



MARLAY PARK CONCERTS 2017

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Dear Resident,

This letter has been put together by An Garda Síochána, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and Festival Republic on behalf of MCD Productions. We would like to keep you informed and up to date on the events taking place in Marlay Park this summer.

The current schedule is as follows:

Friday 14th – Sunday 16th July (Gates 1.30pm) – Longitude Festival

The events finish at 23.00hrs on each day. There may be a small amount of pyrotechnics in use during the Festival. Further information in this regard will be published on the Council's website when available.

It is intended that the Local Authority, Event Staff and An Garda Síochána keep in close communication with residents to ensure inconvenience and disruption is kept to an absolute minimum.

PARKING PERMITS

To deter non-residential parking on concert days, parking permits have been issued to all residents in estates adjoining the Park. Three permits have been issued per household. Please contact the Council at 01-2054714 if any resident in your area has not received their permits by the end of June.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

Signage

Directional signage will be erected on local approach to the concerts and selected roads to the concert site. A recommended route for patrons travelling to and from the event will be advertised nationally. Importance will be placed on maximising the relevant junctions on the M50.

Buses/Coaches

Marathon Coaches will run a shuttle bus service from Custom House Quay in the city centre to the event. It shall commence at 12.30 pm on the 14th, 15th and 16th July. Marathon Coaches shall be located in the College Road car park. In an effort to keep disruption to the minimum on public roads adjacent to Marlay Park, all private buses are licenced to park in the College Road car park.

Road Closures

A number of road closures shall be put in place at the end of each event to safeguard the large volume of pedestrians expected to exit onto the Grange Road. The following is the estimated time at which the road closures shall commence. If there is a large volume of

pedestrian traffic prior to this it may be necessary to close the roads slightly earlier, as in previous years:

- Grange Road from the junction with Taylor's Lane to the junction of Ballinteer Avenue and Brehon Field Road. Traffic will NOT be allowed to exit any estate or the Lidl car park.
- Grange Road from its junction with Brehon Field Road to the junction with Harold's Grange Road shall close to all vehicular traffic at 10.30pm. Traffic will not be able to access this stretch of road and Pine Valley Estate/La Touche once the road closes.
- College Road from the junction with the Whitechurch Road to the junction with the Grange Road shall close to traffic at 10.30pm to allow for vehicles to exit the College Road car park.
- Stonemasons Way from the junction with the Grange Road to the junction with Broadford Road shall close to vehicular traffic at 10.30pm
- Access to Stonemasons Way from its junction with Barton Road East towards Broadford Road will be restricted.
- Taylor's Lane from the junction with the Whitechurch Road to the junction with the Grange Road shall close at 10pm. Traffic shall be permitted to drive down Taylor's Lane only towards Whitechurch Road in a contra flow system.
- Access to Grange Road from the junction with Taylor's Lane to the junction with Sarah Curran Avenue/Barton Road West will be restricted from 10.30pm.

Please note that during these road closures access will be maintained at all times for emergency vehicles.

These road closures shall be removed as soon as the Gardaí deem appropriate to do so with public safety taken into account.

PARK AND CAR PARK OPENING/CLOSING TIMES

Marlay Park will remain open to all visitors as normal except on concert days (see above list).

The concert layout and build schedule is similar to 2016. This layout aims to maximise the availability of the park to other park users, minimise disruption and make available the amenity space in front of Marlay House and around the Café.

On concert days a circulation route around the park will be maintained until 12 noon. Following this, access will be restricted until the park closes at 6pm or earlier should An Garda Síochána consider that this is necessary.

There will be reduced capacity in the Grange Road car park from 5th July to the 23rd July. On concert days it will be completely closed. The car park at College Road will remain open at usual times but will be closed from 12pm on concert days and can only be used thereafter by concert traffic.

LITTER

There will be designated litter teams allocated to the residential areas surrounding Marlay Park. These teams will be litter picking throughout the duration of the concerts and will be available to respond to any waste generated by event attendees. **Please report any litter issues to the residents hotline at 01 4375779.**

NOISE LEVELS

In accordance with the licence issued under the Planning & Development Act 2000, the noise level limit for the concerts is 72dba. Both the HSE and MCD will monitor noise levels through daytime sound checks and the evening concerts.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Entry to the event is by ticket only, and the event site will be securely fenced off. Following consultation with residents associations a robust plan has been developed to ensure that the site and surrounding residential areas are kept safe and secure. There will be enhanced policing of residential areas around Marlay Park as well as comprehensive stewarding and sign posting to direct attendees to and from the event. An Garda Síochána and event stewards will work together to prevent anti-social behaviour and illegal parking within the estates. A mobile event security team, organised by the Promoter, will also be in place. Any issues in relation to security can be reported through the **residents' hotline number 01 4375779**.

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Council are aware, that with any large gathering, there will always be an element of anti social behaviour. An Garda Síochána are well versed in this regard and are aware of the expected element. However if you experience anti-social behaviour in your area on concert days, you can contact us on any of the numbers below:

CONTACT INFORMATION

- **On Non Concert Days - Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Council, Marlay Park Concert hotline** at 01-2054714, during office hours (Mon – Friday 9am to 4.30pm).
- **On Concert Days** dedicated **Residents Hotline** number is available as a facility for residents to call in with any concerns or observations. Calls to the hotline number will go directly to the event control facility on site, and will be answered by event staff. The facility will be operational on concert days from 11:00hrs to 00:30hrs and the number is **01 4375779**.
- **On Concert Days** any of the Council staff on duty (Ian Smalley 087-3560536; Aidan Blighe 087-9922866; Jeanette White 086-0223341).
- Concert queries, email: marlayparkconcerts@dlrcoco.ie
- The Gardaí at Rathfarnham Garda Station (01-6666500)

As outlined at the start of this letter, it is our intention to minimise disruption and inconvenience to the residents surrounding Marlay Park and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued assistance and support during these concerts over the last ten years.

The income generated from these concerts is invested in Parks and Recreation and has contributed towards vast improvements in Marlay Park, such as playgrounds, hospitality facilities, sports facilities, parking facilities and some of the other events held (e.g. Samhain and Movies in the Park) as well as public realm improvements around Marlay Park.

Should you have any queries regarding any aspect of the concerts please do not hesitate to contact the dedicated Marlay Park Concert hotline numbers listed above.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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