

Parks and Countryside

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Dear Resident,

Further to your recent objection to the proposed capacity increase of the premises license for Roundhay Park, I would like to take this opportunity to address some of the points that you have raised.

Roundhay Park serves as an important visitor attraction for people in Leeds and also the wider region. Each year there are a number of events held in the park, most of which are for charities in support of fundraising activity or sporting fixtures. The park has however had a tradition of holding large events from time to time and over the years has attracted Artists such as Bruce Springsteen, Madonna, Michael Jackson, Rolling Stones and more recently Robbie Williams in 2006.

On the 16th and 17th August 2019 there are plans that Roundhay Park will host the final leg of the Ed Sheeran World Tour to acknowledge his Yorkshire lineage. Events such as these are exceptional and are not something that can be hosted on a regular basis and there are currently no plans in the near future for another event of this scale. The council does however remain committed to hosting world class events.

The planning for the Ed Sheeran concert commenced 12 months ago with an initial concept and is continuing to be developed by systematically examining each individual element and devising a plan on how to deliver and manage it, not only for the benefit of the event but ascertain and address the impact to the local residents and park users.

These elements include the following:

<p>Traffic management</p>	<p>While it is inevitable that with an event of this size there will be disruption, Parks and Countryside have been working closely with Highways and contracted traffic management companies to look at how to manage the ingress and egress of vehicles. It is anticipated that ingress will happen over a 6hr period with a peak flow nearer to the event commencing at 6pm.</p> <p>The aim of the plans are ensure that event attendees use designated routes to the event , either by car, shuttle bus or taxi without causing undue interference to local residents. Many of the streets around the periphery of Roundhay Park will be resident access only along with the implementation of parking restrictions and tow away zones. It is the intention of Leeds City Council to ensure that local residents will maintain access to their homes.</p>
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Waste management	Parks and Countryside are aware that previous events have had a detrimental impact on areas surrounding the park and left them in need of cleansing. Therefore Parks and Countryside have been working with the event organiser to devise a plan for addressing the litter created by the event. This will include the event arena, the park and car parks along with discussing with cleansing how implementing a schedule for cleaning the streets surrounding Roundhay Park.
Noise management	Parks and Countryside will be executing their noise management strategy which has been agreed with Environmental Health and adheres to the Code of Practice on Environmental Noise Control at Concerts. The event organiser has also contracted a noise management company to ensure that the above conditions are observed and amended accordingly. A dedicated manned phone number will be advertised for residents to raise any concerns.
Security	The event organiser has contracted the services of a Security Industry Authority affiliated company to manage all aspects of security at the event. West Yorkshire Police have also confirmed that they will also be providing a presence to address and crime and disorder issues. While this is unlikely within the event, due to the audience profile of an Ed Sheeran concert being family based, they will address opportunist crime outside of the event footprint.

These plans will incorporate learning from previous events, the event industry generally is continually evolving and all large events are analysed and reviewed to deliver improvements to future events. In addition, all events held in Leeds are subject to a Safety Advisory Group process. The purpose of the group is to scrutinise the proposed plans for events to ensure that group members are comfortable with the processes that the event organiser is looking to implement. The group is made up of a number of agencies such as: Highways, West Yorkshire Police, NHS, West Yorkshire Fire Service, Health and Safety, Environmental Health, Cleansing, Entertainment Licensing and public transport partners.

Once plans are finalised and have been scrutinised by the Safety Advisory Group. Leeds City Council will commence with communicating the plans to local residents, businesses and stakeholders. On the event days there will be a resident liaison team dedicated to addressing any concerns, by being at the forefront of ensuring that noise levels fall within the recommended levels set by Environmental Health and endeavoring to resolve residents' concerns. The details of this will be enclosed within a letter that will be distributed.

I hope this alleviates any concerns that you may have, but if you remain concerned would appreciate the opportunity for a further discussion so please get in touch using the following number 0113 3786002 Alternatively, if you prefer you can provide a contact number and we will arrange a mutually convenient time to get in touch with you.

Kind Regards

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