SIOCHANA

4. In the event of a dispute between An Garda Síochána and the promoter regarding any aspect of the concerts, the requirements of the relevant Chief Superintendent shall take precedence.

5. Sufficient Garda personnel numbers, as determined by the relevant Chief Superintendent, shall be employed at the events to ensure that they are properly policed. All Garda costs associated with the Policing Plan shall be defrayed by the event promoter. The number of members of An Garda Síochána to be deployed shall be decided by the relevant Chief Superintendent.

HSE

6. Any requirements of the Emergency Management Office of the Health Service Executive shall be resolved directly with the office prior to the event.

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7. The Planning regulations require an Event Management Plan to be produced which should include an Event Medical Plan, in accordance with the Code of Practice for Safety at Outdoor Pop Concerts and Other Musical Events (Dept. of Education – 1996).

8. All Event Medical Plans should be developed in accordance with the recommendations of the Health Service Executive, Emergency Management Office.

9. The Event Medical Plan for this event is to be agreed with all medical providers and submitted to the Health Service Executive, Emergency Management Office, no later than two weeks prior to the event.

10. Medical / First aid activity [if any] at the event shall be recorded, compiled in an event medical report and forward directly to the Health Service Executive, Emergency Management Office, within one month after the event to include the following information:

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- a. Number of patrons accessing medical / first aid services.
 - b. Number of patrons requiring actual treatment.
 - c. Number of patrons removed to hospital.
 - d. Types of injury / illness

(Names and personal details are not required)

11. This licence may be suspended by the Licensing Authority at the request of the Health Service Executive due to issues of public safety in relation to major public health risks. The HSE Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) provide the most up to date guidance and supporting documents which are all available at www.hpsc.ie. The granting of this licence is subject to the event organisers adhering to government and local public health requirements applicable to the area in which the event is to take place. It must be noted that public health requirements may change between the time of the granting of the licence and the date in which the event is to be held. In this case the most up to date government and local public health requirements must be adhered to by the event organiser.

12. Access shall be facilitated to the immediate area for Health Service Executive Community Services providing domiciliary care services to the population adjacent to the venue. Where Hospitals, Health Centres or

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Residential units are located within Traffic or Pedestrian restricted areas associated with the event, access for Staff, Clients and Visitors must be maintained.

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13. The numbers of sanitary accommodation (including a minimum 2 disabled toilets) must comply with the standards set out in the Code of Practice for Safety at Outdoor Events (Department of Education 1996). The following is required:

	WC	Urinal
	Units: No. of Person	
Female	10:1000	
Male	2:1000	8:1000 or 3.6m:1000

Toilet blocks must be placed in suitable locations that are easily accessible at all stage areas.

14. All sanitary accommodation units must be in situ and in proper working order a minimum of 24 hours prior to the commencement of the outdoor events and are accessible for inspection by the Environmental Health Service.
15. Separate sanitary facilities (including wash hand basins and hand drying facilities) for food workers must be provided in addition to and separate from sanitary facilities for other users.
16. A suitable non-slip surface, adequately drained, must be provided to all sanitary accommodation areas.
17. It is recommended that no non-flush chemical toilets are to be used.
18. There must be wall-mounted receptacles which dispense liquid antibacterial gel. These must be supplied in sufficient numbers outside each block of toilets, and they must be in proper working order for the duration of the outdoor events. The gel shall be replaced as required. Signs of sufficient size stating "*anti-bactericidal gel*" must be erected in areas where the public can see.
19. It is the responsibility of the Event Organiser to ensure that all sanitary facilities are maintained in a clean and hygienic condition. Record keeping of

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the cleaning programme may be reviewed by the Environmental Health Service.

20. Drinking water must be in compliance with the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2014. A Drinking Water Safety Management Plan must be contained within the Event Management Plan and this plan shall include Microbiological and Chlorine sampling of the proposed water source. The microbiological sampling must be carried out to the mains water public supply to confirm that the drinking water complies with the above regulations. This sampling must be taken a minimum of fourteen days before the date of the first event.
21. Microbiological sampling must also be taken from the drinking water outlets (after the pipework/distribution system has been flushed) prior to the commencement of the outdoor events. The water distribution network should be super chlorinated and flushed prior to use in order to ensure that the network is sanitised and suitable for the distribution of potable water and a record of this should be maintained by the event Organiser. Results of all water analysis must be sent to the Environmental Health Service prior to the commencement of the outdoor events.
22. ~~A Drinking Water Contingency (Emergency) Plan must be prepared and implemented in the event of drinking water contamination or an insufficient supply of drinking water. Any serious incidents shall be notified immediately to Irish Water and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. The use of emergency potable storage back up tank is advised; such storage tank must be capable of supplying enough water to the event in the case of an emergency and the water must be in compliance with the aforementioned regulations. Adequate disinfection of the emergency supply must be undertaken prior to use.~~
23. A map of all drinking water pipe connections (permanent and temporary) and the location of original water sources must be drawn up and maintained by the Event Organiser.
24. It is recommended that chlorine testing should be taken throughout each day of the event, at the point of use locations around the site to indicate that adequate levels of chlorine are reaching all areas of the site. The chlorine results should be documented and maintained by the Event Organiser. If low levels of chlorine are recorded, then remedial action should be taken as a matter of priority.
25. A minimum of one drinking water supply point shall be provided per thousand persons attending each event. The drinking water facilities should be dispensed through spring-loaded taps and should have adequate waste drainage. The drinking water points must be located near the main stage areas and adequate signage

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must be put in place to indicate the drinking water supply points. The drinking water supply points must be thoroughly cleaned and sanitised prior to the commencement of the outdoor events and also during each day of the events. A suitable non-slip surface that is adequately drained must be provided at each location.

26. The music noise level shall not exceed 72 dB LAeq) over a fifteen-minute period, at 1m from the façade of any noise sensitive premises for the events being held.
27. The applicant shall appoint a qualified and experienced noise control consultant to liaise between the event promoter, the sound engineer and the Environmental Health Officer for Noise control on all matters relating to the noise control prior to and during the event.
28. The appointed noise control consultant shall monitor the music noise levels at 30min intervals to ensure noise levels are not exceeded. The Environmental Health Officer (s) shall have access to the results of the monitoring at any time and a copy of these shall be forwarded to the Environmental Health Officer(s) within 3 working days after the event.
29. The applicant shall comply with the specific noise levels at the nearest noise sensitive area during rehearsals, sound checks and the event. Sound checks shall be carried out during state exams.
30. The applicant shall comply with the specified start time for each event. The event shall end no later than 23.00, as stated in the Event Management Plan.
31. There shall be no activities carried outside of the permitted hours that are likely to cause a noise nuisance to residents such as dismantling the stage, movement of equipment etc.

Dublin Fire Brigade

32. The requirements of Dublin Fire Brigade, as outlined in their response dated 29 March 2024, including the necessary fire certs, access arrangements, risk assessment (MOE), and fire safety standards etc. as per their reports in connection with these events shall be complied with.

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33.

- a) The applicant shall comply with the 'Guide to Gas Usage at Events, 2021' and 'Code of Practice for Safety at Outdoor Pop Concerts and other outdoor musical events, Dept of Education 1996'.
- b) Stewards are to be trained in emergency and evacuation procedures; in particular the duties and responsibilities of stewards should be in accordance with Section 13.6 – 13.12 (inclusive) of the Code of Practice for Safety of Outdoor Pop Concerts and Other Outdoor Musical Events, 1996.
- c) Vehicle parking shall not to obstruct exit routes, fire brigade access routes or facilities for firefighting. Vehicles shall be parked in designated parking areas only.
- d) Appropriate certification shall be kept on site in the safety file and available for inspection such as:
 - Staff Training
 - Electrical Installation
 - Emergency Lighting
 - Lining Materials
 - First Aid Fire Fighting Equipment (fire extinguishers to IS 291:2015+A1 2022, fire blankets to IS EN 1869 2019, etc.).
 - Fireworks / Pyrotechnics
 - Etc. - The above list is non-exhaustive
- e) No petrol of any amount or device that uses petrol is permitted on site for use by any trader.
- f) The venue/promoters shall supply at least 1 water tanker near the stage and subject to review by our operation department may be required to provide a second. Furthermore, the venue/promoters shall ensure by upgrade or necessary works that DFB has access to the reservoirs for use for fire-fighting. The exact nature of the requirement either 2 tankers or one tanker and reservoir will be decided 2 weeks out based on available water and weather conditions.
- g) A risk assessment on possible fire sources and water requirements thereto is required.

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- h) DFB have yet to be satisfied on the adequacy of means of escape and alternative means of escape pending further comprehensive details.

Other

- 34. Clarity shall be provided in the Event Management Plan on the nature of allocation of parking spaces at Car Park A, and whether shuttle buses provided at that location will also be available to pedestrians accessing the site from the Leopardstown Road entrance to the site.
- 35. Clarity shall be provided in the final Traffic Management Plan on the following items, in tandem with items raised by, *inter alia*, the Dublin Fire Brigade and the DLR Transportation Planning Section:
 - a) Allocation and management of private car parking on site.
 - b) Measures that will be implemented to encourage the use of public transport to and from the event site, taking account of the likelihood that thousands of concert goers may travel en masse to Carrickmines Luas once the event concludes at 11pm.
 - c) The nature of the private bus services provided on the day – frequency of services, terminus points.
 - d) The exact nature and management of the 'controlled pedestrian walk' to and from the venue, and whether any letters of consent are required for same in the event of segregation of public footpaths by the use of fencing, etc. Particular attention should be devoted to the route between the site and the Carrickmines Luas Park and Ride.
 - e) The provision of shuttle bus services between the Carrickmines Luas Park and Ride and the event site should be provided.
 - f) The concert promoters have proposed a detailed security and stewarding plan for the event, which endeavours to maintain good order and public safety.
 - g) Pedestrian movements should be closed off and restricted to the south west direction at peak times.
 - h) The access road should either be closed to motor vehicles at peak times, or vehicle movements restricted to a minimum, with a lane re-allocated to pedestrians and appropriately signed and guarded.
 - i) Provision for large numbers of pedestrians should be made along the entire extent of the walkway to the car parking area to the north as there are sections that interact with vehicle movements/parking and have no footpaths provided.

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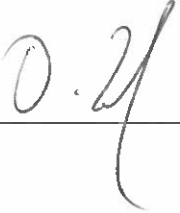
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- j) further details should be submitted which clarify the proposed Stop & Go arrangement.
 - k) Secure and supervised temporary cycle parking should be provided for attendees who wish to travel to the event by bike, and the provision of those facilities should be clearly communicated to attendees in advance.
 - l) A protected and managed pedestrian route between the event venue and the Carrickmines Luas Park and Ride shall be provided as a requirement of the Traffic Management Plan.
36. Clarity shall be provided in the Event Management Plan on operational waste management procedures, including the collection and removal of all waste materials from the event site. That clarity shall also require detailed information on measures that will be implemented to encourage recycling of disposable materials by attendees of the event.
37. Non-compliance with any of the above conditions shall result in a fine not exceeding €10,000 for each and every occurrence.
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Order: The granting of a licence to Val Entertainment Agency, under Section 231 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) for the holding of a concert which shall be held on 15th June 2024 in Car Park G of Leopardstown Racecourse is hereby approved subject to the 37 conditions contained in the foregoing report of the Senior Planner

Dated: 29/04/24

Approved Officer: 

There unto empowered by order of Príomhfheidhmeannach, Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoighaire-Ráth An Dúin, Order No. 258, dated 28/04/23, delegating to me all the powers, functions, and duties in relation to the County Council of Dún Laoighaire- Rathdown in respect of this matter.