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11th February 2022

Dear Mr Ford,

Having been instructed by yourself on behalf of the Devizes Scooter Club, I submit my independent findings to the overall suitability of the location, and safety precautions being implemented for the forthcoming event commencing on Friday 29th July, for three days.

On 11th February 2022, I surveyed the location for the said event, purely from a Health and Safety perspective. In supporting my findings, I have reviewed the event risk assessment and management plan both of which were provided by you.

The field(s) being used to hold the event are of soil construction with grass topping. Dividing the two fields is a man-made road made up of mixed hard-core and scalping's with hard topped earth tracks.

As with any environment, including fields, intrinsic hazards do exist. With this in mind, underfoot, the fields appeared to be in good condition with some low level dips observed, primarily where vehicles have deviated from the track.

One field had a gentle slope from top to bottom. The other field had an overhead power line running across it. In my view, the immediate area below the power lines should be isolated by a means of barrier to restrict any vehicle or person entering.

The main entrance for visitors attending the event will enter through the main gates to the field on the Whistley Road, which is approached from the South East A361 Caen Hill heading out of Devizes, towards Seend.

The site plan identifies two exit points, one being approximately 50yds from the entrance gate, the other located on the edge of the farm outbuildings. Both exits verge onto the Whistley Road.

It is recognised that at busier times, potentially the traffic could be hindered by queues. This has the potential to increase hazards for road users. Therefore, to reduce this risk, all vehicles leaving the event will exit via the two exits as described above, and directed right by vehicle marshals steering vehicles back towards Caen Hill (A361.)

Visitors attending the event will be encouraged to attend the event from the direction of the A361. This will be promoted by event organisers on media platforms and publications.

Furthermore, it is my recommendation to warn vehicles leading to the Whistley junction turning from Caen Hill (A361) of the pending hazards of vehicles slowing and turning. It would also be conducive to site warning signage on the Whistley Road. I have been ensured by the event organiser that this control measure will be implemented and the risk assessment amended accordingly.

A stage will be erected to accommodate music. The times for the music will be restricted and ended at a reasonable hour. This is outlined in the management plan. The stage will be

located facing away from properties that may be affected by the noise, however, other than the land-owners farm, further dwellings are situated a significant distance away, and facing in a different direction to the stage. Noise level readings will be undertaken before the start of the event and subsequently during.

Historically over the previous 10 years in the month of July, Devizes had an average temperature of 22°C, being predominantly dry, therefore it is foreseeable that the weather conditions leading up to, and including this event will be dry. This in my opinion, would not make the surface conditions of the field(s) or roads leading to, and from the event any more hazardous.

As identified in the risk assessment and prior to the event, organisers will undertake a detailed assessment of the weather conditions and safety precautions, to establish if further control measures are required to lower or mitigate risks further.

As instructed by you, I will review all the safety documentation prior to the event. This will ensure that all safety precautions implemented are satisfactory, and the risk assessment covering the event is suitable and sufficient as required by law.

This report is my independent review and was constructed on evidence based documentation, verbal conversation with the event organiser, and a combination of my knowledge, skills and experience as a competent Health and Safety practitioner.

Ultimately, I hold no responsibility or liability for anything that occurs as a result of this event, and that this document is provided for professional guidance only.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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