### Appendix E

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### Garda Traffic Plan for the Spice Girls Concert in Croke Park Stadium on Friday 24th May 2019.

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With reference to the above please find below the main traffic restrictions that will be in force for the event.

### Traffic Restrictions/ Barrier Plan

Arrangements will be made to have any skips, building materials etc., which are still inside the cordon area moved. Sergeant i/c Special Events Unit will ensure that 'No Parking' cones are placed at the following locations at 07.00hrs.

- Jones Road. Both sides and fifteen feet along each side of any roads off Jones Road.
- North Circular Road. Twenty feet on each side of St Margaret's Avenue.
- Sackville Avenue: Both sides of street from Ballybough Road
- St James Avenue: One Side (Croke Park side) from Cusack Gates to Clonliffe Road.
- St Joseph's Avenue. Both Sides of street.
- Mountjoy Square East: Both Sides of street.
- Mountjoy Square North / South: On park side of street
- Ballybough Road: On left hand side from Ballybough Bridge to Clonliffe Road.

Barriers will be erected at the following locations at 11.00hrs and only authorised traffic will be permitted to access.

- North Circular Road / Russell Street
- Lower Drumcondra Road / Whitworth Place.
- Lower Drumcondra Road / Fitzroy Avenue.
- Lower Drumcondra Road / Clonliffe Road. (As Required)
- Clonliffe Road / Jones Road.
- Clonliffe Road / St Joseph's Avenue.
- Clonliffe Road / St James Avenue
- Ballybough Road / Clonliffe Road. (As Required)
- Ballybough Road/ Foster Terrace.
- Ballybough Road / Sackville Avenue.

In addition to the above barriers will also be erected at the following locations at **15.00hrs** closing the remainder of streets to form full Garda Cordon.

- North Circular Road / Russell Street.
- North Circular Road / Portland Street.
- North Circular Road/ Belvedere Avenue.
- North Circular Road/Lower Sherrard Street.
- Dorset Street / Belvidere Road.
- Lower Drumcondra Road/ Binns Bridge.
- Lower Drumcondra Road / Whitworth Place.
- Lower Drumcondra Road / Fitzroy Avenue.
- Lower Drumcondra Road / Clonliffe Road.
- Lower Drumcondra Road / Clonliffe College entry laneway.
- Clonliffe Road / Jones Road.
- Clonliffe Road / St Joseph's Avenue.
- Clonliffe Road / St James Avenue.

- Ballybough Road / Clonliffe Road.
- Ballybough Road/ Clonliffe Avenue A.
- Ballybough Road / Clonliffe Avenue B.
- Ballybough Road / Foster Terrace.
- Ballybough Road / Sackville Avenue.
- Ballybough Road / Ballybough Bridge.
- North Circular Road/ North Charles Street/ Mountjoy Parade.
- North Circular Road / Richmond Street North.
- North Circular Road / St Margaret's Avenue
- Mountjoy Square East / Fitzgibbon Street.

On Direction of UC base the following road closures may be implemented in order to restrict all traffic movement into Mountjoy Square and allow for traffic flows in both directions on North Circular Road. The closures outlined will be removed where a decision to close North Circular Road is required.

- Gardiner Street / Mountjoy Square North.
- Gardiner Street / Mountjoy Square South.
- Gardiner Street / Belvidere Court

### **Barriers and Bins.**

### **Duties at Barriers:**

A Garda Cordon will be in effect on the streets that lead to Croke Park Stadium. Only accredited vehicles will be permitted to pass by this cordon. All vehicles will be checked for accreditation.

Local residents, their immediate families, local business community are in possession of passes and will be facilitated at the barriers.

As a guideline a full Garda cordon will be in place three hours prior to stiles opening time and two hours post event to enable concert patrons to arrive and depart safely.

**Pedestrian Access** – Pedestrian access through the Garda cordon will be permitted to residents, relatives, business and other pedestrians attending the Croke Park Concert.

**Vehicular Access** – Vehicle access through the Garda cordon will be permitted to residents, relatives and business with relevant vehicle pass and other patrons who have a legitimate reason for being inside the Garda cordon.

All other vehicles will be excluded from the cordon area. There will not be any exemptions from this policy. The passes issued contain a condition that passes do not guarantee vehicle entry through the cordon where high on-street pedestrian volumes exist.

**G.A.A** / **MCD** will issue passes to their employees who will require them to gain access through the Garda Cordon. All other vehicles will be excluded from the cordon area.

Uniformed Gardaí will be deployed at each barrier. During the closure of the main thoroughfares uniform Gardaí will patrol Jones Road and Clonliffe Road to restrict parking. Normal traffic will be permitted on these roads until the erection of the Garda cordon.

Members on duty at junctions and streets are not to permit parking in contravention of parking byelaws or in contravention of areas where Garda "No Parking" Cones have been placed by the Special Events Office. Gardai have been briefed that where Gardai allow individual drivers to do so compromises the Garda traffic plan in operation at the event and leads to a large number of complaints that a Garda was asked and permitted the parking to take place.

### **Garda Traffic Control Centre:**

Traffic Control Centre, Garda Communications Room Harcourt Square will be operational during the event and Gardai from Regional Traffic Unit, Dublin Castle will be on duty there. The Control Centre will make full use of the S.C.A.T Traffic light system to regulate the flow of traffic. Sgt I/C Phone - 01-6663146 / 6663147 / 6663149 The Garda Communications Room at Croke Park will liaise directly with the above Gardai to high-light areas requiring immediate attention. Garda cordon personnel and traffic vehicles will be utilised to assist with all traffic matters.

Motorcyclists and Personnel Carriers on duty at the event will be available to assist at junctions or points of congestion as required or as detailed by Uniform Charlie Base.

A Garda Holding Party will be deployed at 10.30hrs to manage initial traffic restrictions on streets outlined above.

A Garda **Main Party will be deployed at 15.00hrs** to commence the enforcement of full traffic restrictions. Full traffic restrictions on the route will be operated from 15.30hrs or as directed by supervisors. Following consultations with the Communications Room.

### Parking Arrangements:

There are two supervised car parks available in the immediate vicinity of Croke Park.

- 1. O'Connell's School, North Richmond Street / 300 Spaces including 10 Special Needs Parking spaces.
- 2. Clonliffe College, Clonliffe Road / 2,000 Spaces including 100 Special Needs Parking spaces.

Traffic will not be permitted to exit the car parks for a period after the Concert ends in order to allow pedestrians to depart the area safely.

### Special Needs Parking:

There are no special needs parking facilities on the public streets within the Croke Park cordon area or within the stadium. Special needs parking is provided at the supervised car parks as outlined above.

Where persons have special needs requirements they should contact MCD / Croke Park directly at <a href="https://www.crokepark.ie">www.crokepark.ie</a> for advice and assistance.

### **Public Transport Initiative:**

The public transport initiative includes use of Train, Bus and Luas services. There are also a number of park and ride facilities being provided in the city suburbs with connecting services to and from Croke Park Stadium.

### Traffic Plan for Private Bus / Coaches:

A dedicated patrolled parking facility is being provided for private bus / coaches at Alfie Byrne Road. Drivers have been advised to go directly to Alfie Byrne Road and their passengers to disembark there. They are to remain there until the return of their passengers following the concert. They have been advised to use one of two dedicated routes:

- M50 and the Port Tunnel
- M11 and East Link Bridge.

All patrons and coach operators have been advised that there is no coach parking facilities in the environs of Croke Park Stadium. Coaches will not be permitted to drop/collect patrons on Jones Road, Clonliffe Road, Lower Drumcondra Road and Ballybough Road or stop for this purpose on any of the major traffic arteries.

This restriction will be strictly enforced by the Garda Traffic Corps and coach drivers are requested to comply with this instruction for the safety of their passengers and other road users.

The bus/coach parking facility at Mountjoy Square is not available for the concert. The bus/coach parking facility at Western Way (off Phibsboro Road) is available for this event. This is a very limited facility and parking will be on a first come first served basis. Please ensure that you comply with parking regulations. Double parking of buses will not be permitted. Drivers are also requested to turn off engines while parked there.

### Post Event Traffic Restrictions:

The Garda cordon outlined will be extended at the end of the event to facilitate the safe exit and dispersal of concert patrons. These closures will be implemented for the shortest time necessary. Vehicles will not be permitted to access the Garda cordon during this exit period in order to ensure the safety of pedestrians and vehicles alike.

As a guideline this extended cordon will be in place for approximately one hour after the concerts end.

For the purpose of this closure, Garda Motor Cyclists will be deployed at the following locations closing the streets as outlined

- Lower Drumcondra Road / Whitworth Road. (Outbound )
- Lower Drumcondra Road / Richmond Road / Botanic Avenue. (Inbound)

The above restrictions will result in the closure of Lower Drumcondra Road from Whitworth Road to Botanic Ave

- Ballybough Road / Luke Kelly Bridge
- Poplar Row / North Strand Road.
- Summerhill / North Circular Road.

The above restrictions will result in the closure of Ballybough Road from Fairview to Summerhill.

Dublin Bus will be facilitated in passing through these closures to assist with patron transport. Dublin Bus will have an Inspector in attendance to assist with same.

### Appendix F

Private Bus Parking Plan

### SPICE GIRLS CONCERT @ CROKE PARK 2019

### PRIVATE COACH DROP-OFF, PICK UP, PARKING ALFIE BYRNE ROAD

**Operation Plan** 

THE SPICE GIRLS Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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### PLEASE NOTE:

This is a draft document and will be updated.

All drawings and photos are for reference only and may not be the final layouts. They are not to be taken as scale. This document should be read in conjunction with all documents for the event not as a stand-alone document.

This document contains confidential information that may be legally privileged and protected from disclosure. It is intended solely for the use of the organisations involved in the event and is not for public use.

### **BACKGROUND**

MCD Productions has a long tradition of promoting concerts at Croke Park and continues to develop and enhance the operating processes year on year.

MCD are the Promoters for three Concerts in Croke park in 2019.

These are

 The Spice Girls Friday May 24th Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> Westlife Saturday July 6th Westlife

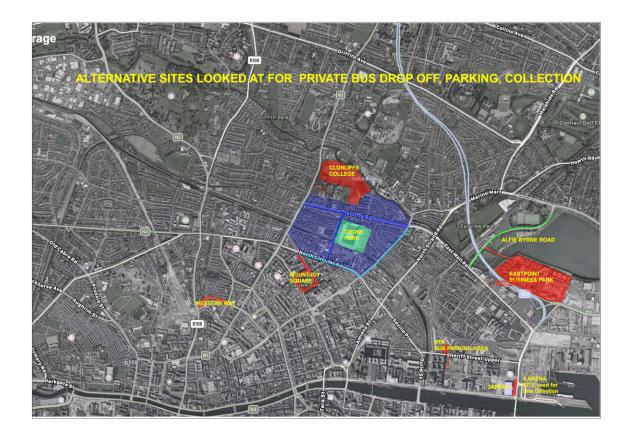
The concerts will have an audience of approximately 82,000 each with the audience drawn from all corners of the country. The vast majority of the Croke Park audience will utilise public transport. There is parking in the surrounding concert special service car parks and existing carparks for approx 3000 vehicles. There is a proportion of the audience that will arrive by private coach hire and these are the coaches we are proposing to facilitate along Alfie Byrne Road

MCD have had meetings with Croke Park, the NTA and the Garda Siochana to try and develop a solution to the private hire drop off and parking for the Croke Park concerts in 2019. Surveys have been done of the surrounding areas in all directions to locate a suitable site for private hire coaches. The consensus opinion is that Alfie Byrne is the most suitable(only site). It can cater for a large volume of coaches with the least impact and inconvenience to city wide traffic and local residents. We appreciate that the it's use has a serious impact on the cycle lane but alternative routes and advance information we hope will mitigate the impact.

It is important to note that there are some events on in the 3Arena that coincide with the Croke Park Concerts.

- Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> Mark Knopfler
- Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> NO EVENT
- Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> The Eagles

### **POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE SITES**



Over the years the drop off area has been moved on a number of occasions. This has to do with the increased traffic flows in the urban areas and the use of these areas for other public transport needs. Details of any possible alternative location are detailed below.

### Previous Areas Used

- 1. WESTERN WAY Ruled out due to change in traffic patterns and suburban coach regular services
- 2. MOUNTJOY SQUARE Ruled out due to proximity to event and congestion created with quantity of additional traffic in the area. Also caters for existing regular services.
- 3. 3 ARENA OPEN AREA No longer available as it is a building site
- 4. CLONLIFFE ROAD Road is closed to traffic. Too close to site

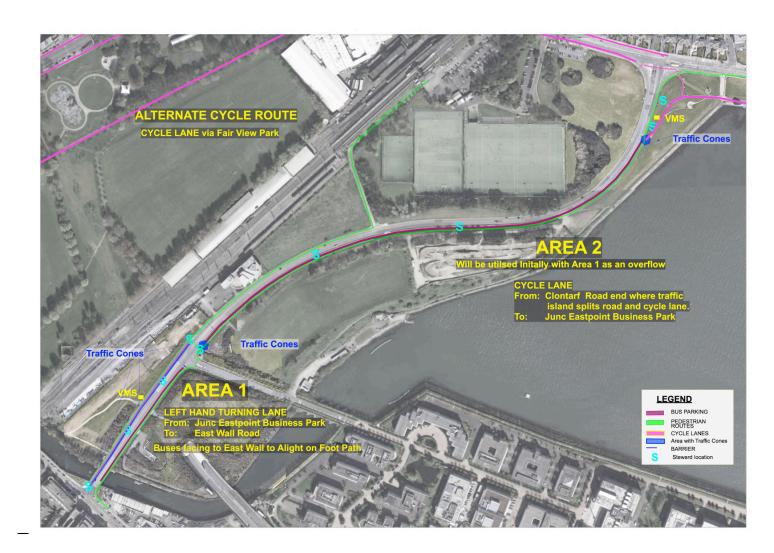
### **Areas Mentioned**

- 1. EASTPOINT BUSINESS PARK Does not have sufficient wide roads or storage areas. It is very busy on a Friday evening with departing staff.
- 2. NTA BUS PARKING FACILITY This is a bus storage facility. It has no facility to drop off or load patrons.
- 3. CLONLIFFE COLLEGE This is a grass site with narrow access and very little hard standing area. It is used to accommodate 1800 cars for the concerts.

### PARKING BUSES ON ALFIE BYRNE ROAD

It is proposed to park buses in two areas along Alfie Byrne Road.

- Area 1 on Roadway Left Hand turning lane from Eastpoint Business park entrance to East Wall Road – this will be used as an overflow area if Area 2 fills up.
- Area 2 using the Cycle Path from Eastpoint Business Park to Clontarf Road.
   Buses will be parked facing East Wall road from East point Business Park.
- All Footpaths remain accessible to the general public at all times with wheelchair and buggy access maintained.
- The Cycle Path on the Fairview Park side from Eastpoint Business Park to East Wall Rd remains open..
- There is a managed crossing at Eastpoint Business Park Pedestrian Lights.
- Stewards under the management of an area manager are on hand to
  - Maintain areas that are to be kept clear of buses
  - Park up buses
  - Manage pedestrian flows to direct patrons off the buses to the managed crossing.
- Advance signage is erected to alert cyclists to the closure of the Cycle Way on Alfie Byrne Road.
- Alfie Byrne Road may be closed to all traffic at the end of the concert to facilitate safe crowd movement.
- Two non-public duty Gardai will be deployed in the Area



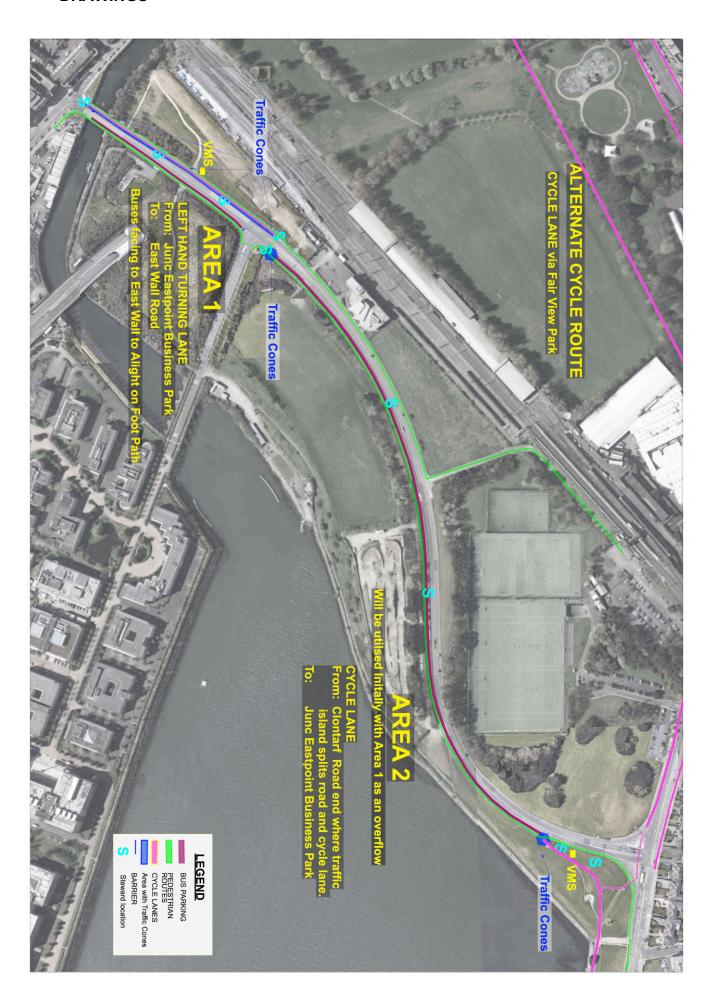
### **INFORMATION MEASURES**

- A VMS( Variable Message sign) will be erected at both ends of the Cycle lane on Alfie Byrne Road on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>. It will alert cyclists that the Cycle lane will be closed on May 24<sup>th</sup> from 17.00 to 24.00.
- On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> the Sign will change to say that the cycle lane is closed..
- Smaller signage and cones will be utilised on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to warn cyclists of the closure ahead
- Use of stewards, cones and barriers at the start and end of the suspension area.

### **DETAILS OF RESTRICTIONS**

- Alfie Byrne Cycle Way from Eastpoint Business Park to Clontarf Road is suspended at the following times
  - o 17.00 to 24.00 on the following dates
  - o Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>
- Left Hand turn lane onto East Wall Road from Eastpoint Business Park is potentially diverted at the following times
  - o 17.00 to 24.00 on the following dates
  - o Friday May 24th
- Alfie Byrne Road is closed to Traffic to facilitate large crowd movements at the following times
  - o 23.00 to 24.00 on the following dates
  - o Friday May 24th

### **DRAWINGS**



# Traffic Management Plan

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## Proposed Bus Parking for Croke Park Concerts Alfie Byrne Road Clontarf Dublin



