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Dear All,

At our last meeting we agreed that we would meet again next Tuesday the 3rd June for a Finsbury Park Event Stakeholder Group.

The meeting will be held at the Civic Centre in Wood Green at 6.30pm. The new councillors for Stroud Green and Harringay Wards will also be invited to this meeting so that they can meet the group and be brought up to speed.

The focus of this meeting was to feed back into the Safety Advisory Group debrief for the SJM/Arctic Monkeys Event and to hear direct from Live Nation about the development of their planning for the Wireless Festival on the 4th, 5th, 6th July.

We have had a lot of discussion about what didn't go well last year at the Stone Roses concert and I would like to report the following summary for the Arctic Monkeys:-

- There were no issues at Stroud Green School / Faltering Fallback pub and the precautions we took worked well.
- The additional litter cleaning undertaken, by Hackney, Islington, Haringey and SJM worked much better and was tweaked between Friday and Saturday to improve this further.
- Additional toilet provision outside the fence line in the park worked well and this was tweaked between Friday and Saturday, there was still a level of public urination but this was much reduced.
- Additional toilet provision inside the fenced area was provided as agreed, including additional urinal provision on the blank walls and this worked very well.
- Crime was significantly reduced from 180 reported crimes last year to around 35 this year (final figures still being collated)
- The council and the police increased the resources to reduce the incidences of illegal street trading and they were also joined by officers from Hackney. The joint operation will result in a number of fixed penalty fines and prosecutions as well as the seizure of goods.
- Skateboard ramp was outside of the event area this year
- Oxford road gate was locked on Friday at 4pm as agreed, but was reopened by persons unknown and subsequently re-secured, locked on Saturday at 4pm and remained locked. Posters added for locking time.
- Access during the build up was better managed with segregation of the foot/cycle and vehicle traffic.
- The communication with residents and stakeholders was much more comprehensive, although some roads still seem to have been missed by the promoters leafleting company.
- Noise disturbance was higher with the wind carrying the sound out of the park and seem to depositing it back down on people at least half a mile away. Sound disturbance within the immediate vicinity was reduced. This was the main concern raised in complaints to the council.
- The egress plan worked much better, however there was a limited escape of concert goers from the Hornsey Gate on Endymion Road into the local area on Friday Night and there were also a number of fence jumpers on Saturday night. The vast majority of the crowd leaving via Seven Sisters Road. A small proportion also left via Manor House Gate as planned.
- Traffic disruption was reduced by around 45 mins as the additional capacity of the First Capital Connect trains enabled the crowd to get away quicker and the roads were reopen again by 11.45pm.
- On the Friday night there was an issue with amplified noise continuing backstage after the event this matter has been dealt with via the Licensing Provisions and Hire Agreement.
- We did have some heavy periods of rain and this has lead to some damage on the main bandstand field. There was also some tarmac damage in a couple of areas. All will be repaired at the hirers cost.
- SJM have swept all the paths and a team of gardeners are addressing some of the smaller areas. A contractor will be on site on Monday 2nd June to undertake, scarifying of the grass area, topdressing, fertilisation and seeding. (after Wireless we will also undertake some compaction relieving works)
- We had our green flag judging during the event set up period and this appears to have gone well and the judge was interested to see the diverse range of things going on in the park. We will hear the results at the end of July during Love Parks Week.
- The arrangements for disabled drivers visiting the parked but not going to the concert worked much better this year.
- The introduction of the Councils event hosts this year help in providing people with local information and guidance as well as assisting with the ingress of people to the park.

Agenda and Minutes to follow on Monday.

Please let me know if you will be attending.

Many thanks and kind regards

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