

**Democratic Services Section
Legal and Civic Services Department
Belfast City Council
City Hall
Belfast
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**Belfast
City Council**

15th June, 2026

MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room, City Hall, and remotely via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 17th June, 2026 at 5.15 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. **Routine Matters**

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Minutes
- (c) Declarations of Interest

2. **Delegated Matters**

- (a) Licences Issued Under Delegated Authority (Pages 1 - 4)
- (b) Application for a New Licence to Operate a House of Multiple Occupation (Pages 5 - 34)
- (c) Grant of a 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence and request to provide entertainment beyond 11.00pm for an outdoor area to the rear of Lindsay House at 8 Callender Street (Pages 35 - 44)
- (d) Application for the Grant of a 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for The Donegal, 11-17 Donegall Street (Pages 45 - 52)

- (e) Application for the Grant of a 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence for a carpark at 38-56 North Street. Application also to consider a request to provide outdoor entertainment beyond 11.00pm, and a request to provide indoor musical entertainment beyond 11.00pm within a marquee (Pages 53 - 62)
- (f) Application for the Grant of a 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence for an outdoor area to the rear of Oh Yeah, 15-21 Gordon Street (Pages 63 - 70)
- (g) Application to provide Indoor (marquee) musical entertainment beyond 11.00pm at Fleadh Cheoil temporary campsite at Titanic Quarter Harland & Wolff (Pages 71 - 78)
- (h) Application to provide indoor musical entertainment beyond 11.00pm in marquees in temporary campsites for Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann (Pages 79 - 86)
- (i) Application to provide outdoor musical entertainment beyond 11.00 pm at Falls Park (Pages 87 - 98)
- (j) Application for the Grant of a 7 Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for Lavery's Bar (Pages 99 - 112)
- (k) Caravan Site Licence application for Titanic Quarter Hamilton Road Belfast (Pages 113 - 158)



Subject:	Licences Issued Under Delegated Authority
Date:	17 June 2026
Reporting Officer:	Kate Bentley, Director of Planning & Building Control, Ext. 2300
Contact Officer:	Stephen Hipkins, Building Control Manager, Ext. 2435

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3.2 Under the terms of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 no Amusement Permits were issued since your last meeting.

3.3 Under the terms of the Cinemas (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 no Cinema Licences were issued since your last meeting.

3.4 Under the terms of the Petroleum Consolidation Act 1929 the following Petroleum Licences were issued since your last meeting.

Premises and Location	Type of Application	Applicant
Beersbridge Road Filling Station, Gd Floor, 323-329 Beersbridge Road, Belfast, BT5 5DS	Renewal Application	Karl Hunter, Rathen Limited
Cherryvalley Filling Station, 46 Gilnahirk Road, Belfast, BT5 7DG	Renewal Application	Alan Armstrong, Henderson Retail Limited
Edenderry Filling Station, 298, Crumlin Road, Belfast, BT14 7EE	Renewal Application	John Bailey

3.5 Under the terms of the Street Trading Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 the following Street Trading Licences were issued since your last meeting.

Location	Type of Application	Commodity	Hours Licensed	Applicant
Newtownbreda (part within BCC area) and Edenderry	Mobile Grant Application	Ice cream, confectionery and beverages.	Mon – Sat 16:30 – 20:00	Carol McMurray
Beside Primark, Castle Street	Temporary Grant Application	Ice cream, confectionery and beverages.	13th July 2026 08:00 – 21:00	David Sloan, Swift Outside Foods Ltd
Shaw's Bridge Roundabout on grass verge in front of House of Sport, Malone Road	Temporary Grant Application	Ice cream, confectionery and beverages.	13th July 2026 08:00 – 21:00	David Sloan, Swift Outside Foods Ltd
Shaftsbury Square, Botanic Avenue	Temporary Grant Application	Ice cream, confectionery and beverages.	13th July 2026 08:00 – 21:00	David Sloan, Swift Outside Foods Ltd

3.6 Under the terms of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 the following Road Closure Orders were issued since your last meeting.

Location	Type of Activity	Date and Hours permitted	Applicant
Blue Lights season 4 (Castleton Gardens & Jubilee Avenue)	Filming Grant Application	29 May 2026 08:30 – 19:30	Robert Huffam, Two Cities (Blue Lights S4) Limited
Blue Lights season 4 (Church Rd)	Filming Grant Application	21 May - 22 May 2026 26 May 2026 09:30 – 18:30	Robert Huffam, Two Cities (Blue Lights S4) Limited
Blue Lights Season 4 (Forest St, Springfield Av, Iris Dr)	Filming Grant Application	15 May 2026 09:00 – 19:00	Robert Huffam, Two Cities (Blue Lights S4) Limited
Blue Lights Season 4 (Merok Crescent & Carnamena Avenue)	Filming Grant Application	27 May - 29 May 2026 08:30 – 20:30	Robert Huffam, Two Cities (Blue Lights S4) Limited
Bullapalooza (Manderson Street, Townsley Street)	Community Event Grant Application	18 June – 21 June 2026 17:00 – 22:00	William Mayne

Location	Type of Activity	Date and Hours permitted	Applicant
Belfast Fleadh 2026, Belfast City Centre	Civic Event Grant Application	31 July – 10 August 2026 19:00 – 08:00	Belfast City Council
Norwood & Circular Road	Street Party Grant Application	30 May 2026 12:00 – 17:00	William Johnston

3.7 Under the terms of the Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 the following Pavement Café Licences were issued since your last meeting.

Premises and Location	Type of Application	Applicant
Black Sheep Coffee, 56-58 Ann Street, Belfast, BT1 4EG	Grant Application	Lawrence Bannon, Black Sheep Coffee Ltd
Fish City, 33 Ann Street, Belfast, BT1 4EB	Grant Application	John Francis Lavery, Skompa Limited
Greggs, 537 Lisburn Road, Belfast, BT9 7GQ	Grant Application	Kara Johnston, Gravis Planning
Margot, 18 Donegall Square East, Belfast, BT1 5HD	Grant Application	Zoe Watson, Clover Group P.L.C.
Nancy Mulligans, 95-99 Castle Street, Belfast, BT1 1GJ	Grant Application	Sean Duffy
St Georges Market, 12-20, East Bridge Street, Belfast, BT1 3NQ	Grant Application	Clodagh Cassin, BCC Place and Economy Department
Tea House, 19 Royal Avenue, Belfast, BT1 1FB	Grant Application	James Hickland
Whites Tavern, 2-6 Winecellar Entry, Belfast, BT1 1QN	Grant Application	Zoe Watson, Clover Group P.L.C.

3.8 **Financial & Resource Implications**

None.

3.9 **Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment**

There are no issues associated with this report.

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Subject:	Grant of a 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence and request to provide entertainment beyond 11.00pm for an outdoor area to the rear of Lindsay House at 8 Callender Street.
Date:	17 June 2026
Reporting Officer:	Kate Bentley, Director of Planning & Building Control, Ext. 2300
Contact Officer:	Stephen Hipkins, Building Control Manager, Ext. 2435

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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	This report is to consider an application from Ben Ringland for the grant of a 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence for the outdoor area of Lindsay House located at 8 Callender Street, based on the Council's standard conditions to provide outdoor musical entertainment.
1.2	Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann is taking place in Belfast from Sunday 2 August to Sunday 9 August 2026 and the applicant plans to provide entertainment in this outdoor area from Friday 31 July to Sunday 9 August.
1.3	The report is also to consider the applicant's request for permission for the musical entertainment to run beyond 11.00pm in the outdoor area on these ten nights.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>Taking into account the information presented, and any representations received you are required to consider the application for grant of an Outdoor Entertainments Licence, and subject to all technical requirements being met, either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the application for the grant of the 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence, or 2. Approve the application for the grant with special conditions, or 3. Refuse the application for the grant of the 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence
2.2	<p>Should the Committee agree that the 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence be granted, you are then required to consider the request to extend the hours of entertainment beyond the standard hours and, subject to all technical requirements being met, either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Agree that entertainment should be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to 1.00 am on all ten nights; or 5. Agree that only on specified nights will entertainment be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to 1.00 am and that the other requested nights be permitted to take place to an earlier specified extended hour; or 6. Refuse to extend hours on any night requested.
2.3	If an application is refused, or special conditions are attached to the licence to which the applicant does not consent, then the applicant may appeal the Council's decision within 21 days of notification of that decision to the County Court.
2.4	In the case that the applicant subsequently decides to appeal, outdoor entertainment may not be provided until any such appeal is determined. Due to time constraints, it is unlikely that an appeal could be concluded in time for entertainment to be provided during Fleadh 2026.
3.0	Main Report

Key Issues

- 3.1 The applicant has submitted a 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence for the outdoor and outdoor covered areas located to the rear of Lindsay House at 8 Callender Street and linking through to Callender Street.
- 3.2 A Site Location Map is attached as Appendix 1 and Proposed Layout as Appendix 2.
- 3.3 The applicant has also proposed to provide entertainment within the new outdoor area to 1.00am on ten nights from the 31 July to the 9 August inclusive.
- 3.4 It should be noted that there will be amplified entertainment in the outdoor area, and an acoustic report has been submitted. The Licensee has confirmed that the music noise level will be reduced after 11pm to reduce the likelihood of unreasonable disturbance to nearby residents.
- 3.5 **Rationale for extended hours:** A rationale for extended hours beyond 11pm has been provided by the Licensee and is attached as Appendix 3.
- 3.6 A representative of the Licensee has been invited to attend your meeting.
- 3.7 **PSNI:** The Police confirmed they have no objection to the application. They have been contacted by the Service in relation to the request for extended hours, however, a response has not yet been received.
- 3.8 Should Members be minded to approve the grant of the licence and the extended hours requested, this should be subject to a satisfactory response from the PSNI on the matter.
- 3.9 **NIFRS** - The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service have been consulted in relation to the application, however, a response has not yet been received.
- 3.10 Should Members be minded to approve the grant of the licence this should be subject to a satisfactory response from NIFRS on the matter.
- 3.11 **Health, safety and welfare issues:** Officers have engaged with the Licensee and colleagues in the Fleadh events team in relation to the proposed use of this space and will participate in pre-event meetings.
- 3.12 An Event Management Plan for the entertainment offerings at 8 Callender Street has been received and is being evaluated by the Service and shared with other colleagues.
- 3.13 **Noise issues:** A significant consideration for Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) will be the proposal to provide outdoor entertainment after 11.00 pm. Members are reminded that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 gives councils additional powers in relation to entertainment noise after 11.00 pm.
- 3.14 The Licensee has engaged an acoustic consultant and an acoustic report has been submitted to the Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) for appraisal.
- 3.15 The Licensee will also be required to produce a suitable neighbourhood pre-notification letter containing a nominated Licensee contact that residents may refer concerns or make complaints to. The extent of the letter's distribution, which will take place prior to the events will be agreed with the Licensee by the Service in consultation with EPU officers.

3.16	The event organisers will be reminded of the standard licence condition that receipt of significant complaints may lead to further late nights being curtailed. However, as the complaints are not all received on the nights that are the subject of the complaint a full picture does not emerge until all complaints are collated, by which time the events can be concluded.
3.17	Applicant: The applicant, and/or their representative will be available at your meeting to answer any queries you may have in relation to the application.
4.0	Financial and Resource Implications None. Officers will carry out inspections before and during the events which will be catered for within existing Service budgets.
5.0	Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment There are no issues associated with this report.
6.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1 – Site Location Map • Appendix 2 – Proposed Layout • Appendix 3 – Applicant’s rationale for extended hours



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Existing Ground Floor



- KEY**
- Alcohol serving locations
 - Alcohol consumed

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Rationale from Licensee for request to provide entertainment to a later hour

Sent: 03 June 2026 12:57

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Callender Street Temporary Entertainments License Rationale

Traditional Irish music festivals naturally peak in the evening, with core cultural performances, and sessions. Restricting entertainment strictly to 11:00 PM would cut short the headline cultural programming and disrupt the authentic scheduling expected of a Fleadh.

Providing managed entertainment inside the licensed venue until 1:00 AM allows for a staggered, orderly, and supervised dispersal of patrons.

By keeping the entertainment within our designated, stewarded boundary past 11:00 PM, we prevent 'overspill' where patrons congregate in unmanaged public areas or residential streets to continue socializing. It ensures crowd behaviour remains under the supervision of doormen.

We will be lowering the volume levels after 11:00 PM to ensure we don't cause unreasonable disturbance to anyone nearby.

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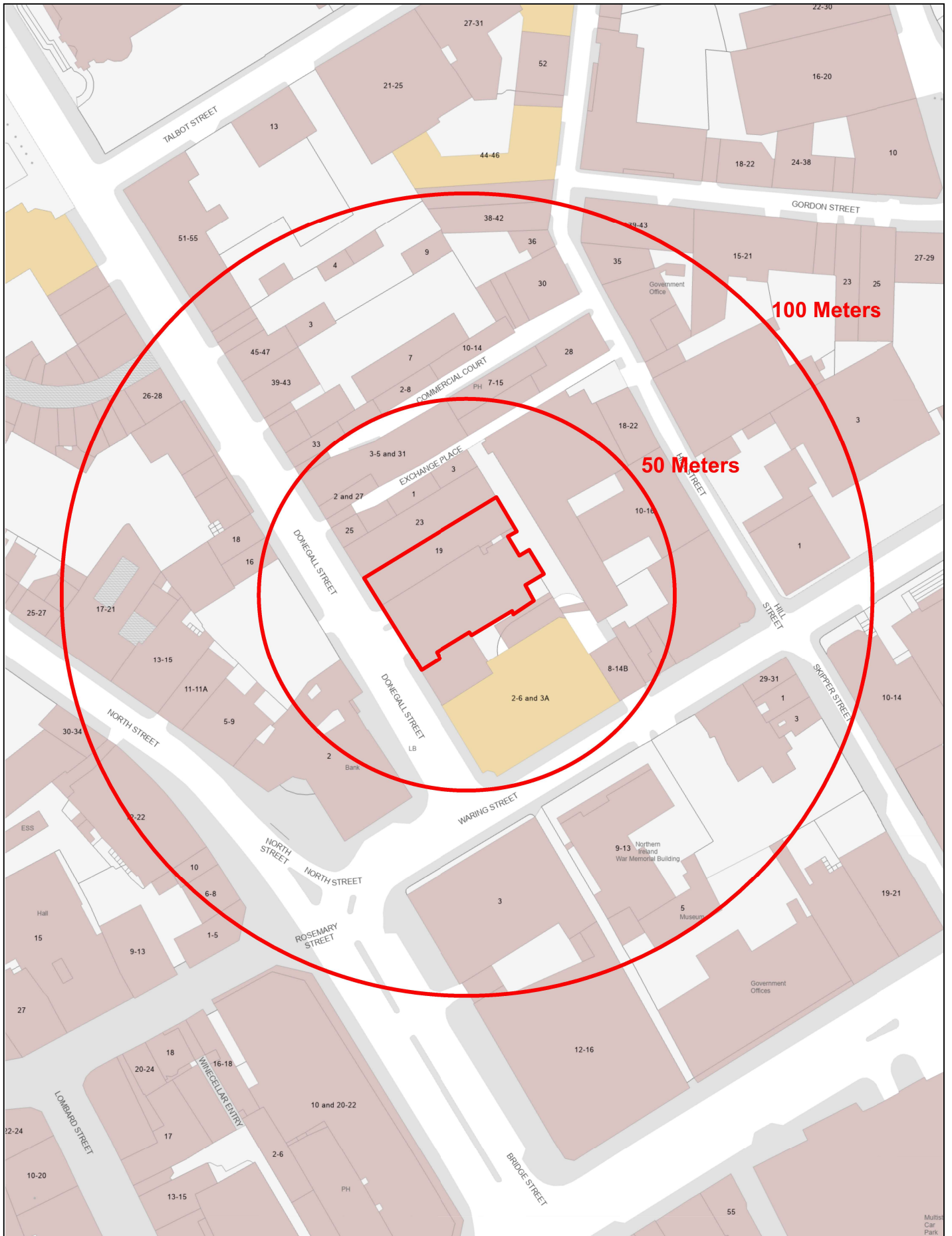
Call-in

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1.0	Purpose of Report						
1.1	<p>This report is to consider an application for the grant of a 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for 'The Donegal', 11-17 Donegall Street, based on the Council's standard conditions to provide outdoor musical entertainment.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Area and Location</td> <td>Ref. No.</td> <td>Applicant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Donegal, 11-17 Donegall Street. BT1 2FT</td> <td>24889</td> <td>Mr. Patrick Simpson JPE Hotels Ltd. 657 Antrim Road BT15 4EF</td> </tr> </table>	Area and Location	Ref. No.	Applicant	The Donegal, 11-17 Donegall Street. BT1 2FT	24889	Mr. Patrick Simpson JPE Hotels Ltd. 657 Antrim Road BT15 4EF
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1.2	<p>The day and hours that outdoor musical entertainment is proposed to be provided are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday to Saturday: 12.00 noon to 11.00 pm and • Sunday: 12.30 pm to 10:30 pm 						
1.3	A site location map is attached as Appendix 1 and the proposed layout plan and visual rendering of the premises is attached as Appendix 2.						
2.0	Recommendations						
2.1	<p>After taking into account the information presented and representations received the Committee are required to consider the request to grant outdoor entertainment until 11pm and, subject to all technical requirements being met, either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approve the application for the grant of the 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence or b) Approve the application for the grant with special conditions, or c) Refuse the application for the grant of the 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence. 						
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3.0	Main Report						
	Background						
3.1	The applicant has applied to provide outdoor entertainment to the rear of their vacant building at 11-17 Donegall Street. Works have commenced to reinstate an existing outdoor area to the rear of the building, which is the area where it is proposed to provide outdoor entertainment.						
3.2	Granting of this outdoor entertainments licence does not confer nor negate any requirement for planning permission which may be required depending on the duration of the use.						
3.3	Donegall Street is in the Cathedral Quarter of the city centre and is within Zone 2 of the Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann event area plan and within the road closure pedestrianised area.						

3.4	<p>The applicant wishes to host entertainment in line with the Fleadh's traditional music entertainment offering in this outdoor area.</p>
<p>Key Issues</p>	
3.5	<p>Public notice of the application has been placed in the newspaper and no written representation has been lodged as a result of the advertisement.</p>
3.6	<p>PSNI - The Police have been consulted in relation to the application, however, a response has not yet been received.</p>
3.7	<p>Should Members be minded approve the Grant of the 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments licence, this should be subject to a satisfactory response from the PSNI on the matter.</p>
3.8	<p>NIFRS - The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service have been consulted in relation to the application, however, a response has not yet been received.</p>
3.9	<p>Should Members be minded approve the Grant of the 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments licence this should be subject to a satisfactory response from NIFRS on the matter.</p>
<p><u>Health, safety and welfare issues</u></p>	
3.10	<p>Works to create the outdoor entertainment are due to complete on 18 July 2026.</p>
3.11	<p>If the Committee decides to grant the Outdoor Entertainments Licence, it will not be issued until such time as all works are completed to the satisfaction of the Service.</p>
3.12	<p>Officers have engaged with the event organisers and colleagues in the Fleadh events team in relation to the proposed use of this space and will participate in pre-event meetings</p>
3.13	<p>An event management plan has been received and shared with other colleagues.</p>
<p><u>Noise issues</u></p>	
3.14	<p>The applicant proposes to provide non-amplified musical entertainment within the rear outdoor area of his building in the form of traditional music live bands during the Fleadh.</p>
3.15	<p>Entertainment will not be provided beyond the standard finishing time for outdoor musical entertainment of 11.00 pm.</p>
3.16	<p>If a decision is taken to Grant the licence, a condition would be added to the licence relating to the sole provision of non-amplified musical entertainment.</p>
3.17	<p>The following special conditions are attached to the Outdoor Entertainments Licences.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximum numbers will be agreed at the discretion of the Building Control service and will vary depending on the individual entertainment proposals. 2. Prior to entertainment taking place, the licensee is required to demonstrate evidence of early consultation with Building Control service and have in place a robust system for dealing with complaints. This is to be agreed in advance.

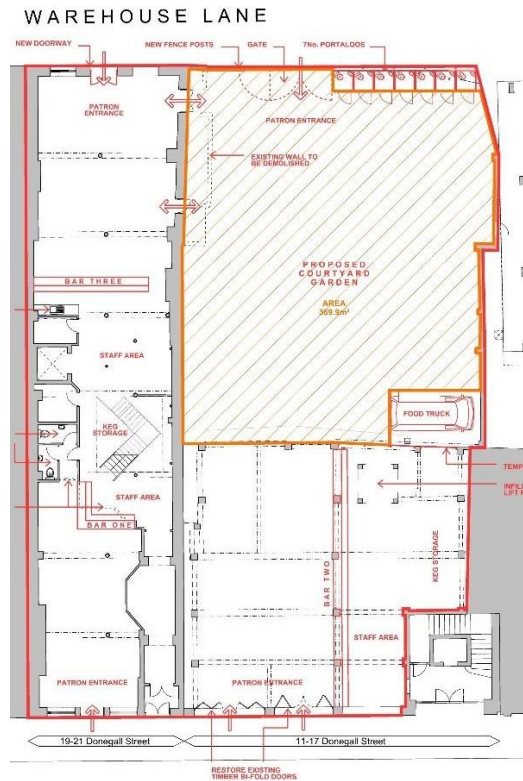
4.0	<p>Financial and Resource Implications</p> <p>None. Officers will carry out inspections before and during the events which will be catered for within existing Service budgets.</p>
5.0	<p>Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</p> <p>There are no issues associated with this report.</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1 – Site Location Plan • Appendix 2 – Proposed Layout Plan.



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Entertainment

We are in the process of applying for an outdoor entertainment license for the Courtyard Garden. This space will be used to showcase popular acts involved in the Fleadh Cheoil and compliment the City's wider entertainment offering. The proposed licensed area can be viewed below (highlighted in yellow).





Subject:	Application for the Grant of a 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence for a carpark at 38-56 North Street. Application also to consider a request to provide outdoor entertainment beyond 11.00pm, and a request to provide indoor musical entertainment beyond 11.00pm within a marquee.
Date:	17 June 2026
Reporting Officer:	Kate Bentley, Director of Planning & Building Control, Ext. 2300
Contact Officer:	Stephen Hipkins, Building Control Manager, Ext. 2435

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann will run for eight nights from Sunday 2 August to Sunday 9 August 2026.
1.2	This report is to consider an application from Kelvin Collins for the grant of a 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence for North Street carpark based on the Council's Standard Conditions to provide outdoor musical entertainment.
1.3	The request by the applicant also seeks permission for planned entertainment to run beyond 11.00pm on up to three nights in the outdoor area, and also within a marquee located on the site.
1.4	The applicant seeks the extension in hours of entertainment for Thursday 6, Friday 7, and Saturday 8 August.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>Taking into account the information presented and any representations received you are required to consider the request for grant of Entertainments Licence and, subject to all technical requirements being met, either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the application for the grant of the 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence, or • Approve the application for the grant with special conditions, or • Refuse the application for the grant of the 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence
2.2	<p>Should the 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence be granted, members are asked to consider the request to extend the hours of entertainment and, subject to all technical requirements being met, either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree that all three of the events should be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to 1.00 am; or • Agree that only on specified nights will entertainment be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to 1.00am and that the other requested nights be permitted to take place to an earlier specified extended hour; or • Refuse to extend all of the hours as requested.
2.3	<p>In relation to the marquee, members are asked to consider the request to extend the hours of entertainment and, subject to all technical requirements being met, either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree that entertainment should be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to 1.00 am on the three nights during the Fleadh; or

<p>2.4</p> <p>2.5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree that only on specified nights will entertainment be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to 1.00am and that the other requested nights be permitted to take place to an earlier specified extended hour; or • Refuse to extend hours on any night requested. <p>If an application is refused, or Special Conditions are attached to the Licence to which the applicant does not consent, then the applicant may appeal the Council’s decision within 21 days of notification of that decision to the County Court.</p> <p>In the case that the applicant subsequently decides to appeal, outdoor entertainment may not be provided until any such appeal is determined. Due to time constraints, it is unlikely that an appeal could be concluded in time for entertainment to be provided during Fleadh 2026.</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Main Report</p>
<p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p>	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The applicant has made an application for a 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence for a carpark located at 38-56 North Street</p> <p>The applicant has also proposed to provide entertainment within the new outdoor area beyond 11.00pm. The day and hours proposed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 6, Friday 7, and Saturday 8 August: 11.30am to 01.00am the following morning <p>All remaining days of the 14-Day Occasional Licence are to remain as standard hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11.30am to 11.00pm <p>It should be noted that there will be no amplified entertainment in the outdoor area.</p> <p>In addition, the applicant has requested permission to provide entertainment beyond 11.00pm within a marquee to be located at the site. This particular structure is subject to the conditions of a Marquee Entertainments Licence granted for the site. The day and hours proposed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 6, Friday 7, and Saturday 8 August: 11.30am to 01.00am the following morning <p>It should be noted that there will be amplified entertainment in the marquee.</p> <p>The following Special Conditions are attached to both the Marquee and Outdoor Entertainments Licences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum numbers will be agreed at the discretion of the Building Control Service and will vary depending upon individual concert set up proposals. • Prior to any event taking place the promoters are required to demonstrate evidence of early consultation and have in place a robust system of dealing with any complaints, which has been agreed in advance with the Council. • Any requests to provide entertainment later than 11.00 pm must be considered by the Licensing Committee and therefore must be made at least 3 months in advance of the proposed event.

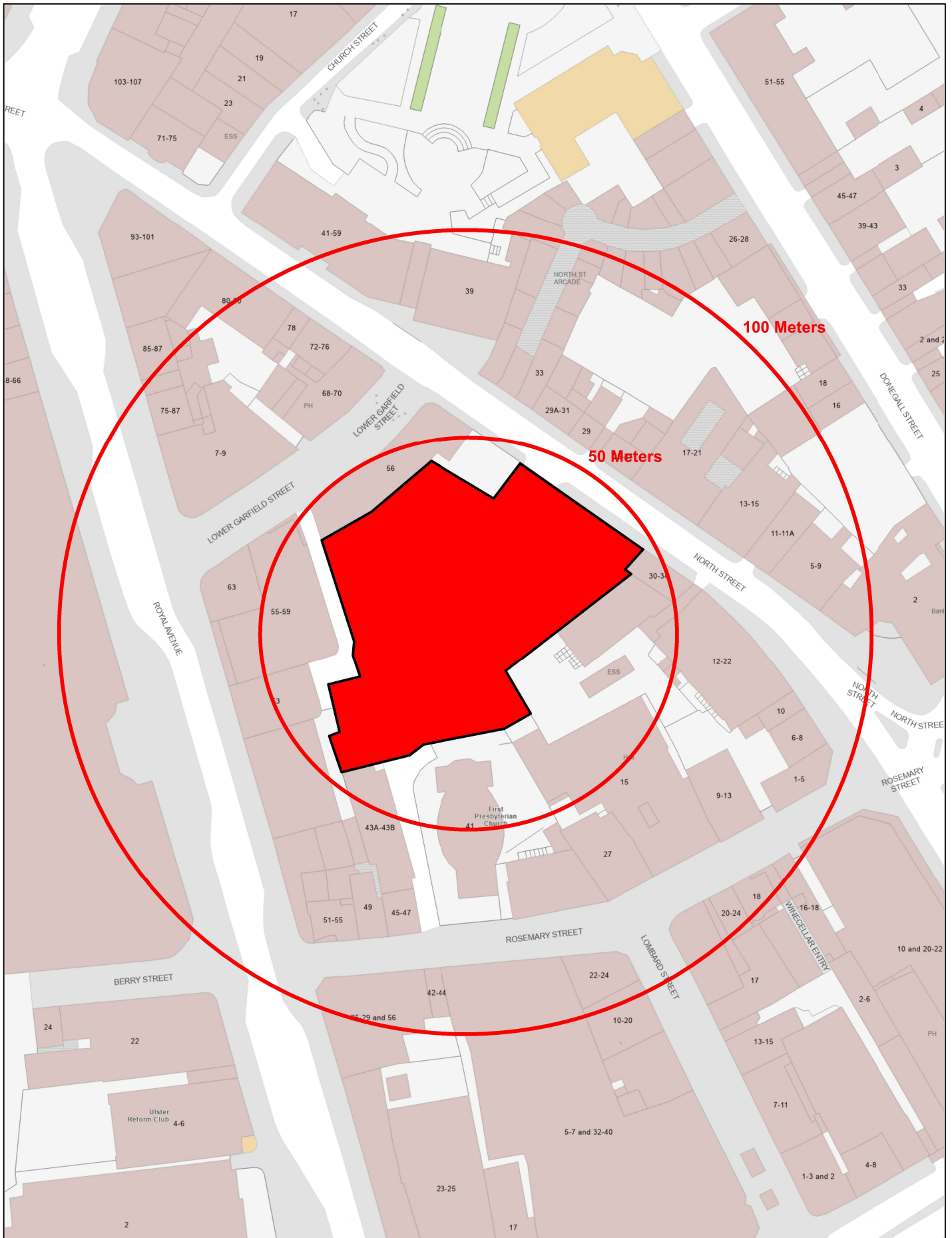
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should an application to provide entertainment beyond 11.00 pm be granted and the Council then receive a significant number of complaints regarding noise or the complaint is of such significant impact, authority is granted to the Director of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to reduce the finishing time for any subsequent nights of the event, in which case the promoter will be required to make contingency arrangements.
3.8	The special conditions mean that this request to provide entertainment later than 11pm must be considered by the Licensing Committee.
3.9	As this is not an application to vary the terms of either the Indoor (Marquee) or Outdoor licences, but a request for Council's permission to extend the hours under an existing Licence Condition, there is no requirement for public advertisement in this case.
3.10	<u>Rationale for extended hours:</u> A rationale for extended hours beyond 11pm has been provided by the event organiser and is attached as Appendix 2.
3.11	The applicant has been invited to attend your meeting.
3.12	<u>PSNI:</u> The Police have been contacted by the Service in relation to the application and later hours request, however, a response has not yet been received.
3.13	Should Members be minded to grant the outdoor licence and approve the extended hours requested, this should be subject to a satisfactory response from the PSNI on the matter.
3.14	<u>NIFRS</u> - The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service have been consulted in relation to the application, however, a response has not yet been received.
3.15	Should Members be minded to grant the outdoor licence and approve the extended hours requested, this should be subject to a satisfactory response from the NIFRS.
3.16	<u>Health, safety and welfare issues:</u> Officers have engaged with the event organisers and colleagues in the Fleadh events team in relation to the events and will participate in pre-event meetings.
3.17	An Event Management Plan for the entertainment offerings at 38-56 North Street has been received and is being evaluated by the Service and shared with other colleagues.
3.18	<u>Noise issues:</u> A significant consideration for Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) will be the proposal to provide outdoor entertainment after 11.00 pm. Members are reminded that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 gives councils additional powers in relation to entertainment noise after 11.00 pm.
3.19	The noise mitigation strategy will be discussed at the pre-event meetings.
3.20	The event organisers will be required to engage with an acoustic consultant and requested to document a noise mitigation strategy for each night of entertainment. The purpose of the strategy will be to demonstrate that noise from the event will not cause unreasonable disturbance to commercial and residential premises. Once received by the Service this strategy will be provided to EPU for appraisal.
3.21	The organisers will also be required to produce a suitable residents pre-notification letter containing a nominated event organiser contact that residents may refer concerns or make complaints to. The extent of the letter's distribution, which will take place prior to the event will be agreed with the event organiser by the Service in consultation with EPU officers.

3.22	The event organisers will be reminded of the standard licence condition that receipt of significant complaints may lead to further late nights being curtailed. However, it can be impracticable during the festival to curtail further nights at short notice, and as complaints are not all received on the nights that are the subject of the complaint a full picture does not emerge until all complaints are collated, by which time the events can be concluded.
4.0	Financial and Resource Implications None. Officers will carry out inspections before and during the events which will be catered for within existing Service budgets.
5.0	Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment There are no issues associated with this report.
6.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
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Building Control Service



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Belfast Fleadh 2026

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June 3rd, 2026

Dear Council Members,

We wish to formally request approval for a temporary extension of the Entertainment Licence to permit operation until 1:00am for three nights during the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann event period — specifically Thursday 6th August, Friday 7th August, and Saturday 8th August.

The extension is sought solely for what are expected to be the three busiest nights of the Fleadh, when Belfast city centre will experience peak visitor numbers and increased pressure on hospitality capacity and crowd management infrastructure.

As part of our contribution to supporting the event, we are erecting a purpose-built marquee on North Street which will provide additional managed capacity for approximately 2,750 patrons, with final occupancy levels to be agreed in consultation with Belfast City Council and all relevant statutory agencies.

We believe the provision of additional regulated and professionally managed hospitality space is essential to helping Belfast safely accommodate the tens of thousands of visitors expected during the Fleadh.

The rationale for this request is based primarily around public safety, crowd management, and the overall visitor experience.

Without additional late-night licensed capacity, there is potential for:

- Increased overcrowding within existing venues
- Greater pressure on public spaces and city centre streets
- Large numbers of patrons dispersing simultaneously at standard closing times
- Increased pressure on transport infrastructure and taxi provision

By permitting operation until 1:00am for these three nights only, visitor dispersal can take place in a more gradual and controlled manner, helping reduce congestion and improve overall crowd management across the city centre.

The venue will operate under a comprehensive event management plan and will include:

- Controlled entry and exit points
- Dedicated queuing systems
- Crowd flow management procedures
- Clearly identified emergency exits
- Continuous venue management supervision
- Approximately 15 SIA-trained stewards at peak operating times
- External perimeter monitoring and safe dispersal procedures

We fully recognise the importance of balancing the success of the Fleadh with the needs of nearby residents and neighbouring businesses. Measures will therefore include:

- Managed customer dispersal procedures
- Additional stewarding presence at closing time
- Signage requesting patrons respect neighbouring properties and residents
- Ongoing cooperation with Council officers and relevant agencies throughout the event period

Importantly, this year's Fleadh also represents an opportunity for Belfast to demonstrate its ability to successfully host and manage an event of this scale in a safe, welcoming, and professionally organised manner.

Ensuring visitors have a positive experience — including access to sufficient managed hospitality capacity and safe evening entertainment options — will play an important role in encouraging repeat attendance and supporting the long-term success of the Fleadh when it returns to Belfast in 2027.

We believe supporting professionally operated and stewarded venues during peak periods will contribute positively to:

- Public safety
- Visitor experience
- Crowd management
- The city's hospitality offering
- Belfast's reputation as a host city for major cultural events

This request is limited exclusively to the three peak nights of the Fleadh and is intended to support the safe and successful operation of what will be one of the most significant cultural events ever hosted in Belfast.

We are making a significant private investment in the temporary infrastructure, staffing, stewarding, production, and operational delivery required to facilitate this event space during the Fleadh period.

The requested extension in operating hours will help ensure that this investment can be utilised effectively during the peak demand periods of the festival, while also enabling us to deliver the level of professional event management, customer experience, and public safety measures expected of an event of this scale.

We respectfully ask Belfast City Council to support this temporary licence extension in recognition of the positive operational, cultural, and economic benefits it will bring to the city.

Kind regards,

Kelvin Collins
Gavin Bates

Cairde Events Ltd



Subject:	Application for the Grant of a 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence for an outdoor area to the rear of Oh Yeah, 15-21 Gordon Street.
Date:	17 June 2026
Reporting Officer:	Kate Bentley, Director of Planning & Building Control, Ext. 2300
Contact Officer:	Stephen Hipkins, Building Control Manager, Ext. 2435

Restricted Reports

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	This report is to consider an application from Damian McAdams for the grant of a 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence for the outdoor area/carpark to the rear of the Oh Yeah Music Centre at 15-21 Gordon Street, based on the Council's Standard Conditions to provide outdoor musical entertainment.
1.2	Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann will run for 8 days from Sunday 2 August to Sunday 9 August 2026.
1.3	The applicant plans to provide entertainment on four days from Thursday 6 August to Sunday 9 August 2026, up to the standard finishing time for outdoor entertainment of 11pm.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Taking into account the information presented, and any representations received you are required to consider the request for grant of Entertainments Licence, subject to all technical requirements being met, either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the application for the grant of the 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence, or 2. Approve the application for the grant with special conditions, or 3. Refuse the application for the grant of the 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence
2.2	If an application is refused, or Special Conditions are attached to the Licence to which the applicant does not consent, then the applicant may appeal the Council's decision within 21 days of notification of that decision to the County Court.
2.3	In the case that the applicant subsequently decides to appeal, outdoor entertainment may not be provided until any such appeal is determined. Due to time constraints, it is unlikely that an appeal could be concluded in time for entertainment to be provided during Fleadh 2026.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The applicant has submitted an application for a 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence for the outdoor area/carpark located to the rear of the Oh Yeah Music Centre at 15-21 Gordon Street.
3.2	A site location map is attached as Appendix 1 and the proposed layout plan as Appendix 2.
3.3	Public notice of the application has been placed in the newspaper and no written representation has been lodged as a result of the advertisement.
3.4	<u>PSNI:</u> The Police have been consulted by the Service in relation to the application however a response has not yet been received.
3.5	Should Members decide to grant the licence, this should be subject to a satisfactory response from the PSNI on the matter.

3.6	NIFRS - The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service have been consulted in relation to the application, however, a response has not yet been received.
3.7	Should Members be minded to grant the licence this should be subject to a satisfactory response from NIFRS on the matter.
3.8	Health, safety and welfare issues: Officers have engaged with the Licensee and colleagues in the Fleadh events team in relation to the proposed use of this space and will participate in pre-event meetings.
3.9	An Event Management Plan for the entertainment offerings at 15-21 Gordon Street has been requested and when received will be evaluated by the Service and shared with other colleagues.
3.10	Noise issues: Musical entertainment is to be amplified and will cease at 11:00pm. The Council's Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) is to provide a maximum sound level to be adhered to. If the Committee agrees to grant the licence this will be included as a special condition.
3.11	The Licensee will be required to produce a suitable neighbourhood pre-notification letter containing a nominated Licensee contact that residents may refer concerns or make complaints to. The extent of the letter's distribution, which will take place prior to the events will be agreed with the Licensee by the Service in consultation with EPU officers.
3.12	Applicant: The applicant, and/or their representative will be available at your meeting to answer any queries you may have in relation to the application.
4.0	Financial and Resource Implication None. Officers will carry out inspections before and during the events which will be catered for within existing Service budgets.
5.0	Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment There are no issues associated with this report.
6.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
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**OH YEAH MUSIC CENTRE
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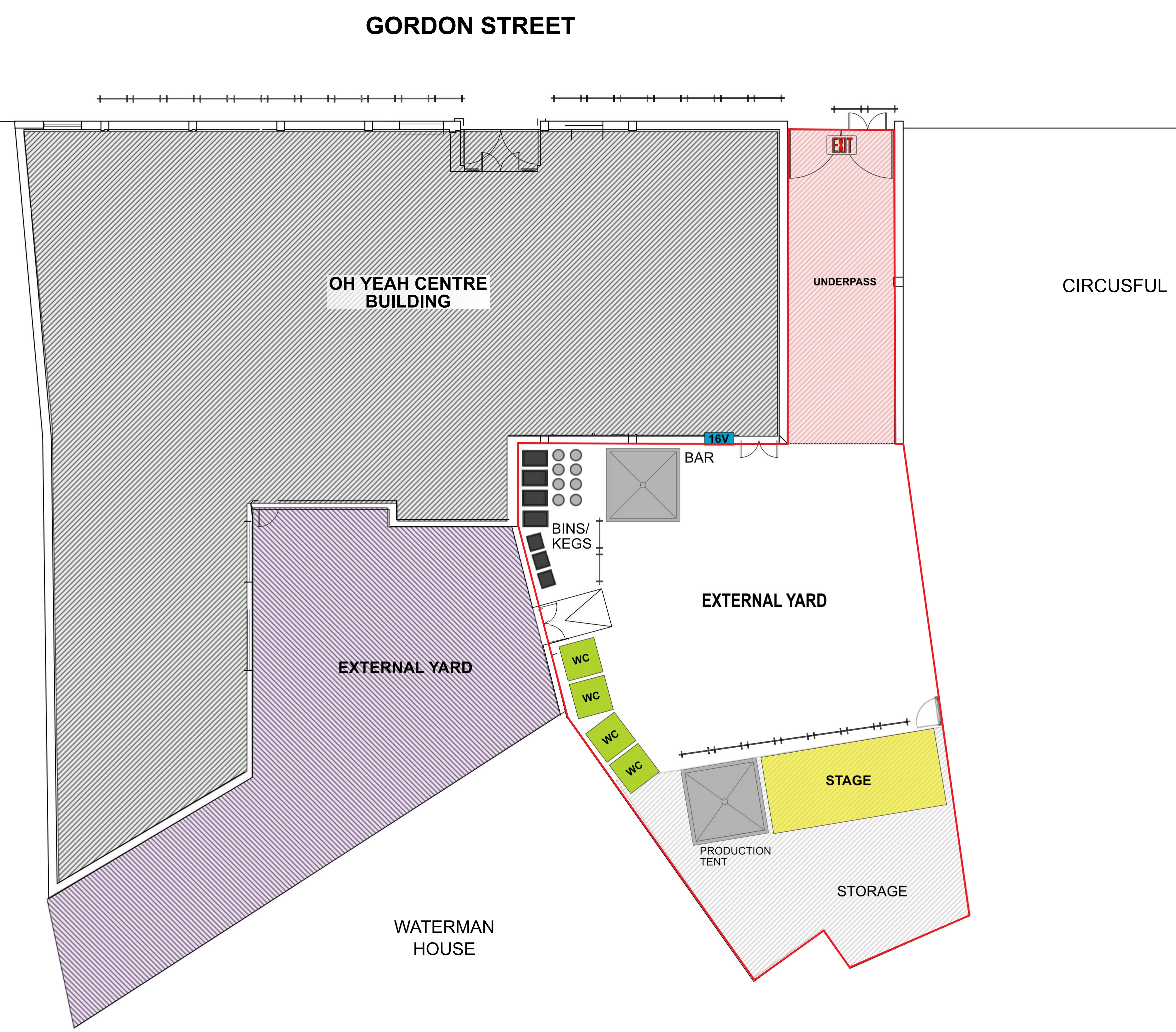
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OF WHICH PUBLIC SPACE: 146m²
UNDERPASS AREA 56.5m²

TOTAL AREA OF PUBLIC SPACE: 202m²

CAPACITY: 300 PEOPLE

EMERGENCY EXITS:
PRIMARY EXIT VIA UNDERPASS
BACKUP EXITS VIA NEIGHBOURING YARD
AND OH YEAH BUILDING.
ONLY TO BE USED
IF PRIMARY EXIT IS COMPROMISED

PRODUCTION NOTES
STAGE SIZE: 6m x 3m
PRODUCTION TENT SIZE: 3m x 3m
BAR TENT: 3m x 3m
BARRIER: AS DRAWN



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- GAZEBO
- WC PORTALOO
- PED BARRIER
- 16v POWER OUTLETS

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Subject:	Application to provide Indoor (marquee) musical entertainment beyond 11.00pm at Fleadh Cheoil temporary campsite at Titanic Quarter Harland & Wolff
Date:	17 June 2026
Reporting Officer:	Kate Bentley, Director of Planning & Building Control, Ext. 2300
Contact Officer:	Stephen Hipkins, Building Control Manager, Ext. 2435

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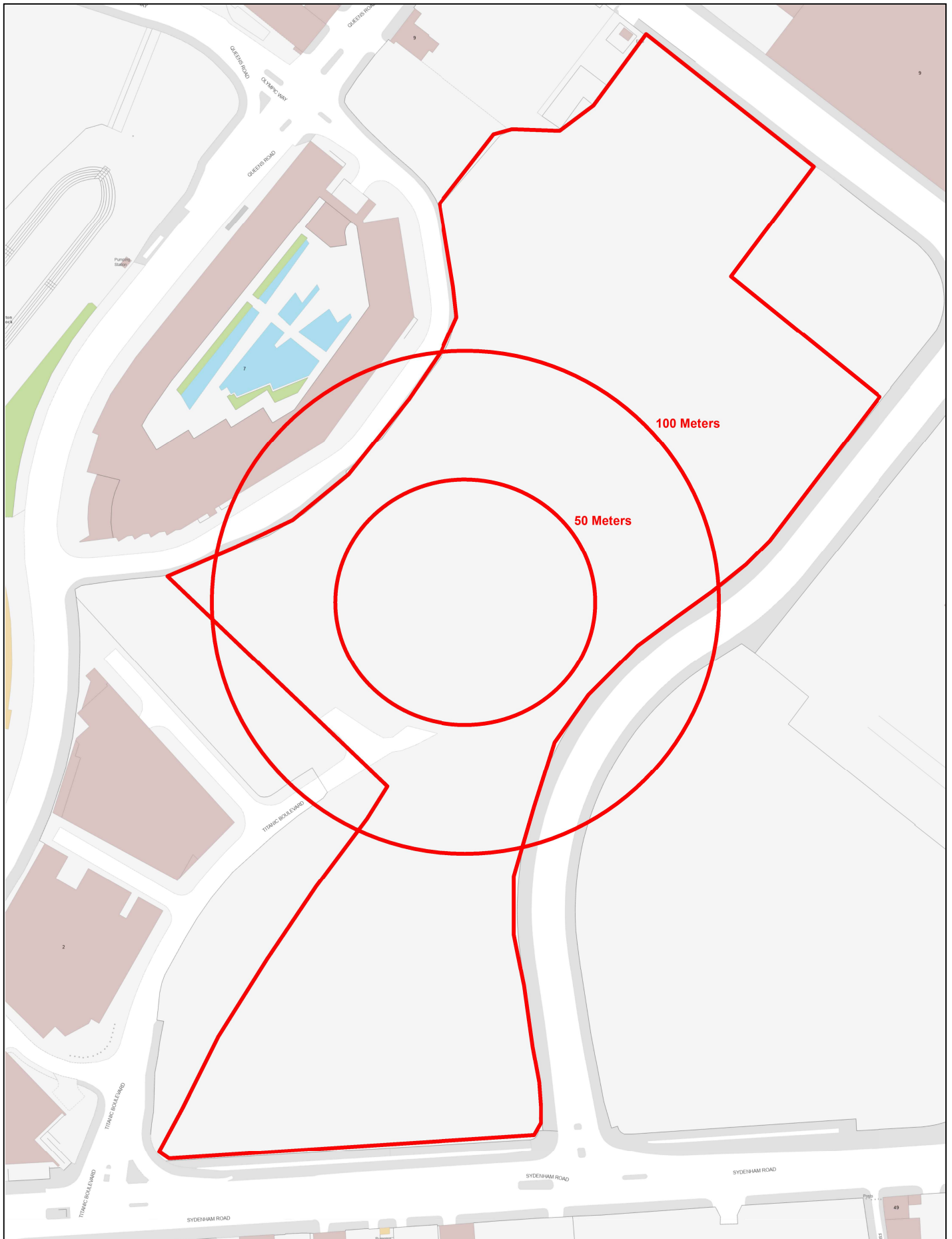
Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann campsite in the Titanic Quarter will run for eight nights from Sunday 2 nd August to Sunday 9 th August 2026.
1.2	This report is to consider a request from Nord Events Ltd. to permit entertainment to be provided beyond 11.00pm in a Marquee at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Belfast Titanic Quarter - Caravan/Motorhome Site (Nord Events)
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Taking into account the information presented and any representations received you are required to consider the request to extend the hours of entertainment and, subject to all technical requirements being met, either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree that entertainment should be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to midnight on all eight nights of the Fleadh campsite; or 2. Agree that only on specified nights will entertainment be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to midnight and that the other requested nights be permitted to take place to an earlier specified extended hour; or 3. Refuse to extend hours on any night requested.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Fleadh Cheoil temporary campsite at Titanic Quarter Harland & Wolff have submitted a grant application for a 14-Day Occasional Indoor (Marquee) Entertainments Licence. The applicant is Mr Aaron Cleary.
3.2	A Site Location Map for the campsite at Titanic Quarter Harland & Wolff is attached as Appendix 1.
3.3	The days and standard hours during which entertainment may be provided in a marquee is Monday to Sunday from 11.30 am to 11.00 pm.
3.4	In addition, the following Special Conditions are attached to both Marquee and Outdoor Entertainments Licences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum numbers will be agreed at the discretion of the Building Control Service and will vary depending upon individual concert set up proposals. • Prior to any event taking place the promoters are required to demonstrate evidence of early consultation and have in place a robust system of dealing with any complaints, which has been agreed in advance with the Council. • Any requests to provide entertainment later than 11.00 pm must be considered by the Licensing Committee and therefore must be made at least 3 months in advance of the proposed event. • Should an application to provide entertainment beyond 11.00 pm be granted and the Council then receive a significant number of complaints regarding noise or the complaint is of such significant impact, authority is granted to the Director of Planning

	and Building Control, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to reduce the finishing time for any subsequent nights of the event, in which case the promoter will be required to make contingency arrangements.
3.5	Given the special conditions, this request to provide entertainment later than 11pm must be considered by the Licensing Committee.
3.6	There is currently no Entertainment Licence in place at this site however an application has been received, and it will be issued under delegated authority, providing there are no objections, once the 28 day objection period has expired. This is not an application to vary the terms of the Indoor (Marquee) licence, but a request for the Council's permission to extend the hours once the Entertainment Licence has been granted.
3.7	The event organiser has indicated that Indoor (Marquee) music events are scheduled for the nights of Sunday 2 August to Sunday 9 August inclusive. The request is to provide entertainment to midnight on all of these eight nights.
3.8	It should be noted that there will be no amplified entertainment at the campsite.
3.9	<u>Rationale for extended hours:</u> A rationale for extended hours beyond 11pm has been provided by the event organiser and is attached as Appendix 2.
3.10	A representative of the event organiser has been invited to attend your meeting.
3.11	<u>PSNI:</u> The Police have been contacted by the Service in relation to the application and the request for extended hours, however, a response has not yet been received.
3.12	The licence will only be issued under delegated authority subject to a satisfactory response from the PSNI and should Members decide to approve the extended hours requested, this should also be subject to a satisfactory response from the PSNI on the matter.
3.13	<u>NIFRS</u> The NIFRS have been consulted by the Service in relation to the application, however, a response has not yet been received. The licence will only be issued under delegated authority subject to a satisfactory response from the NIFRS.
3.14	<u>Health, safety and welfare issues:</u> Officers have engaged with the event organisers and colleagues in the Fleadh events team in relation to the events and will participate in pre-event meetings.
3.15	An Event Management Plan for the Fleadh has been received and is being evaluated by the Service and shared with other colleagues.
3.16	<u>Noise issues:</u> A significant consideration for Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) will be the proposal to provide outdoor entertainment after 11.00 pm. Members are reminded that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 gives councils additional powers in relation to entertainment noise after 11.00 pm.
3.17	As part of the Planning Application process for the Titanic site an acoustic consultant was engaged, and the report provided highlighted sufficient noise mitigations. There was also extensive engagement with residents and businesses. This included an in-person consultation event, as well as an online consultation portal.
3.18	The organisers will be required to produce a suitable residents pre-notification letter containing a nominated event organiser contact that that residents may refer concerns or

3.19	<p>make complaints to. The extent of the letter's distribution, which will take place prior to the event will be agreed with the event organiser by the Service in consultation with EPU officers.</p> <p>The event organisers will be reminded of the standard licence condition that receipt of significant complaints may lead to further late nights being curtailed. However, it can be impracticable during the festival to curtail further nights at short notice, and as complaints are not all received on the nights that are the subject of the complaint a full picture does not emerge until all complaints are collated, by which time the events can be concluded.</p>
4.0	<p>Financial and Resource Implications</p> <p>None. Officers will carry out inspections before and during the events which will be catered for within existing Service budgets.</p>
5.0	<p>Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</p> <p>There are no issues associated with this report.</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1 – Site Location Map temporary campsite at Titanic Quarter Harland & Wolff • Appendix 2 – Applicant's rationale for extended hours



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Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2026 – Campsite Entertainment Licencing (Extended Licence)

Event Overview

Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann, the world's largest celebration of Irish traditional music, song, dance and culture, will take place in Belfast from Sunday 2 to Sunday 9 August 2026. This marks the first time the Fleadh has been hosted in the city, representing a landmark cultural moment and a major opportunity for Belfast's communities, economy and international profile.

With an anticipated 800,000 visitors, the Fleadh will deliver a week-long programme of concerts, competitions, sessions, workshops, family activities and community events across the city.

Campsite Provision

To support the scale of visitor demand and to provide a traditional, authentic Fleadh experience, Nord Events, and Féile an Phobail in conjunction with Belfast City Council will deliver community-based campsite facilities across the city. Camping is a core accommodation type at every Fleadh, and the Belfast provision will offer safe, accessible and well-managed facilities for visitors travelling from far and wide.

Currently, there are 3 campsites.

- East Belfast – Titanic Quarter – Caravan/Motorhome Site (Nord Events)
- South Belfast – Ormeau Park – Tented Site (Nord Events)
- West Belfast – Falls Park – Tented Site (Féile an Phobail)

The sites will be operational from Sunday 2nd until Monday 10th August.

Campsite Activities & Programming

In addition to providing essential accommodation, the Campsite will host:

- Evening impromptu entertainment and traditional music sessions
- Family-friendly activities
- Food, bar, welfare and community engagement spaces

This help create a vibrant, welcoming environment that reflects the spirit of the Fleadh and encourages visitors to engage with the local area.

Extended Campsite Entertainment Licence

The operators are committed to delivering a first-class visitor experience and believe that extending onsite entertainment hours will significantly enhance the campsite offer and help achieve this aim. To support this, it is proposed that entertainment be permitted until midnight (00:00 hours) from Sunday 2 August to Sunday 9 August inclusive.

It should be noted that there will be no amplified entertainment at campsites.

Visitor Experience & International Expectations

The Fleadh attracts a significant number of visitors who expect a lively, authentic cultural atmosphere extending into the evening. Allowing entertainment to run slightly later ensures that Belfast delivers a festival experience comparable to other host cities across Ireland, while supporting the city's reputation as a welcoming, world-class cultural destination.

Economic Benefit

Extended evening entertainment will also generate positive economic impacts for the campsite operator and for the food and refreshment vendors trading onsite. Each of these providers are employing local people, meaning the extended hours directly support local jobs and income. The additional trading time increases revenue opportunities, strengthens the commercial viability of the campsite offer, and ensures that more of the economic benefit is retained within our communities.

Safe & Managed Environment

Providing structured, stewarded entertainment within the campsite reduces the likelihood of informal gatherings elsewhere and ensures visitors remain in a controlled, well-managed environment. The campsite management team will work closely with PSNI, Council officers, community representatives and emergency services to minimise disruption and maintain safety.

Contribution to Citywide Regeneration & Legacy

The Fleadh represents a major opportunity for Belfast to showcase its cultural vibrancy and community strengths. Campsite programming, including extended hours on key nights supports the wider ambition of:

- Building long-term cultural tourism.
- Creating new partnerships and community networks.
- Delivering a positive legacy for future events.



Subject:	Application to provide indoor musical entertainment beyond 11.00pm in marquees in temporary campsites for Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann.
Date:	17 th June 2026
Reporting Officer:	Kate Bentley, Director of Planning & Building Control, Ext. 2300
Contact Officer:	Stephen Hipkins, Building Control Manager, Ext. 2435

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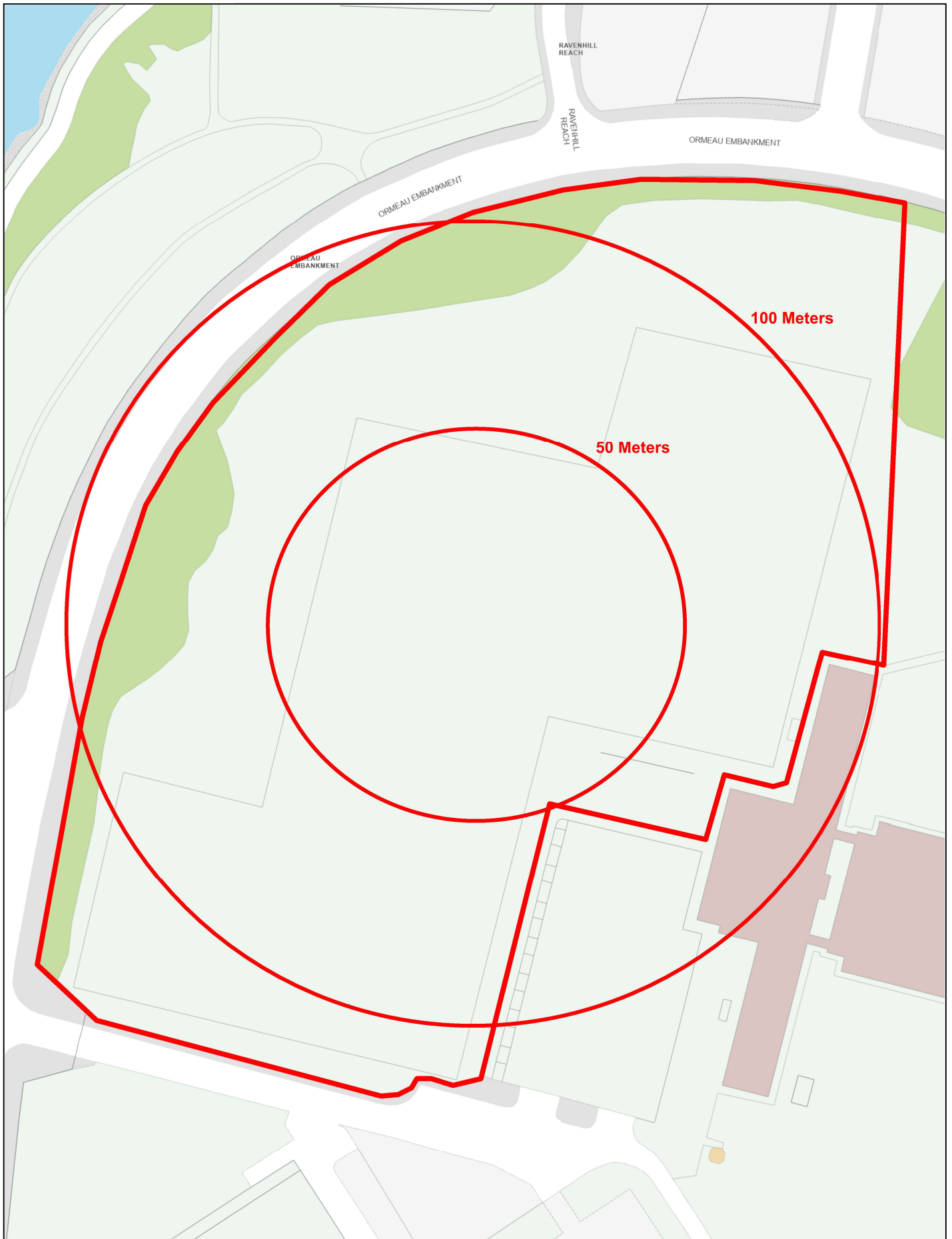
Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	<p>The Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann campsites at Ormeau Park and Falls Park will run for eight nights from Sunday 2 August to Sunday 9 August 2026.</p> <p>This report is to consider a request from Belfast City Council to permit entertainment to be provided beyond 11.00pm to midnight, within a marquee at the two campsite locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Belfast – Ormeau Park – Tented Site (Nord Events) • West Belfast – Falls Park – Tented Site (Féile an Phobail)
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>Taking into account the information presented and any representations received you are required to consider the request to extend the hours of entertainment and, subject to all technical requirements being met, either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree that entertainment should be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to midnight on all eight nights of the Fleadh campsite; or 2. Agree that only on specified nights will entertainment be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to midnight and that the other requested nights be permitted to take place to an earlier specified extended hour; or 3. Refuse to extend hours on any night requested.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Both Ormeau Park and Falls Park have 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licences and 7-Day Annual Indoor (Marquee) Entertainments Licences which have been used to hold events in the past. The Licences for both parks are held by Mr Stephen Leonard, Belfast City Council.</p> <p>3.2 A Site Location Map for Ormeau Park is attached as Appendix 1.</p> <p>3.3 A Site Location Map for Falls Park is attached as Appendix 2.</p> <p>3.4 The days and standard hours during which entertainment may be provided both outdoors and in a marquee are Monday to Sunday from 11.30 am to 11.00 pm.</p> <p>3.5 In addition, the following Special Conditions are attached to both the Marquee and Outdoor Entertainments Licences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum numbers will be agreed at the discretion of the Building Control Service and will vary depending upon individual concert set up proposals. • Prior to any event taking place the promoters are required to demonstrate evidence of early consultation and have in place a robust system of dealing with any complaints, which has been agreed in advance with the Council. • Any requests to provide entertainment later than 11.00 pm must be considered by the Licensing Committee and therefore must be made at least 3 months in advance of the proposed event.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should an application to provide entertainment beyond 11.00 pm be granted and the Council then receive a significant number of complaints regarding noise or the complaint is of such significant impact, authority is granted to the Director of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to reduce the finishing time for any subsequent nights of the event, in which case the promoter will be required to make contingency arrangements.
3.6	Given the special conditions, this request to provide entertainment later than 11pm must be considered by the Licensing Committee.
3.7	As this is not an application to vary the terms of the Indoor (Marquee) licence, but a request for Council's permission to extend the hours under an existing Licence Condition, there is no requirement for public advertisement in this case.
3.8	The event organiser has indicated that Indoor (Marquee) music events are scheduled for the nights of Sunday 2 August to Sunday 9 August inclusive. The request is to provide entertainment to midnight on these eight nights.
3.9	It should be noted that there will be no amplified entertainment at campsites.
3.10	<u>Rationale for extended hours:</u> A rationale for extended hours beyond 11pm has been provided by the event organiser and is attached as Appendix 3.
3.11	A representative of the event organiser has been invited to attend your meeting.
3.12	<u>PSNI:</u> The Police have been contacted by the Service in relation to the event, however, a response has not yet been received.
3.13	Should Members be minded to approve the extended hours requested, this should be subject to a satisfactory response from the PSNI on the matter.
3.14	<u>NIFRS:</u> The NIFRS have been consulted by the Service in relation to the application, however, a response has not yet been received.
3.15	<u>Health, safety and welfare issues:</u> Officers have engaged with the event organisers and colleagues in the Fleadh events team in relation to the events and will participate in pre-event meetings.
3.16	An Event Management Plan for the Fleadh has been received and is being evaluated by the Service and shared with other colleagues.
3.17	<u>Noise issues:</u> A significant consideration for Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) will be the proposal to provide outdoor entertainment after 11.00 pm. Members are reminded that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 gives councils additional powers in relation to entertainment noise after 11.00 pm.
3.18	The organisers have confirmed Noise mitigations with regards to generator use have been established on all campsites. Ormeau Park BCC has carried out two stakeholder engagement sessions and Féile have confirmed they are currently carrying out engagement with residents with regards to Falls Park.
3.19	The organisers will also be required to produce a suitable residents pre-notification letter containing a nominated event organiser contact that that residents may refer concerns or make complaints to. The extent of the letter's distribution, which will take place prior to the event will be agreed with the event organiser by the Service in consultation with EPU officers.

	<p>The event organisers will be reminded of the standard licence condition that receipt of significant complaints may lead to further late nights being curtailed. However, it can be impracticable during the festival to curtail further nights at short notice, and as complaints are not all received on the nights that are the subject of the complaint a full picture does not emerge until all complaints are collated, by which time the events can be concluded.</p>
4.0	<p>Financial and Resource Implications</p> <p>None. Officers will carry out inspections before and during the events which will be catered for within existing Service budgets.</p>
5.0	<p>Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</p> <p>There are no issues associated with this report.</p>
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Subject:	Application to provide outdoor musical entertainment beyond 11.00 pm at Falls Park
Date:	17 June 2026
Reporting Officer:	Kate Bentley, Director of Planning & Building Control, Ext. 2300
Contact Officer:	Stephen Hipkins, Lead Building Control Surveyor, Ext. 2444

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To consider a request from the organisers of Féile an Phobail to permit the planned entertainment to run beyond 11.00 pm on up to eight nights during the festival event within Falls Park, running from Friday 24 July to Sunday 9 August 2026.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>Taking into account the information presented and any representations received you are required to consider the request to extend the hours of entertainment and, subject to all technical requirements being met, either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree that all eight of the events should be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to 1.00 am; or 2. Agree that only on specified nights will entertainment be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to 1.00 am and that the other requested nights be permitted to take place to an earlier specified extended hour; or 3. Refuse to extend all of the hours as requested.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Falls Park has a 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence and a 7-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence for a Marquee and both have been used to hold events in the past, primarily for this event. The Licences are held by the City and Neighbourhood Services Department and are transferred to the organisers for the duration of their event.
3.2	A Site Location Map is attached as Appendix 1.
3.3	The days and standard hours during which entertainment may be provided both outdoors and in a marquee are Monday to Sunday from 11.30 am to 11.00 pm.
3.4	<p>In addition, the following Special Conditions are attached to both the Marquee and Outdoor Entertainments Licences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum numbers will be agreed at the discretion of the Building Control Service and will vary depending upon individual concert set up proposals. • Prior to any event taking place the promoters are required to demonstrate evidence of early consultation and have in place a robust system of dealing with any complaints, which has been agreed in advance with the Council. • Any requests to provide entertainment later than 11.00 pm must be considered by the Licensing Committee and therefore must be made at least 3 months in advance of the proposed event. • Should an application to provide entertainment beyond 11.00 pm be granted and the Council then receive a significant number of complaints regarding noise or the complaint is of such significant impact, authority is granted to the Director of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to reduce the finishing time for any subsequent nights of the event, in which case the promoter will be required to make contingency arrangements.

3.5	The Special Conditions mean that this request to provide entertainment later than 11.00 pm must be considered by the Licensing Committee.
3.6	As this is not an application to vary the terms of the Outdoor licence, but a request for Council's permission to extend the hours under an existing Licence Condition, there is no requirement for public advertisement in this case.
3.7	The event organiser has indicated that outdoor music events are scheduled for Friday 24, Saturday 25, Friday 31 July, Saturday 1, Thursday 6, Friday 7 and Saturday 8, and Sunday 9 August 2026. The request is to provide entertainment beyond 11.00 pm on all of these nights.
3.8	The event organiser has indicated that it is intended only to operate to 1.00 am on three occasions. These dates have been identified as Friday 7, Saturday 8 August and Sunday 9 August.
3.9	The Service await confirmation from the organisers on actual finish time of the remaining events for which extension beyond standard hours has also been requested.
3.10	<u>Rationale for extended hours:</u> A rationale for extended hours beyond 11.00 pm has been provided by the event organiser and is attached as Appendix 2.
3.11	The event has been running for over 30 years as a community festival and in recent years organisers have consolidated the music events hosted at Falls Park to six nights. This decision was motivated by a desire to limit disruption to the community in close proximity to Falls Park. However, the request for entertainment to go beyond 11.00 pm for 2026 would be to increase the number of occasions to eight evenings.
3.12	The applicant has indicated that it is intended that entertainment will go on no later than 1.00 am for the events on Friday 7, Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 August, with this request for extended hours on these nights being due to the diversionary nature of the events.
3.13	Members are reminded that in 2025 the Committee agreed to grant the organisers permission to operate on 6 nights of the event beyond the standard hours of 11.00 pm to 1.00 am and on all these nights entertainment did continue beyond 11.00 pm.
3.14	A significant factor, which is unique to this year's event, is the operation of a campsite for the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann at a neighbouring location within Falls Park. Féile an Phobail have a stated aim to deliver, in conjunction with Belfast City Council, a safe, accessible and well-managed facility for visitors to the city for the Fleadh Cheoil.
3.15	A representative of the event organiser has been invited to attend your meeting.
3.16	<u>PSNI:</u> The Police have been contacted by the Service in relation to the event, however, a response has not yet been received.
3.17	Should Members be minded approve the extended hours requested, this should be subject to a satisfactory response from the PSNI on the matter.
3.18	<u>NIFRS:</u> The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service have been consulted in relation to the application, however, a response has not yet been received.
3.19	Should Members be minded approve the extended hours requested, this should be subject to a satisfactory response from NIFRS on the matter.

3.20	Health, safety and welfare issues: Officers have engaged with the event organisers and colleagues in City & Neighbourhood Services in relation to the festival and will participate in the multi-agency meeting to be held in advance of the event with the event organisers.
3.21	An Event Management Plan in support of the event has been received and is being evaluated by the Service and shared with other colleagues.
3.22	Officers from the Service have carried out during performance inspections at previous events organised by Féile an Phobail and found that the organisers have adhered to the health, safety and welfare management requirements during that time.
3.23	Noise issues: A significant consideration for Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) will be the proposal to provide outdoor entertainment after 11.00 pm. Members are reminded that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 gives councils additional powers in relation to entertainment noise after 11.00 pm.
3.24	In 2025, 17 noise complaints were received over the period of the festival, a reduction from the approx. 76 noise complaints received in 2024.
3.25	Complaints received during the course of the festival in 2025 were brought to the attention of the event organisers and following conclusion of the festival a summary of all noise complaints was provided for their consideration. No formal action was undertaken in respect of the noise complaints received.
3.26	During this year's festival there will be an increase from six to eight nights on which musical entertainment will go beyond 11.00pm. The cumulative impact of disturbance resulting from this musical entertainment and congregation of large numbers of patrons attending the park has the potential to give rise to community annoyance.
3.27	Significantly, Falls Park is also one of three campsites which will be in operation across the city during the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. The Fleadh will run from Sunday 2 to Sunday 9 August. During this period the organisers of Feile an Phobail have sought permission to provide musical entertainment beyond 11.00pm on 4 occasions. Given the proximity of the campsite to the event space under consideration for extended hours, it is foreseeable that noise disturbance arising from musical entertainment provided as part of the Féile an Phobail will impact upon residents of the campsite.
3.28	The event organisers will, as for last year, again be required to engage with an acoustic consultant and requested to document a noise mitigation strategy for each night of entertainment. The purpose of the strategy will be to demonstrate that noise from the event will not cause unreasonable disturbance to commercial and residential premises. Once received by the Service this strategy will be provided to EPU for appraisal.
3.29	The noise mitigation strategy will be discussed at the pre-event multi-agency meeting. Last year Members requested the sound consultant had a site presence on the nights of entertainment to carry out sound testing, and this could again be a beneficial mitigation this year.
3.30	The organisers will also be required to produce a suitable residents pre-notification letter containing a nominated event organiser contact that that residents may refer concerns or make complaints to. The extent of the letter's distribution, which will take place prior to the event will be agreed with the event organiser by the Service in consultation with EPU officers.

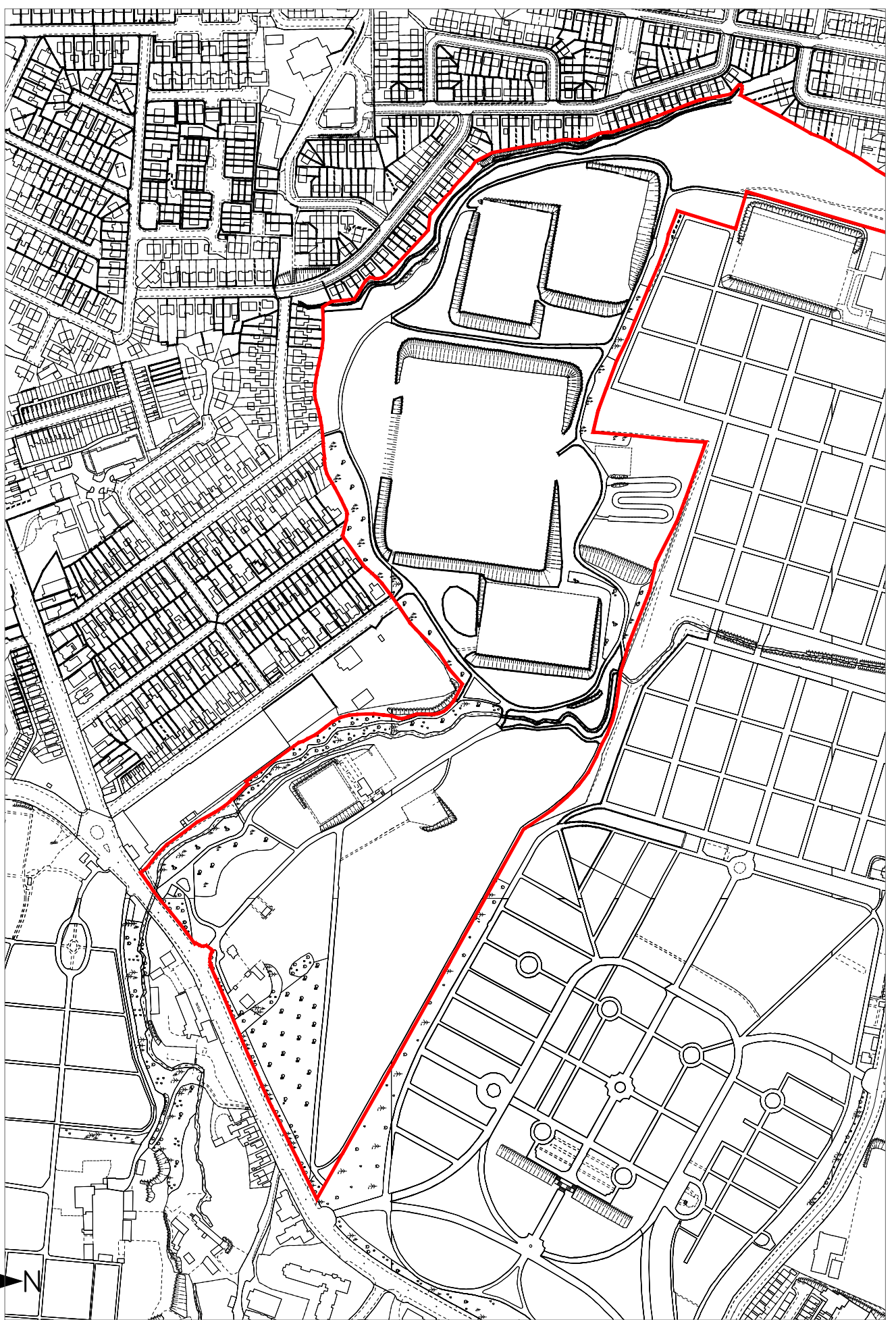
3.31	The event organisers will be reminded of the standard licence condition that receipt of significant complaints may lead to further late nights being curtailed. However, it can be impracticable during the festival to curtail further nights at short notice, and as complaints are not all received on the nights that are the subject of the complaint a full picture does not emerge until all complaints are collated, by which time the events can be concluded.
3.32	Members may therefore wish to consider the number of complaints received last year in making a decision on whether to grant or refuse the request for extended hours to 1am for some or all of the eight nights requested, or in specifying an earlier extended hour for all or some of the nights.
4.0	Financial and Resource Implications None. Officers will carry out inspections before and during the events which will be catered for within existing Service budgets.
5.0	Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment There are no issues associated with this report.
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12th May 2026

Dear members,

Féile an Phobail is Irelands biggest community arts festival and summer school, holding 3 festivals a year as well as a range of year-round community engagement and youth arts events. Our August Féile is our flagship international festival, attracting upwards of 90,000 to Belfast each year, and includes:

- approximately 600 events in 30+ venues citywide, including iconic venues such as Clonard Monastery An Chulturlann, Shankill Road, East Belfast, Duncairn Arts Centre, Linen Hall Library, PRONI, Ulster Museum, Belfast City Hall, St Marys University College, Conway Mill, Milltown and City Cemeteries and the Falls Park.
- 18 music concerts, including 5-6 12,000 capacity concerts in the Falls Park
- Féile Dance night (2025) resulted in NO Bonfires across the entire City– a significant achievement
- 4 International comedy concerts,
- 50+ exhibitions from artists worldwide,
- 90+ discussions and debates events as part of ‘Irelands biggest Summer School’,
- 24 youth events,
- 12 literary events,
- 9 drama / theatre productions,
- over 100 family, outdoor and community events, street performances,
- an internationally themed carnival parade,
- international food fayre,
- an event celebrating Pride week,
- 30+ sporting events, and,
- 40 various tours and walks
- A Health and Well Being Festival
- Approximately £4m contributed to local business as a result of August Féile events!

Féile an Phobail, literally means Festival of the People, and really is a festival for all the people of the City and beyond, with a community ethos at the heart of our events. The event has grown over the years from being held for 2-3 days to a full 11 day internationally acclaimed festival offering an eclectic mix of arts and cultural events, ranging from headline music concerts, comedy, tours and walks, debates and discussions, exhibitions / visual arts, theatre, youth and community and sporting events.

This year’s festival will run from Friday 24th July to Sunday 9th August, which also coincies with the Fleadh Cheoil, of which Féile will be a partner in terms of delivery and support. Indeed, an offical Fleadh Campsite will be situated in the grounds of the Falls Park.

In previous years, we had requested a license for, and operated between 8 and 11 headline music concerts in the Falls Park. Following significant consultation with the local community, and with our main stakeholders, and having successfully operated on the new event space since 2018, we are requesting an extended licence for 8 nights, spread over 3 weeks.

This year we would request that the Committee consider permitting us to operate this year's headline music events in the Falls Park from Friday 24th July to Sunday 9th August, with events taking place on the 24/7, 25/7, 31/7, 1/8, 6/8, 7/8, 8/8, and 9/8 .

We would request that entertainment license be granted to 1am. It is envisaged that only two / three of these nights, Fri 7th August, Sat 8th August, Sunday 9th August will go to 1am, due to the diversionary nature of the events, which receive the support of the wider community and statutory agencies, including the PSNI and is funded by Belfast City Council. Féile has also agreed to limit / mitigate against any sound issues on this evening by introducing the main acts on stage at an earlier time, an initiative that has been well received in previous years.

This will allow us to develop our plans around some of the diversionary activities we are proposing to do to help with the ongoing antisocial behavior issues that exist within the Falls Park and surrounding areas.

This year Féile will also act as a lead partner for diversionary events on the 8th August (and the lead up the 8th) right across the City, with events taking place and partnering with Féile in Ardoyne, New Lodge, the Market, Short Strand and the Ormeau Road, a significant cross City project aimed at reducing intra and inter community tension, not to mention the anti-social behavior on this date often associated with 'unwanted' bonfires.

Féile has committed alongside local political and community reps to conduct a number of community consultations around this year's events in the park, specifically engaging with local residents and addressing any issues / concerns. Indeed, we have already engaged in meetings with BCC Officers, the PSNI and local residents. We will continue to work alongside the park team and building control in this respect in the lead up to and throughout the festival.

We are currently finalising the acts for this year but have already lined up a range of headline artists that will appeal to all age groups. We would hope to have the running order completed in the next couple of weeks and will forward this to Building Control when completed.

As well as holding two operational meetings already with stakeholders, we've provided a draft copy of our proposed Event Management Plan and Site Plan but wish to highlight that these are subject to change but can assure the Committee that we will continue to work with Building Control and provide them with regular updates as work progresses in this regard.

As in recent year's we have been in regular contact with the PSNI regarding the event to agree the policing, traffic and transport measures, including parking. The PSNI have always been very helpful and are happy with the plans we have discussed with them. The PSNI are also involved with the diversionary activities we are implementing for the event and the underage activities to resolve the issues of anti-social behavior, etc. currently being experienced in the area.

We've also been held discussion with the Council's Parks Unit regarding the event and the relevant access and egress arrangements along with the timeframe available in order to gain access to start the site build.

If you require any additional information in relation to this year's events, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

Kevin Gamble Director
Féile an Phobail



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Date:	17 June 2026
Reporting Officer:	Kate Bentley, Director of Planning & Building Control, Ext. 2300
Contact Officer:	Stephen Hipkins, Building Control Manager, Ext. 2435

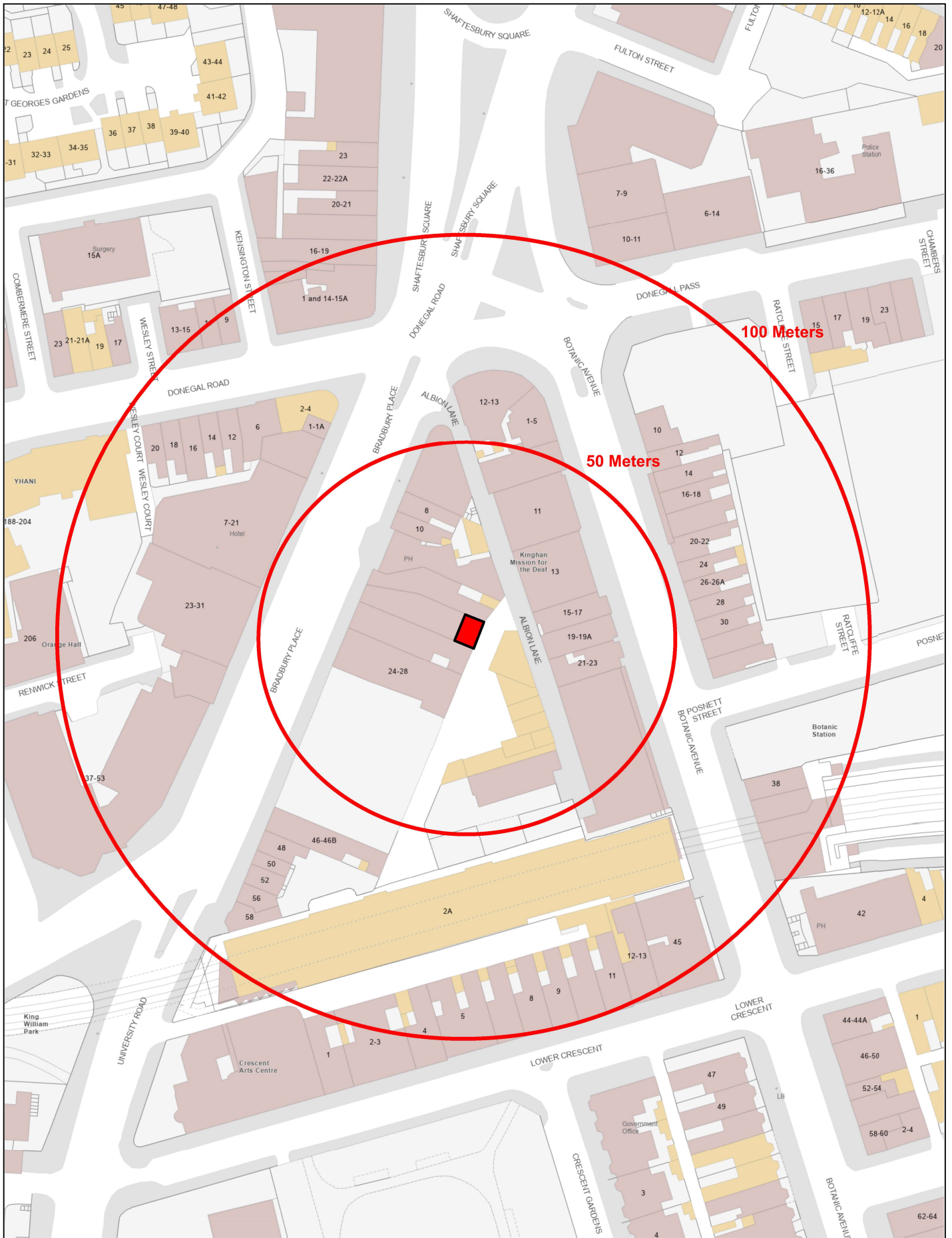
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues						
1.1	To consider an application for the grant of a 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence based on the Council's standard conditions, to provide outdoor musical entertainment for: <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Area and Location</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Ref. No.</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Applicant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Laverys Bar 12-18 Bradbury Place Belfast, BT7 1RS</td> <td>24373</td> <td>Mr Bernard Lavery</td> </tr> </table>	Area and Location	Ref. No.	Applicant	Laverys Bar 12-18 Bradbury Place Belfast, BT7 1RS	24373	Mr Bernard Lavery
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1.2	A location map is attached as Appendix 1						
2.0	Recommendations						
2.1	Taking into account the information presented and any representations made in respect of the application you are required to make a decision to either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approve the application for the grant of the 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence, or b) Approve the application for the grant with special conditions, or c) Refuse the application for the grant of the 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence. 						
2.2	If an application is refused, or special conditions are attached to the licence to which the applicant does not consent, then the applicant may appeal the Council's decision within 21 days of notification of that decision to the County Court. In the case that the applicant subsequently decides to appeal, outdoor entertainment may not be provided until any such appeal is determined.						
3.0	Main Report – Key issues						
3.1	The areas currently licensed to provide entertainment are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground Floor Bar, with a maximum capacity of 485 persons. • First Floor Lounge, with a maximum capacity of 300 persons. • Second Floor, Pool Room Layout, with a maximum capacity of 300 persons. • Second Floor, Concert Layout, with a maximum capacity of 600 persons. • Mezzanine, with a maximum capacity of 60 persons. • Woodworkers Bar, with a maximum capacity of 210 persons. 						
3.2	The days and hours during which the premises are currently licensed to provide entertainment are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday to Thursday: 11.30 am to 1.00 am the following morning • Friday: 11.30 am to 2.00 am the following morning • Saturday: 11.30 am to 3.00 am the following morning • Sunday: 11.30 am to 12.00 midnight. 						
3.3	The premise operates as a public bar and nightclub with entertainment being provided on all floors in the form of live bands and DJs.						
3.4	The applicant proposes to provide entertainment within three external areas, two of which are beer gardens located to the rear of Laverys Bar and the other is a roof top smoking area.						
3.5	The proposed occupancy of the areas will be:-						

	<p>External beer garden, with a maximum capacity of 80 persons. External first floor beer garden, with a maximum capacity of 140 persons. Roof Top smoking area, with a maximum capacity of 100 persons.</p>
3.6	The applicant has applied to provide entertainment in the form of live music or DJ's, within these existing outdoor areas.
3.7	A layout plan is attached as Appendix 2.
3.8	The standard outdoor entertainment hours are Monday to Sunday: 11:30am to 11.00pm.
3.9	<p>However, the applicant has proposed providing entertainment on the following days and hours:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday to Sunday: 11:30 am to 1.00am the following morning
3.10	Members are reminded that all applications for the grant of Outdoor Entertainments Licences must be brought before Committee for consideration.
3.11	<u>Rationale for extended hours:</u> A rationale for extended hours beyond 11pm has been provided by the Licensee and is attached as Appendix 3.
3.12	<u>Representations:</u> Public notice of the application has been placed in the newspaper and no written representation has been lodged as a result of the advertisement.
3.13	<u>PSNI:</u> The Police have been consulted and have confirmed that they have no objection to the application.
3.14	A copy of the PSNI response is attached as Appendix 4.
3.15	<u>NIFRS:</u> The NIFRS have been consulted by the Service in relation to the application, however, a response has not yet been received. We will update the Committee at your meeting.
3.16	<u>Health, safety and welfare issues:</u> A total of three during performance inspections have been carried out on the premises by Officers from the Service regarding the provision of indoor entertainment in the past 12 months.
3.17	The inspections revealed that the conditions of the Entertainments Licence were being adhered to and Officers were satisfied that all operational and management procedures were being implemented effectively.
3.18	<u>Noise issues:</u> Given the nature of the entertainment at the venue, an acoustic report outlining the measures to be taken to ensure minimal disturbance to neighbouring residential premises, both due to noise breakout or from patron activity, was requested and forwarded to the Council's Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) for appraisal.
3.19	Members are reminded that the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2011 gives councils additional powers in relation to the control of entertainment noise after 11.00 pm.
3.20	Two noise complaints have been received concerning the premises in the last 12 months.
3.21	The applicant, and/or their representative will be available at your meeting to answer any queries you may have in relation to the application.

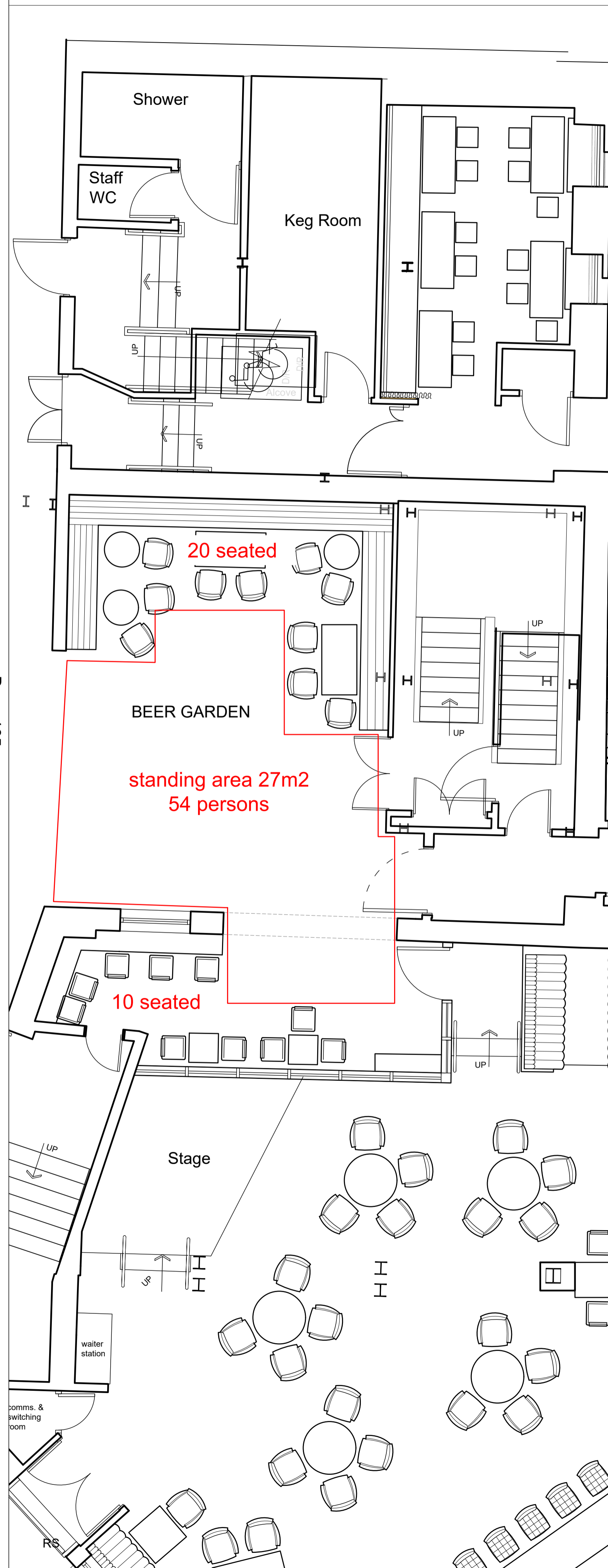
4.0	<p>Financial and Resource Implications</p> <p>None. Officers will carry out inspections before and during the events which will be catered for within existing Service budgets.</p>
5.0	<p>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</p> <p>There are no issues associated with this report.</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1 – Location map • Appendix 2 – Layout plan • Appendix 3 – Applicants Rationale • Appendix 4 – PSNI Comments



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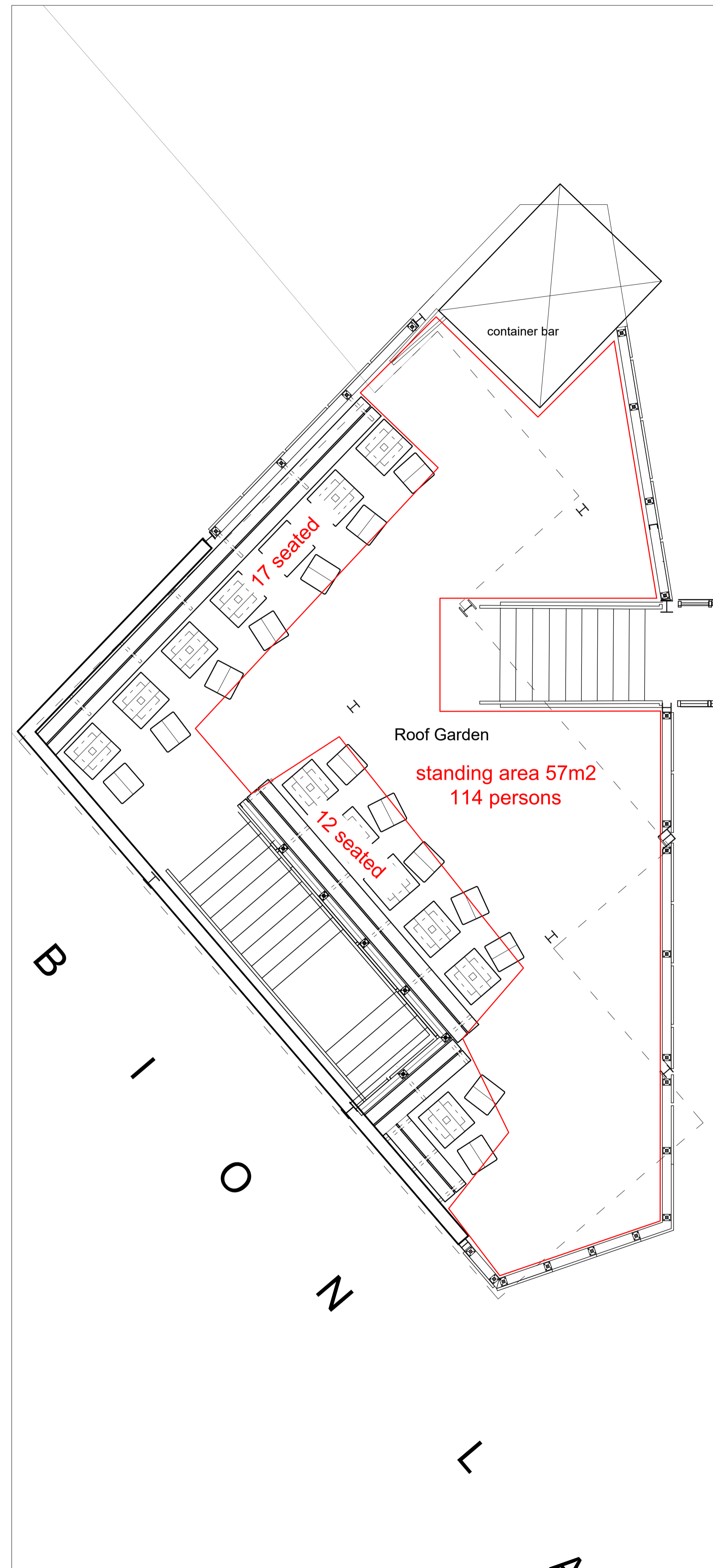
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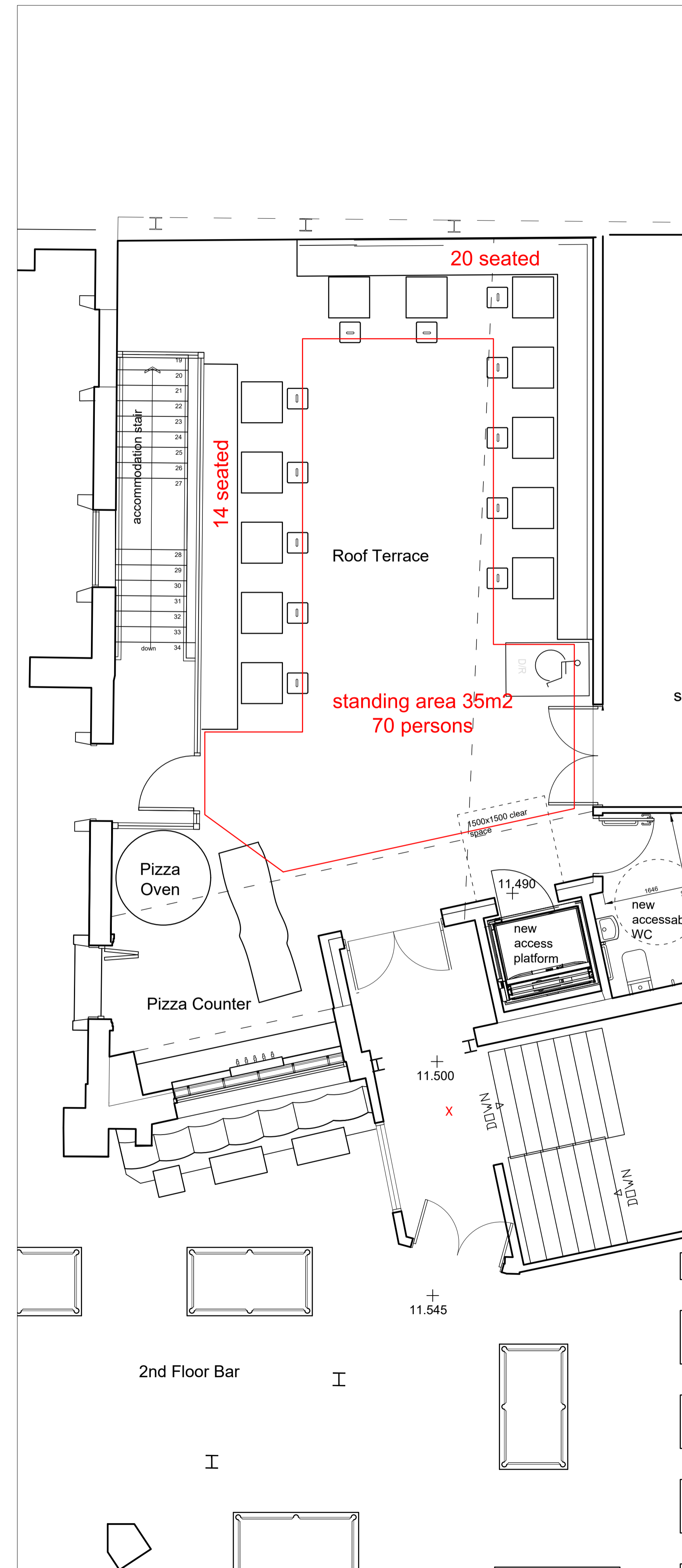
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Proposal for the Use of the Front Roof Terrace Beer Garden, Back Roof Terrace Beer Garden, and Back Bar Beer Garden at Lavery's, Belfast, for Regulated Entertainment

To: Quintin Thompson
Senior Building Control Surveyor
Belfast City Council Building Control Service

Re: Application for the Use of the Front Roof Terrace Beer Garden, Back Roof Terrace Beer Garden, and Back Bar Beer Garden for Entertainment Purposes

Hi Quintin,

We wish to seek approval for the use of the external Front Roof Terrace Beer Garden, Back Roof Terrace Beer Garden, and Back Bar Beer Garden at Lavery's, 12–18 Bradbury Place, Belfast, as a regulated entertainment space.

Lavery's has operated as a licensed premises and entertainment venue for many years and has an established track record of delivering live music, DJ events and large-scale entertainment safely and responsibly. The proposed use of the Front Roof Terrace Beer Garden, Back Roof Terrace Beer Garden, and Back Bar Beer Garden would allow us to enhance our customer offering while maintaining appropriate controls to minimise any impact on neighbouring properties and the wider community.

Proposed Entertainment Use

Live Music

- Primarily acoustic and small-scale amplified performances.
- Scheduled predominantly on Friday and Saturday evenings.
- Entertainment to conclude no later than 11.00pm.

DJ Entertainment

- Limited to key annual events and other significant occasions, including:
 - St Patrick's Day celebrations
 - Halloween events
 - New Year's Eve celebrations
- Major sporting events and other significant promotional occasions
- Entertainment to conclude no later than 1.00am on these specific event dates.

Management and Control Measures

- All entertainment activities will be managed by experienced venue management personnel.
- Sound levels will be monitored and controlled throughout events.
- Speakers and performance areas will be positioned and managed to minimise sound breakout from the premises.
- A dedicated management presence will be maintained during entertainment periods.
- Security staff will be deployed where appropriate to manage customer behaviour and dispersal.
- Customer movement and egress at the conclusion of events will be actively supervised to minimise disturbance.
- The premises will continue to operate in accordance with all relevant licensing, health and safety, and entertainment licence requirements.

Rationale

The Front Roof Terrace Beer Garden, Back Roof Terrace Beer Garden, and Back Bar Beer Garden have become an important social space within the venue and presents an opportunity to provide customers with a high-quality entertainment experience in a controlled and professionally managed environment.

The proposed entertainment programme will support Belfast's hospitality, tourism and night-time economy, while further enhancing the cultural and social offering available within the city centre. It will also allow us to make better use of an existing customer space that has proven increasingly popular with patrons throughout the year.

The proposed operating hours represent a balanced and proportionate approach. Live music would generally conclude by 11.00pm, with later entertainment requested only for a limited number of significant annual events where customer demand is traditionally highest.

Lavery's has a long-standing history of working constructively with Belfast City Council and other statutory agencies to ensure that entertainment is delivered safely, responsibly and with due consideration for neighbouring properties. We are committed to continuing that approach in relation to the proposed use of the beer garden.

We believe this proposal represents a reasonable and well-managed use of the space and would welcome the opportunity to discuss any specific concerns or operational requirements that Building Control may wish to consider.

Many thanks,

Bernard Lavery
Lavery's Bar
12–18 Bradbury Place
Belfast



Building Control Service
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Cecil Ward Building
4-10 Linenhall Street
Belfast
BT2 8BP

10th June 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

RE:- Entertainment Licence variation and grant of a 7-day annual licence - Laverys Bar, Bradbury Place

Please note that District Councils are the lead organisation for Entertainment Licensing and the provisions of the Order under Schedule 1 allows for the application, regulation and restriction following consideration by the licensing authority.

The Order allows for the granting of a licence with conditions with the overarching aim of maximising safety and minimise risk and impact that may result from the granting of a licence.

The role of the Police Service in consideration of entertainment licences is limited however I would highlight current regulatory practice:

- Private Security Industry Act 2001 – covers the requirement for the provision of licensed activities that may impact this application.
- **Responsible retailing code (NI) – covers the responsible promotion and retail of alcohol.**
- The Registration of Clubs (NI) Order 1996
- The Licensing (NI) Order 1996
- The Licensing and Registration of Clubs (amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021.

There are no current grounds for PSNI objections to the above application for the entertainment licence variation and grant of a 7 day annual licence for the outdoor areas, which include a rear beer garden and a rooftop smoking area for 1am entertainment for main use primarily on a Friday and Saturday to 12midnight with flexibility for St Patricks, Easter Monday etc.

It is requested that **further consideration by Belfast City Council, residents, other local business and NIFRS is completed and the**

following special conditions be considered for inclusion on the licences to ensure the peaceful and orderly conduct of the area and that the appropriate number of committee persons or SIA approved only doorstaff be deployed within the licenced premises.

- The licence holder to take positive steps to manage the premises responsibly in a peaceful and orderly manor
- Robust complaints procedure in place for dealing with residents' concerns expeditiously
- APPENDIX E – Safer Dancing / Reduction in the supply of drugs within the BCC Rules of Management be complied with ASAP

If the Entertainment Licence application and variation is granted in due course police note that **APPENDIX E – Safer Dancing / Reduction in the supply of drugs within the BCC Rules of Management it is the responsibility of the licence holder. Any breaches or non-compliance should be managed by Belfast City Council.**

Please note if a Pavement Café area is included within the Entertainment Licence, an application under the permanent scheme should be made to Belfast City Council ASAP as any existing temporary Pavement Café Licence will no longer be valid.

Please forward police a copy of the above Entertainment Licence with any special conditions or restrictions with confirmation that all Belfast City Council requirements and conditions including all Building Regulations approvals have been adhered to and that the Licensing (NI) Order 1996 will be adhered to by the licence holder.

Can you please also ensure that the applicant has registered the premises with the ongoing 'Ask for Angela' campaign as we continue to raise awareness for this simple, yet effective initiative that allows those who may find themselves in a vulnerable situation, with a quick and discreet way to access the help they need. Please feel free to share and encourage your applicants to registered and appear on the province wide map.



The Police Service of Northern Ireland has developed a short training package, in partnership with Hospitality Ulster for the 'Ask for Angela' safeguarding initiative across Northern

Ireland. People who feel unsafe, vulnerable or threatened can discreetly seek help by approaching venue staff. Asking for 'Angela' will indicate to trained staff that this person requires help in the form of; reuniting them with a friend, seeing them to a taxi, or by calling venue security and/or Police. The training package for the scheme is now available to access on the Hospitality Ulster website here:

<https://hospitalityulster.org/askforangela> or on the Northern Ireland Hotel Federation website here: <https://www.nihf.co.uk/ask-for-angela/>

Any venue that wishes to take part must **first register via the link** above to sign up to the scheme and then they will be given access to the bespoke training package for their staff and promotional materials for their venue.

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Subject:	Caravan Site Licence application for Titanic Quarter, Hamilton Road, Belfast
Date:	17 th June 2026
Reporting Officer:	Siobhan Toland, Director City Services
Contact Officer:	Claire O'Neill Principal Environmental Health Officer

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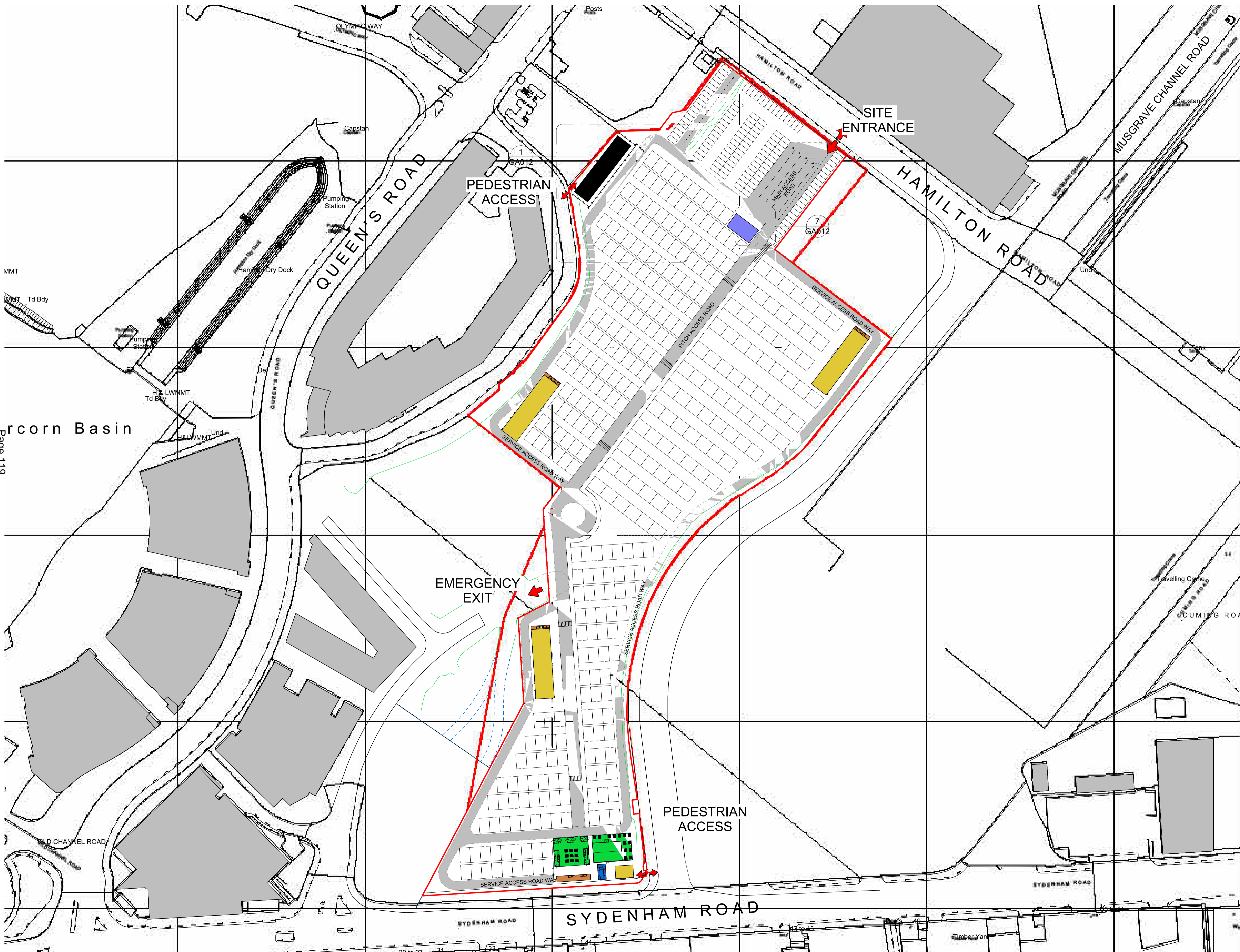
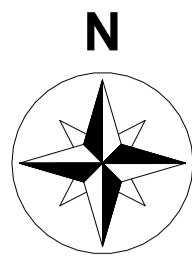
1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To consider a licence application and seek approval for the grant of a Caravan Site Licence, subject to conditions, in respect of a caravan site at Titanic Quarter, Hamilton Road, Belfast in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 1963 Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 1963 . In considering any licence application, Councils must have regard to the Model Licence Conditions 2025 – Residential Sites and Holiday Sites issued by the Department for Infrastructure (DfC). https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/model-licence-conditions-2025-documents
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>The Committee is requested to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the contents of this report concerning the application for a Caravan Site Licence at Titanic Quarter, Hamilton Road, Belfast. • Consider the grant of the Caravan Site Licence subject to the site being constructed and completed in accordance with the approved plans and in compliance with all statutory requirements, including full Planning Permission, under the Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 1963 and associated licence conditions following a final site inspection and receipt of satisfactory documentation /certification • Note that the Scheme of Delegation will be updated to include the Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 1963 • Delegate authority to the Strategic Director of City Operations for the grant of a Caravan Site Licence in respect of this application
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Under the Caravans Act (NI) 1963, any caravan site operator must hold a valid licence issued by the Council. The Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 1963 confers upon the Council the power to issue caravan site licences and to attach conditions to the site licence.
3.2	The Council received an application for a caravan site licence in respect of a site located at Titanic Quarter, Hamilton Road Belfast on 18 th May 2026 and this has now been considered by officers.

3.3	<p>The applicant is Nord Events Ltd who have been appointed by the Council as the camp site operator for the provision of a caravan site to accommodate 349 holiday/touring caravans at this location for the Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann event (2nd to 10th August 2026). A site plan has been included with the application detailing arrangements such as capacity, amenity area to include WC and showering facilities, waste disposal, hospitality area and car parking arrangements etc (Appendix 1).</p>
3.4	<p>As this is a temporary caravan site, it has not yet been constructed and therefore a full compliance inspection and review of all the necessary documentation cannot be completed until the site works are complete which is anticipated to commence mid-July. Therefore, a licence can only be issued following a full inspection of the site arrangements in late July.</p>
3.5	<p>The Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 1963 specifies that a district council may on receipt of an application issue a site licence in respect of land if, at the time when the site licence is issued, the land is entitled to the benefit of a permission for use as a caravan site under the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.</p>
3.6	<p>Temporary planning approval for the provision of a caravan site at this location to cover the Fleadh Cheoil for both 2026 and 2027 LA04/2026/0 393F was granted by the Planning Committee on 19th May 2026 subject to a final response and conditions from Environmental Health to address environmental considerations. The Planning Permission has not yet been issued and upon issue, the duration of the caravan site licence will shall run concurrently with the period of the extant planning permission. The licence will cease to have effect when the planning permission expires or otherwise ceases to be valid.</p>
3.7	<p>The Caravans Act (NI) 1963 permits the Council to attach conditions to a Site Licence it may think it necessary or desirable to impose on the site operator of the land to protect the occupants of caravans as well as the public at large and will include the following considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricting the occasions on which caravans are stationed on the land • Restricting the total number of caravans which are stationed on the land • Controlling the types of caravan on the land

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing that, at all times when caravans are stationed on the land, proper measures are taken for preventing and detecting the outbreak of fire and adequate means of fighting fire are provided and maintained; • Securing that adequate sanitary facilities, and such other facilities, services or equipment as may be specified, are provided for the use of persons dwelling on the land in caravans and that, at all times when caravans are stationed thereon for the purposes of human habitation, any facilities and equipment so provided are properly maintained. <p>3.8 Model Caravan site licence conditions developed by DfI were considered and adopted by this Committee on 18th February 2026. https://minutes.belfastcity.gov.uk/documents/s126110/Caravan%20Licensing%20Model%20Conditions.pdf These model conditions were relied upon to draft the proposed site conditions for consideration in this licence application.</p> <p>3.9 In addition to the model conditions the Council also had regard to the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service Fire Safety Guide for Caravan Site Operators dated April 2026 (Appendix 2). This Guide provides advice and guidance on the minimum fire safety measures that caravan site operators must legally adhere to.</p> <p>3.10 After considering the application, the conditions contained in Appendix 3 are proposed for this licence. Additional conditions are proposed in relation to the provision of certification for the electrical installation, temporary water supplies and a fire risk assessment prior to occupation of the site.</p> <p>3.11 The issue of this licence will be subject to the issue of full planning permission, a satisfactory site inspection, receipt of any requested documentation or required certification after the site construction is completed in July 2026 and prior to the site opening on 2nd August 2026.</p> <p>3.12 The Committee should note that under the current Scheme of Delegation, the Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 1963 has been omitted and therefore should the Committee agree to the grant of a licence in respect of this application for a caravan site at Hamilton Road,</p>
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	Belfast, the Committee are asked to delegate authority to the Strategic Director of City Operations.
4.1	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> The Council shall, on the payment by the applicant of a fee of ten pounds, issue a site licence in respect of the land within two months of that date.
5.1	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessments associated with this report.
6.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1 – Site Layout for the proposed Caravan Site at Titanic Quarter, Hamilton Road Belfast Appendix 2 – Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service Caravan Site Operations Guidance Appendix 3 – Caravan Site Licence Conditions

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- SITE PLAN KEY**
- SITE SECURITY/ ADMIN/ FIRST AID
 - AMENITY AREA WC AND SHOWERS
 - HOSPITALITY AREA - FOOD AND BEVERAGE
 - WASTE DISPOSAL
 - GENERATOR COMPOUND
 - TEMPORARY STORAGE ZONE

Site Area – 4.8 Hectares

Pitches (8.0 x 7m) – 88 - ≈25%

Pitches (5.5 x 8m) – 261 - ≈75%

Total No. Pitches - 349

Parking Spaces – 124

Main Access Road Width – 22m (5Lanes)

Pitch Access Road Width – 6.9m

Service Access Road Width – 4.5m

- Sanitary Area Provision**
- 3 No. Locations
- Male WC's
 - Female WC's
 - Showers
 - Accessible WC
 - Utility Cabins
 - Waste Disposal/ Recycling Area
- Hospitality Area WC Provision**
- 1 No. Location
- Male WC's
 - Male Urinals
 - Female WC's
 - Accessible WC
 - Mobile Catering Units
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CARAVAN SITE OPERATORS FIRE SAFETY GUIDE

**A guide to compliance with fire safety law
for proprietors of caravan sites in Northern
Ireland**

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this guide is to help the operators of caravan sites understand how to meet their legal obligations in respect of fire safety and provide general fire safety advice.

A section has been included to cover glamping pods or similar units which now feature in many sites for hire as sleeping accommodation.

There are likely to be alternative ways of demonstrating compliance with the relevant requirements other than by following a design provision given in this guide. There is therefore no obligation to adopt any particular provision, should you decide to comply in some other way. However, you will have to demonstrate that your alternative solution meets the relevant requirements by those other means.

1.2 Site Types

Six site types are described as follows:

Site Type	Description
Permanent Residential Caravan Sites	A site, or part of a site, providing permanent living accommodation in mobile homes or caravans.
Holiday Caravan Sites	A site, or part of a site, on which mobile homes or caravans are, for the most part, permanently placed for use for holidays.
Touring Caravan Sites	A site, or part of a site, for use by towed caravans, motorhomes or campervans.
Roma or Travellers' Sites	A site occupied by members of Roma, Gypsies, Travellers, Manouches, Ashkali, Sinti or Boyash Communities.
Workers' Sites	A site used to house workers, for example agricultural workers.
Temporary Touring Caravan Sites	A site established for a short-term duration, for use by towed caravans, motorhomes or campervans.

The fire safety measures required differ depending on the site type.

1.3 Site Licence Requirements

A caravan site operator is required to hold a site licence and operate in accordance with:

- > [Caravans Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1963](#);
- > [Model Licence Conditions 2025 \(Residential Sites and Holiday Sites\)](#); and
- > [Model Licence Conditions for Traveller Sites 2025](#).

An operator must have planning permission for the caravan site before applying for a licence.

An application for a site licence is made to the local council.

The local council may put conditions on the site licence which may include any advice provided in this guide.

Inspections may be carried out by the licensing council, Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS), or other enforcement authorities.

NIFRS may carry out a fire safety inspection at any time, though inspections will not generally be carried out on an annual, or periodic basis. In addition, local fire crews may visit sites for familiarisation and for pre-planning, which should not be confused with a formal fire safety inspection.

1.4 Fire Safety Legislation

The fire safety legislation which applies in Northern Ireland is:

- > [The Fire and Rescue Services \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006](#); and
- > [The Fire Safety Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2010](#).

This applies to:

- > all caravan sites with common or shared parts;
- > individual caravans which are rented out as a holiday let;
- > individual caravans which are used to house workers, for example for agricultural workers; and
- > any building on any site type provided for common use.

The legislation requires the licence holder, and the site manager, to undertake duties to ensure persons (whether they are employees, residents, visitors or others) are safe from harm caused by fire.

The duties fall into seven general categories:

1. Carrying out a fire safety risk assessment of the site;
2. Identifying the fire safety measures necessary as a result of the fire safety risk assessment outcome;
3. Implementing these fire safety measures using risk reduction principles;
4. Putting in place fire safety arrangements for the ongoing control and review of the fire safety measures;
5. Complying additionally with the specific requirements of the fire safety regulations;
6. Keeping the fire safety risk assessment and outcome under review; and
7. Record keeping.

The sites which the fire safety legislation does not apply to include:

- > single unit sites; and
- > sites which are occupied by single family groups.

1.5 Minimum Fire Safety Measures

The minimum fire safety measures specified in this guide override any fire safety measure specified by a Site Licence, or by Model Licence Conditions.

This is defined in law by Article 48 of [The Fire and Rescue Services \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006](#) and is legally enforceable.

1.6 Fire Safety Risk Assessments

Where the legislation applies, and before a site is occupied, a full fire safety risk assessment should be completed in accordance with Article 25 and 26 of The Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006. This should form the foundation of all fire safety measures and should be carried out by a competent person with sufficient technical knowledge.

All other relevant premises, such as buildings and permanent structures within the site, should be subject to an individual fire safety risk assessment. These premises

may fall under different uses, for example, offices and shops, places of assembly, or premises providing sleeping accommodation.

The NIFRS website www.nifrs.org contains a range of helpful advice on fire safety and includes links to technical guides for each of the different types of premises.

1.7 Source of Guidance

The fire safety measures recommended in this guide are based on the following research paper:

Building Research Establishment Information Paper, Fire Spread Between Caravans, M P Shipp, IP 15/91, September 1991.

The recommendations of this research paper are mirrored by the model conditions.

1.8 Changes made in this version

Fire safety requirements continue to evolve to improve standards through time. The changes introduced in this guide are:

- > the space separation recommended for occupied motorhomes or campervans is reduced from 6m to 1m, without the need for line marking to designate pitches;
- > any area of hard standing, or grass, can be utilised to site motorhomes and campervans; and
- > covered areas such as a canopy, shed, multi-storey car park, etc, must not be used to accommodate touring caravans, motorhomes or campervans.

The rationale for these changes are:

- > motorhomes and campervans are used for short duration stays and are occupied when on site;
- > in the event of a fire, neighbouring motorhomes and campervans can be easily moved out of harm's way;
- > a 6m space separation had assumed that if there was a fire, other motorhomes and campervans would not be moved and fire would spread from one unit to another continuously. That is not a valid assumption when units are occupied because every owner will be motivated to immediately move their vehicle to protect it from fire;

- > a 6m space separation had assumed that others could not escape if the unit beside them was on fire. The great majority of motorhomes and campervans permit egress from both sides of the vehicle via the front doors. This is not a valid assumption.
- > a 1m space separation will allow people to move easily between units; allow sufficient space for doors to be opened; and will facilitate fire & rescue service access in the event of a fire;
- > a typical motorhome is up to 2.5m wide, therefore the minimum parking space required is 3.5m per bay to permit a 1m separation. The previous guide specified 2.5m wide plus 6m space separation which was a total of 8.5m per bay. This reduction will significantly improve commercial viability for caravan site operators and more than double potential capacity for motorhomes and campervans.
- > drivers do not need to be supervised because owners will naturally separate units adequately to allow doors to open, to be able to move around their unit and protect their vehicle from the impact of a door from the unit beside them;
- > it is widely accepted across all of Europe that motorhomes or campervans may use open campsites without the need for a designated parking space;
- > by specifying that covered areas must not be utilised to accommodate touring caravans, motorhomes or campervans, the risk of rapid and dangerous fire spread will be eliminated and risk to firefighters will be reduced.

2 Access for Fire Appliances

2.1 Roads

The considerations for roads include:

1. Roads shall be designed to provide adequate access for emergency vehicles and must be kept clear of obstruction at all times.
2. Roads should not be less than 3.7 metres wide, or, if they form part of a clearly marked one way traffic system, not less than 3.0 metres wide.
3. Gateways should be a minimum of 3.1 metres wide and have a minimum height clearance of 3.7 metres.
4. Roads should be capable of supporting the weight of a 12.5 tonne fire appliance and be adequately maintained.
5. Vehicle hardstanding areas should not exceed a gradient of 1 in 12.
6. All roads shall have adequate surface water/storm drainage.
7. Roads should have no overhead cable less than 4.5 metres above the ground.
8. Caravan standings should be no more than 50 metres from a Fire Service access road.

2.2 Turning Circles for Fire Appliances

The considerations for turning circles for fire appliances include:

1. A turning facility should be provided in a dead-end vehicle access route which is more than 20 metres in length.
2. This should be a hammerhead or turning circle located so that vehicles do not have to reverse more than 20 metres.
3. The minimum turning circle required between kerbs is 16.8 metres and between walls is 19.2 metres.

3 Space and Density between Caravans

3.1 Criteria Specific to Site Type

Criteria	Permanent Residential Caravan Site ¹	Holiday Caravan Site	Touring Caravan Site
Minimum separation distance between caravans <i>(See Figure 1 on Page 13 and Figure 2 on Page 14)</i>	6m	5m if aluminium, non-combustible or has limited combustibility 6m if plywood or combustible, or mixture of permanent residential and holiday caravans	6m for towed caravans 1m for occupied motorhomes and campervans
Minimum clear space between caravans at corners	3.5m	3.5m	3.5m for towed caravans 1m for occupied motorhomes and campervans
Minimum clear space between occupancies from combustibles <i>(See Figure 3 on Page 14)</i>	3m	3m	3m for towed caravans 1m for occupied motorhomes and campervans
Minimum clear space where there are ramps for the disabled, verandas or stairs	4.5m	3.5m 4.5m if mixture of permanent residential and holiday caravans	4.5m where applicable
Density	50 caravans per hectare	60 caravans per hectare	75 touring caravans or motorhomes per hectare
Maximum distance from fire appliance access road	50m	50m	50m

3.2 Criteria Common to all Sites

The criteria common to all sites include:

1. The distance from any part of a static or touring caravan to any site road should be not less than 2m and not less than 3m from any site boundary. Clear space of 3m should be maintained between the site boundary and the caravan. These distances do not apply to a motorhome or campervan.
2. As part of the booking procedure, it should be emphasised to the driver of a motorhome or campervan, that in the event of a fire, to raise the alarm and alert others, and move their vehicle away from the risk of fire spread.
3. The positioning of motorhomes and campervans should include an egress route to permit each unit to be moved in the event of a fire.
4. Where an escape window is provided from a caravan, the means of escape from the window should be maintained to be clear and free from obstruction.
5. The point of measurement for porches, awnings, etc, is the exterior cladding of the static caravan, excluding the draw bar.
6. Porches may protrude 1m into the 6m (or 5m) space and should be of the open type, and be no more than 2m wide along the unit.
7. The distance between any part of an awning and an adjoining static caravan should not be less than 3m.
8. Awnings should not face each other or touch.
9. A non-combustible awning will deflect flames and must not be permitted. A combustible awning will burn through and allow heat to dissipate.
10. Eaves, drainpipes and bay windows may extend into the 6m (or 5m) space provided the total distance between the extremities of two adjacent static units is not less than 5.25m in a 6m space (or 4.5m in a 5m space).
11. Where there are ramps for the disabled, verandas or stairs extending from the unit, there should be 4.5m (or 3.5m) clear space between them. Two such items should not face each other in any space. If they are enclosed, they may need to be considered as part of the unit and, as such, should not intrude into the 6m (or 5m) space.
12. Fences and hedges, where allowed and forming the boundary between caravans, are permitted provided they are no higher than 1m. The fence should be of a picket fence type. A higher fence is permitted if made from a non-combustible material.
13. A garage, shed or covered storage space should only be permitted within the separation distance if it is of non-combustible construction (including non-combustible roof) and sufficient space is maintained around each unit so as not to prejudice means of escape in case of fire. Windows in

structures within the separation distance should not face towards the units on either side.

14. Carports or a covered walkway should in no circumstances be allowed within the 6m space.
15. Private cars, jet skis and motor boats may be parked within the separation distance provided that they do not obstruct entrances to caravans or access around them and they are a minimum of 3 metres from an adjacent caravan. Where the 3m space separation cannot be achieved parking should not be permitted within the separation distance.
16. Suitably surfaced parking spaces should be provided where necessary to meet the additional requirements of the occupants and their visitors.
17. Density shall be calculated on the basis of useable area (ie, excluding lakes, roads, communal services and other area unsuitable for the siting of caravans) other than the total site area.
18. Where tents are permitted, 3m clear space should be maintained between the next occupancy.

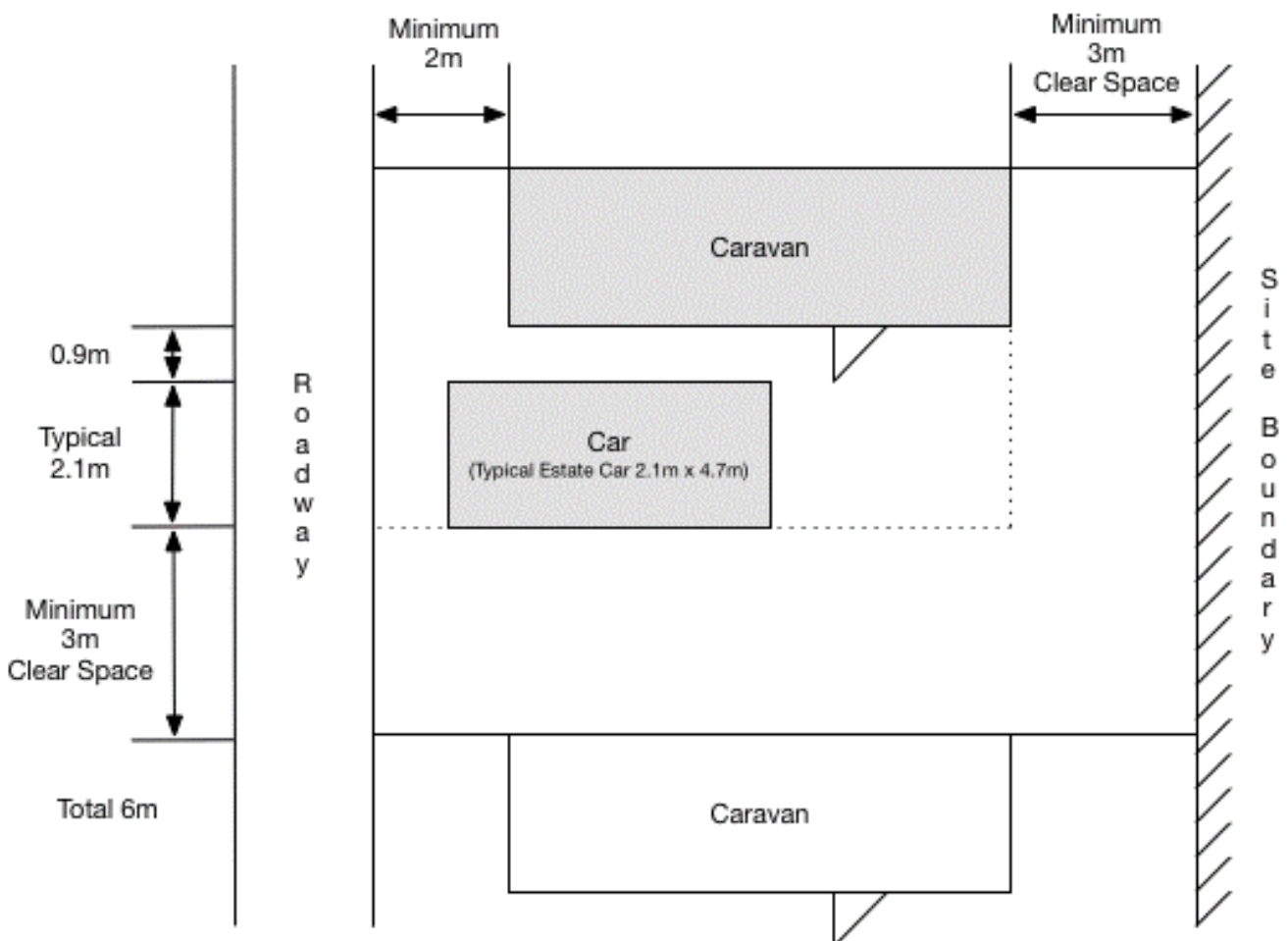


Figure 1 – Permanent Residential Caravan Site Spacing Example

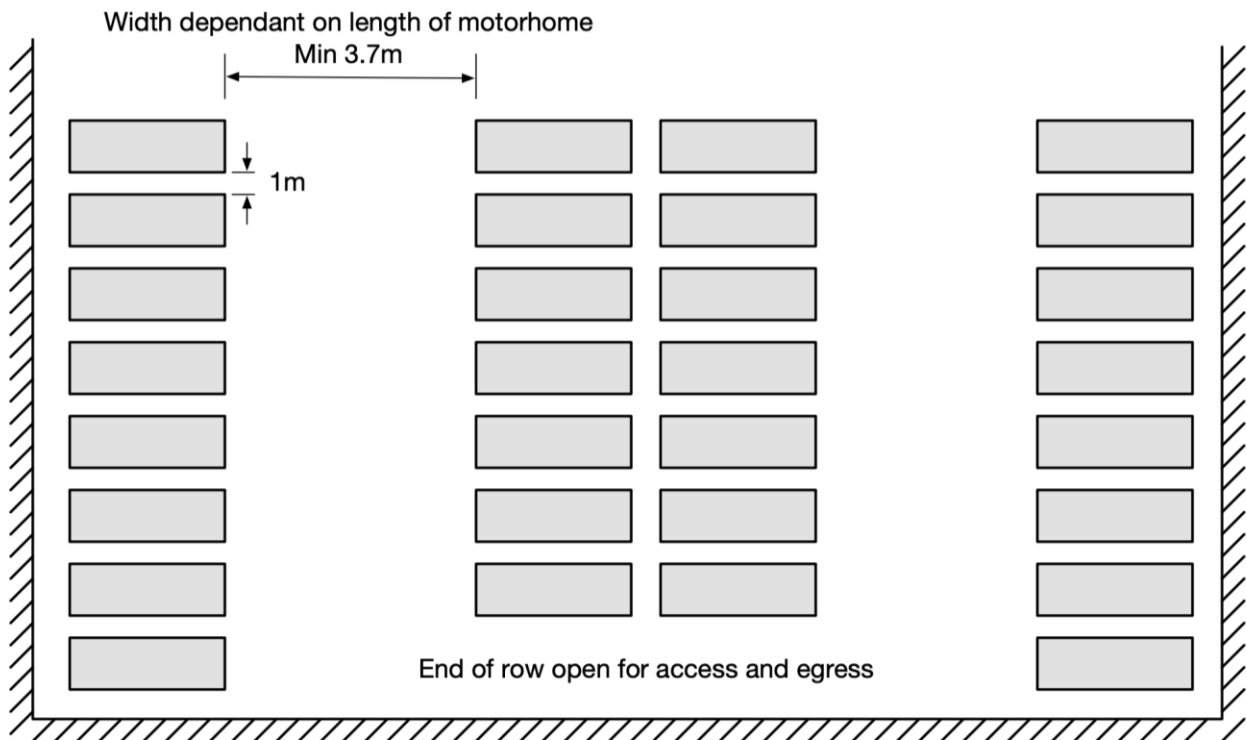


Figure 2 - Motorhome and Campervan Layout

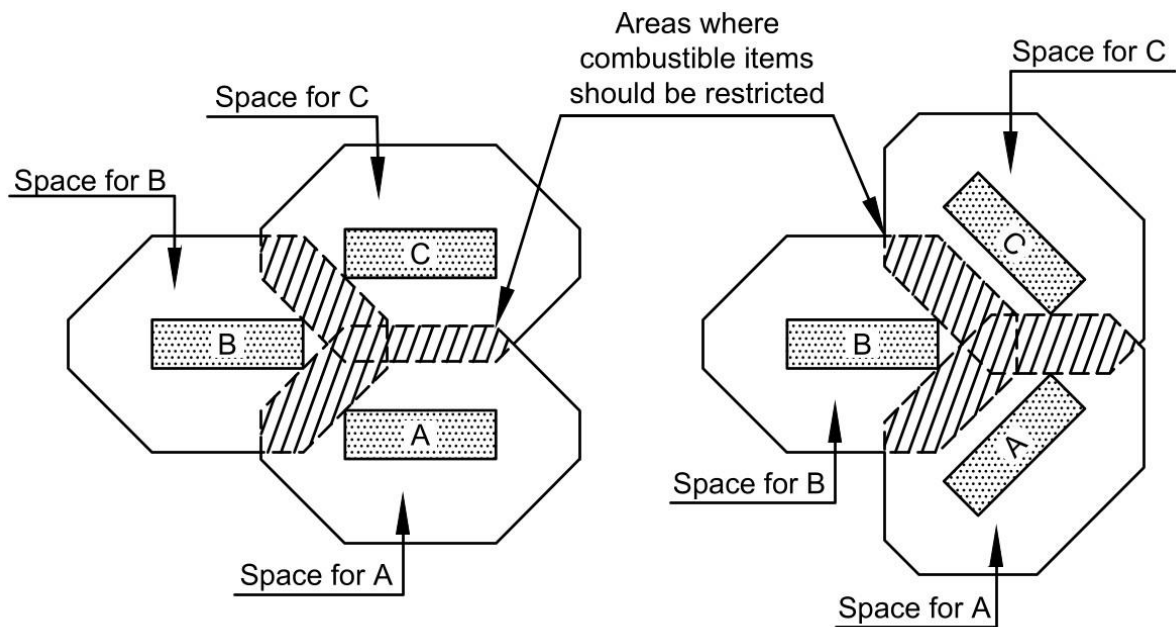


Figure 3 - Minimum 3m clear space between occupancies from combustibles

4 General Requirements

4.1 Hard Standings

For permanent residential and holiday caravans, every caravan should stand on a hard standing of suitable material, such as concrete, which should extend over the whole area occupied by the caravan placed upon it, and should project a sufficient distance outwards from the entrance or entrances to enable occupants to enter and leave safely.

Hard standings may be dispensed with if the caravans are removed during the winter, or if they are situated on ground which is firm and safe in poor weather conditions.

4.2 Footpaths

Every caravan shall be connected to a road by a footpath with a hard surface which shall be maintained in good condition.

Where practicable, communal footpaths and pavements shall not be less than 0.9 metres wide.

4.3 Lighting

Roads, communal footpaths and pavements shall be adequately lit between dusk and dawn to allow the safe movement of pedestrians and vehicles around the site during the hours of darkness.

4.4 Smoke Alarm and Fire Extinguisher

Caravans or motor homes for hire, or for worker use, must be fitted with long-life battery operated (10-year lithium batteries) or mains wired smoke alarm. This is to eliminate the need for annual replacements and prevent tampering. A multi-purpose fire extinguisher containing at least 2kg of extinguishing medium should be provided.

Where a gas appliance is installed for heating or cooking, a carbon monoxide alarm should be fitted.

Where appropriate, a combined smoke and carbon monoxide alarm may be used.

Smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and fire extinguishers must be maintained and be checked by a competent person on a regular basis.

4.5 Fire Points and Firefighting Equipment

A fire point should be established so that no caravan or site building is more than 30m from a fire point.

Each fire point should:

- > be clearly visible;
- > be easily accessible;
- > consist of a weather-proof structure;
- > contain two 9 litre water fire extinguishers, conforming to BS5306-8;
- > be clearly marked 'FIRE POINT';
- > include a fire notice; and
- > include a means of raising the alarm.

4.6 Water Supplies

A fire hydrant should be installed within 100m of any caravan standing and be capable of providing a flow rate of at least 1,500 litres per minute.

Fire hydrants should be clearly marked with a suitable 'H' in accordance with BS 3251 and conform to BS 750.

Where a fire hydrant is not provided, or where the flow rate is insufficient, an alternative water supply may be acceptable, such as lake, pond, river, canal or a holding tank, provided it is capable of providing at least 45,000 litres of water at all times of the year, and to which access, space and a hard standing is available for a fire appliance.

The site operator may decide, for additional protection, to install other measures such as water standpipes and hose reels at each fire point. Where these are provided, the water pressure and flow should be sufficient to project a jet of water approximately 5m. The hose reel should be a minimum length of 30m and conform to BS 5306.

Access to hydrants and other water supplies should not be obstructed or obscured.

4.7 Emergency Telephone

On permanent residential and holiday caravan sites, the site operator should assess if an emergency telephone for calling the emergency services is required. This would only be required if mobile phone reception is poor.

If required, the telephone should be immediately accessible and a notice by the telephone should include the name, address and postcode of the site.

On touring caravan sites, site owners are encouraged to provide details of the nearest available telephone for contacting the emergency services on the fire notice.

4.8 Fire Notices

A fire notice should be provided and maintained at each fire point to indicate the action to be taken in case of fire and if the mobile phone signal is poor the location of the nearest telephone. Notices should comply with BS 5499-2 - Fire safety signs, notices and graphic symbols. Suggested text is as follows:

FIRE ACTION

On discovering a fire -

(a) Ensure the caravan or site building involved is evacuated.

(b) Raise the alarm and alert others in danger.

(c) Call the Fire & Rescue Service on 999 providing:

Site Name: _____

Site Address: _____

Site Postcode: _____

(d) The nearest telephone is available at: _____

(e) If safe to do so, fight the fire using the equipment provided.

All occupiers of this site should be familiar with this notice.

4.9 Fire Warning

A means of raising the alarm in the event of a fire should be provided at each fire point. This could be a battery or mains powered alarm or a manually operated sounder, such as metal triangle with a striker, gong or siren.

All persons arriving on site for the first time should be advised to raise the alarm and alert others in the event of a fire, as detailed on the fire notice. As part of the booking procedure, this should be emphasised to the driver of a motorhome or campervan. In the event of a fire, they should move their vehicle away from the danger.

4.10 Maintenance

Fire alarms and firefighting equipment should be installed, tested and maintained by a competent person on a regular basis.

All equipment susceptible to damage by frost should be suitably protected.

4.11 Log Book

A fire precautions log book must be maintained to hold the fire risk assessments for the site and record the testing and maintenance of:

- > the automatic fire alarm;
- > any provision for emergency lighting;
- > any first aid firefighting equipment;
- > any fire drills; and
- > fixed electrical installations and portable appliances.

4.12 Liquefied Petroleum Gas

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) storage supplied from tanks or cylinders must comply and be maintained in accordance with industry standards.

A registered Gas Safe Engineer should be employed for any installation or maintenance.

Key principles include:

- > exposed gas bottles or cylinders should not be within the separation boundary of an adjoining unit;
- > LPG cylinders should be located outside. Where this is impracticable, for example, where an internal housing is fitted, cylinders should be accessible from outside, in which case, the housing should be ventilated directly to the outside.
- > cylinders should be positioned on a level hard standing. To prevent toppling, cylinders should be chained to secure them in a stable position or alternatively stored in suitable housing;
- > a notice, or the symbol, for a gas container locker should be permanently fixed to the outside of any housing indicating the presence of gas cylinders;
- > in addition to the main control valve at the cylinder, every appliance and gas-burning fitting should be provided with a shut-off tap; and
- > signage should be displayed beside the regulator to indicate how to turn off the gas supply at the cylinders in an emergency situation.

A portable self-contained LPG space-heating appliance may be permitted within a caravan providing:

- > the appliance meets the requirements of BS 3879;
- > the appliance is maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions; and
- > wherever practicable, gas cylinders are changed outside.

Guidance and relevant standards include:

- > Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004.
- > UKLPG Code of Practice 1 - Bulk LPG Storage at Fixed Installations - Part 1: Design, Installation and Operation of Vessels Located above Ground (October 2017).
- > UKLPG Code of Practice 7 - Storage of Full and Empty LPG Cylinders and Cartridges (February 2004).
- > BS 5482 Part 2 - Domestic butane and propane gas burning installations. Installations in caravans and non-permanent dwellings.
- > BS EN 1949 - Specification for the installation of LPG systems for habitation purposes in leisure accommodation vehicles and accommodation purposes in other vehicles.
- > BS EN 521 - Specifications for dedicated liquefied petroleum gas appliances. Portable vapour pressure liquefied petroleum gas appliances.

4.13 Electrical Installations

A competent registered electrician should be employed to carry out any electrical work, in accordance with BS 7671 - Requirements for electrical installations. (The IEE Wiring Regulations).

An effective programme of planned preventative maintenance for all fixed electrical installations (and any portable appliances where appropriate) in accordance with wiring regulations, should be implemented for the site and the results recorded within the log book.

If there are overhead electric lines on the site, suitable warning notices should be displayed at the entrance to the site and on supports for the line. Where appropriate, particular attention should be drawn to the danger of masts of yachts or dinghies contacting the line.

4.14 Refuse Disposal

Every caravan should ensure any refuse bin is emptied regularly.

Ashes from a barbeque should be cold and soaked with water before placing in any bin.

Where communal bins are provided, these should be housed within a properly constructed bin store.

On touring caravan sites, adequate provision should be made for the storage, collection and disposal of refuse.

4.15 Guests with Disabilities

The needs of guests with disabilities must be considered and planned for.

A free guide is available to assist titled 'Fire Safety Law - The Evacuation of Disabled People from Buildings.' which is available through the NIFRS website www.nifrs.org.

4.16 General Fire Precautions

The following general fire precautions should be taken to reduce the risk of fire:

- > grass and other vegetation should be cut at frequent intervals to prevent it becoming a fire hazard. Cuttings should be removed and be disposed of safely;
- > spaces below caravans should be kept free from the accumulation of combustible materials;
- > paraffin appliances should be refuelled outside the caravan;
- > where flue pipes pass through the structure of a caravan, they should be adequately insulated;
- > where a caravan is retrospectively fitted with cladding, it is recommended the cladding is made from a non-combustible or limited combustibility material;
- > barbecues should not be permitted below any awning, or close to any combustible surface. Ashes should be extinguished with water;
- > open fires, chiminea and fire pits should be prohibited on sites due the increased risk of burning embers being emitted;
- > fuel tanks for motor boats should be disconnected and be stored in a shaded area and not below a caravan; and
- > jet skis or motor boats should be refuelled on the access road and not when parked beside a caravan.

5 Glamping Pods

NIFRS Small Self-Catering Premises Fire Safety Guide details the fire safety requirements applicable for structures such as a glamping pod, furnished tent, tree house, cabin, den, micro-lodge, tepee, shepherd hut, yurt, vintage caravan, boat, railway carriage, etc. The guide is available here:

<https://www.nifrs.org/home/staying-safe/business-fire-safety/fire-safety-guides/>

Key requirements include:

- > the space separation between temporary structures must be at least 6m apart so that if a fire starts in an unoccupied unit, it does not ignite the outside of the unit beside it due to radiant heat;
- > if units are less than 6m apart, then an interlinked fire alarm system must be installed so that if a detector operates in one unit, all units will be alerted simultaneously to enable people to escape immediately;
- > a 3m minimum clear space should be maintained between units from combustibles;
- > a working fire alarm system must be installed in every unit of sleeping accommodation;
- > in a permanent or temporary structure with an electrical supply, the fire alarm system must be mains wired interlinked alarms - battery alarms are no longer acceptable;
- > in a temporary structure with no electrical supply, long life battery fire alarms that are not interlinked are acceptable;
- > carbon monoxide detectors should be installed where living accommodation contains an open fire, stove, boiler, gas or fuel burning appliances, or flue;
- > if there are conduits or pipes interlinking temporary structures, they must be sealed to prevent carbon monoxide from travelling from one unit to another;
- > in a temporary structure, with only one exit, the travel distance must be no more than 9 metres from the farthest point to the exit door threshold.
- > a no smoking policy should be applied inside any unit;
- > the maximum distance to a fire appliance access road should be no more than 50m;
- > smoke and carbon monoxide alarms must be maintained and checked by a competent person on a regular basis;

- > a fire blanket should be provided were a hot ring or grill is provided for cooking; and
- > banning the use of candles, fireworks, smoking, inside barbeques, etc, should be an essential consideration to reduce the risk of a fire occurring.

6 Roma or Travellers' Sites

NIFRS recommends the following considerations be applied:

Consideration	Advice
Fire Risk Assessment	NIFRS advises that a written fire risk assessment is not required and a more appropriate approach would be to ensure that the site be designed and maintained in accordance with the considerations listed in this Table.
Inspections	Regular inspections should be carried out by the site operator with arrangements made to maintain provisions.
Access for Fire Appliances	As detailed in Section 2.
Space and Density between Caravans	As detailed in Section 3 for permanent residential sites.
Hard Standings	As detailed in Section 4.1.
Footpaths	As detailed in Section 4.2.
Lighting	As detailed in Section 4.3.
Smoke Alarm and Fire Extinguisher	As detailed in Section 4.4. Does not apply to privately owned caravans, recommendations are advice.
Fire Point and Fire Fighting Equipment	The provision of a fire point and firefighting equipment is not recommended, but instead the message 'Get Out, Get the Fire and Rescue Service Out, and Stay Out' should be emphasised during meetings and site visits.
Fire Notice	As detailed in Section 4.8, except that the suggested text at point (d) and (e) is not required.
Fire Warning, Log Book, Telephone, LPG	Not required.
Water Supplies	A fire hydrant should be provided within 100m of the site entrance, outside of the site perimeter on the access road.
Electrical Installations	As detailed in Section 4.13.
Refuse Disposal	As detailed in Section 4.14.
Guests with Disabilities	As detailed in Section 4.15.
General Fire Precautions	As detailed in Section 4.16.

Consideration	Advice
Facilities Pod	Where a facilities pod is provided for sanitary or cooking facilities, this should be made from non-combustible construction.
Dwellings	Where a dwelling is provided for sleeping accommodation, all aspects of building regulations apply.

7 Workers' Sites

Where caravans are provided to house workers, for example agricultural workers, for rent, or in lieu of pay, the site is a relevant premises as defined by The Fire and Rescue Services Order (Northern Ireland) 2006.

The guidance for permanent residential caravan sites applies.

8 Temporary Caravan Sites

Where a temporary touring caravan site is established for a short-term duration, for use by towed caravans, motorhomes or campervans, the following guidance should be followed to maintain safety for users.

Where the duration is for **no more than** 6 nights:

- > for towed caravans a minimum of 6m separation space should be maintained between units;
- > for occupied motorhomes or campervans a minimum of 1m separation space should be maintained between units, to include an egress route to move units in the event of an emergency;
- > a minimum of 3m clear space from combustibles, including awnings or side tents or other items, should be maintained between towed caravans and from site boundaries.
- > no caravan should be permitted to be more than 100m from a fire service access road of the specification described in Section 2.
- > the general fire precautions as described in Section 4.16 should be followed.

Where the duration is for **more than** 6 nights:

- > all of the provisions as for a touring caravan site should be adopted.

Examples of temporary sites include:

- > a caravan club, or any other group, organising an event or a meet in agreement with the landowner using a field, sports pitch or other ground to position caravans, motorhomes or campervans for a short-term duration; and
- > a festival or other event, where an area is provided for caravans, motorhomes or campervans for a short-term duration.

9. Further Information & Guidance

You will find more information about fire safety law on NIFRS website at:

<https://www.nifrs.org/home/staying-safe/business-fire-safety>.

In addition, a range of guides are provided that are relevant for a Caravan Site Operator. These include:

- > a detailed guide on the fire safety risk assessment process for sleeping accommodation;
- > a small self-catering premises fire safety guide, which details the fire safety requirements for self-catering premises, including any caravan or temporary structure offered for hire;
- > a supplementary guide providing information on accessibility and means of escape for people with mobility impairment; and
- > a range of templates, including a fire risk assessment template for simple premises, a fire safety log book template, a fire safety policy template, and an emergency fire action plan template.

The guides are available here:

<https://www.nifrs.org/home/staying-safe/business-fire-safety/fire-safety-guides>.

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BELFAST CITY COUNCIL Caravan Site Licence Conditions Titanic Quarter, Hamilton Road, Belfast

Unless otherwise stated, for the purposes of these conditions, "caravan" shall have the same meaning as Section 15 of the Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (see Appendix 'A' for details).

1. The Boundaries and Plan of the Site

- (i) The boundaries of the site from any adjoining land should be clearly marked by a man made or natural feature.
- (ii) No caravan or combustible structure should be positioned within 3 metres of the boundary of the site (subject to the particular characteristics of the site).
- (iii) A plan of the site should be supplied to the council upon the application for a licence and, thereafter whenever there is a material change to the boundaries or layout of the site, or at any other time on the demand of the council.
- (iv) The plan supplied must clearly illustrate the layout of the site including all relevant structures, features and facilities on it and should be of suitable quality.

2. Density and Spacing Between Caravans

- (i) The minimum spacing distance for touring caravan sites should not be less than 6 metres between caravans and 1 metre for motorhomes and campervan sites.
- (ii) The point of measurement of porches, awnings etc., is the exterior cladding of the caravan, excluding the draw bar. It is recommended that the distance from any part of a caravan to any part of a road within the site should not be less than 2 metres where appropriate.
- (iii) Porches may protrude 1 metre into the 5 or 6 metres space and should be of the open type.
- (iv) Where awnings are used, the distance between any part of the awning and an adjoining caravan should not be less than 3 metres. They should not be of the type which incorporates sleeping accommodation and they should not face each other or touch.
- (v) Eaves, drainpipes and bay windows may extend into the 6 metre space provided the total distance between the extremities of 2 adjacent units is not less than - 5.25 metres in a 6 metre space.
- (vi) Where there are ramps for disabled people, verandahs or stairs extending from the unit, there should be 4.5 metres (3.5 metres on a holiday caravan site which has holiday caravans only) clear space between them and such items should not face each other in any space. If they are enclosed, they should normally be considered as part of the unit and, as such, should not intrude into the 6 metres space.
- (vii) Garages, sheds, covered storage, car port or covered walkways are prohibited.
- (vii) The density should be consistent with safety standards and health and amenity requirements. The gross density should not exceed 75 caravans per hectare in touring caravan sites calculated on the basis of the usable area (i.e. excluding lakes, roads,

communal services and other areas unsuitable for the siting of caravans) rather than the total site area.

3. Roads, Footpaths, Pavements, Gateways and Overhead Cables

- (i) Roads and footpaths should be designed to provide adequate access for emergency vehicles.
- (ii) Where the approach to the caravan is across ground which may become difficult or dangerous in wet weather, each standing should be connected to a road by a footpath with a hard surface.
- (iii) Emergency vehicle routes within the site should be kept clear of obstruction at all times.
- (iv) New roads should be constructed and laid of suitable bitumen macadam or concrete with a suitable compacted base.
- (v) All roads should have adequate surface water/storm drainage.
- (vi) New two-way roads should not be less than 3.7 metres wide, or if they are designed for and used by one way traffic, not less than 3 metres wide.
- (vii) One-way systems should be clearly signposted.
- (viii) Where existing two-way roads are not 3.7 metres wide, passing places should be provided where practical.
- (ix) Vehicular access and at least 1 gateway to the site must be a minimum of 3.1 metres wide and have a minimum height clearance of 3.7 metres.
- (x) Roads and footpaths should be maintained in a good condition.
- (xi) Cable overhangs must meet the statutory requirements.
- (xii) Every caravan should be connected to a road by a footpath with a hard surface.
- (xiii) Where practicable, communal footpaths and pavements should not be less than 0.9 metres wide.

4. Lighting

Taking into account the needs and characteristics of a particular site, roads, communal footpaths and pavements should be adequately lit between dusk and dawn to allow the safe movement of pedestrians and vehicles around the site during the hours of darkness.

5. Bases

- (i) Every unit must stand on a concrete base or hard-standing.
- (ii) The base must extend over the whole area occupied by the unit and must project a sufficient distance outwards from its entrance or entrances to enable occupants to enter and leave safely. The hard standings must be constructed to the industry guidance, current at the time of siting, taking into account local conditions.

6. Maintenance of Common Areas, including Grass, Vegetation and Trees

- (i) Every part of the site to which the public have access should be kept in a clean and tidy condition.
- (ii) Every road, communal footpath and pavement on the site should be maintained in a good condition, good repair and clear of rubbish.
- (iii) Grass and vegetation should be maintained and cut at frequent and regular intervals and removed where necessary.
- (iv) Trees within the site should (subject to the necessary consents) be maintained.
- (v) Any cuttings, litter or waste should be removed from the immediate surrounds of a pitch.

7. Supply & Storage of Gas etc.

- (i) Gas (including natural gas) and oil installations, and the storage of supplies should meet current statutory requirements and relevant Standards and Codes of Practice.
- (ii) Liquefied Petroleum Gas cylinders must not be positioned or secured in such a way as to impede access or removal in the event of an emergency.
- (iii) Exposed gas bottles or cylinders should not be within the separation boundary of an adjoining unit.

8. Electrical Installations

- (i) On the site an electricity network of adequate capacity should be installed to meet safely all reasonable demands of the caravans and other facilities and services within it.
- (ii) The electrical network installations are subject to regulation under current relevant legislation and must be designed, installed, tested, inspected and maintained in accordance with the provisions of the current relevant statutory requirements.
- (iii) Any work on electrical installations and appliances should be carried out only by persons who are competent to do the particular type of work being undertaken, in accordance with current relevant statutory requirements.
- (iv) Any work on the electrical network within the site should be done by a competent person fully conversant with the appropriate statutory requirements.
- (v) Upon completion of the electrical installation, and prior to occupation, an inspection certificate in the prescribed form under the IEE Wiring Regulations shall be provided by the appointed competent person to the Council and shall be retained by the site operator and displayed, supplemented or replaced by subsequent certificates, with the site licence. The cost of the inspection and report shall be met by the site operator or licence holder. Emergency Lighting & Secondary Lighting must be inspected & certified annually.

The 18th Edition of the Wiring Regulations, also known as BS 7671, is the current standard for electrical installations in the UK. Amendment 4 of the 18th edition, IET Wiring Regulations (BS 7671:2018 + A4:2026) published on 15th April 2026, consolidates all previous updates into a single document known as "the Orange Book".

9. Water Supply

- (i) All pitches on the site should be provided with a wholesome water supply sufficient in all respects to meet all reasonable demands of the caravans situated on them.
- (ii) All new wholesome water supplies should be in accordance with all current legislation, regulations and relevant British Standards.
- (iii) All repairs and improvements to water supplies and installations should be carried out to conform with current legislation and British Standards.
- (iv) Work on water supplies and installations should be carried out only by persons who are qualified in the particular type of work being undertaken and in accordance with current relevant legislation and British Standards.
- (v) The water supply and installations must be compliant with the Guidelines for the Provision of Temporary Drinking Water supplies at Events in Northern Ireland and a risk assessment of the water supply to be provided to the Council and evidence of microbiological results and a formal certificate of disinfection one week prior to occupation.

10. Drainage and Sanitation

- (i) Surface water drainage should be provided where appropriate to avoid standing pools of water.
- (ii) There should be satisfactory provision for foul and wastewater drainage either by connection to a public sewer or sewage treatment works or by discharge to a properly constructed septic tank or cesspool approved by the council.
- (iii) All drainage and sanitation provision should be in accordance with all current legislation and British Standards.
- (iv) Work on drains and sewers should be carried out only by persons who are qualified in the particular type of work being undertaken and in accordance with current legislation and British Standards.
- (v) For caravans without their own water supply and water closets, clean and properly maintained communal toilet blocks should be provided, with adequate supplies of water, to at least the following scales: -
 - Men: 1 WC and 1 urinal per 15 caravans or less;
 - Women: 2 WCs per 15 caravans or less;
 - 1 wash basin for each 2 WCs (or urinals).
- (vi) Toilet blocks should be sited conveniently so that all site occupants may have reasonable access to one by means of a road or footpath.
- (vii) On holiday and touring caravan sites, where laundry facilities are not available, at least one deep sink with adequate supplies of hot and cold water should be provided.

11. Disabled Persons

- (i) Particular consideration should be given to the needs of disabled people in the provision made for water points, toilets, washing points and showers if appropriate.
- (ii) Provision for access for disabled people to common buildings should be in compliance with Building Regulations extant at the time the building was erected, altered or extended. Particular consideration should be given as to how any new standards may be introduced where appropriate.

12. Refuse Storage & Disposal

- (i) Where communal refuse bins are provided these should be housed within a properly constructed bin store which should include a facility to enable it to be hosed down with clean water.
- (ii) All refuse disposal should be in accordance with all current legislation and regulations.

13. Parking

- (i) Private cars, jet skis and boats may be parked between adjoining caravans provided that they do not obstruct entrances to caravans or access around them and they are the appropriate distance from an adjacent caravan.
- (ii) Fuel tanks for motorboats should be disconnected and stored in a shaded area, not below a caravan.
- (iii) Suitably surfaced parking spaces should be provided to meet the requirements of residents and their visitors.

14. Communal Recreation Space

On sites where it is practical to do so, suitable space equivalent to about one tenth of the total area of the site should be allocated for recreational purposes, unless in the council's opinion there are adequate recreational facilities within close proximity to the site.

15. Notices and Information

(i) The name and address of the site should be displayed on a sign in a prominent position at the entrances to the site together with the current name, address and telephone number of the licence holder and manager and emergency contact details.

(ii) In addition, the following should be available for inspection in a prominent place on the site: -

- a copy of the current site licence.
- a copy of the most recent periodic electrical inspection report.
- a copy of the site owner's certificate of public liability insurance.
- a copy of the local flood warning system and evacuation procedures, if appropriate.
- a copy of the fire risk assessment for the site (as required by the NIFRS Caravan Sites Operators Guide).

(iii) A current plan of the site with roads and pitches marked on it should also be prominently displayed at the entrances.

(iv) All notices should be suitably protected from the weather and from direct sunlight, preferably in an area lit by artificial light.

16. Emergency Telephone

(i) An emergency telephone for calling the emergency services is only required if mobile phone reception in the area is poor.

(ii) If provided, the telephone should be immediately accessible and a notice by the telephone should include the name, address and postcode of the site.

17. Flooding

(i) The site owner should establish whether the site is at risk from flooding by referring to the Department for Infrastructure's Flood Maps.

(ii) Where there is risk from flooding the site owner should consult the Department for Infrastructure (Rivers) for advice on the likelihood of flooding, the depths and velocities that might be expected, the availability of a warning service and on what appropriate measures to take.

18. Fire Safety Measures

Fire Risk Assessment

A fire risk assessment for the site should be undertaken by a suitably qualified person and provided to the Council upon completion of the site and prior to occupation.

Fire Points

(i) These points should be located so that no caravan or site building is more than 30 metres from a fire point. Equipment provided at a fire point should be housed in a weather-proof structure, easily accessible and clearly marked "FIRE POINT".

Firefighting Equipment

(ii) All fire hydrants should conform to the current British Standard.

(iii) Access to hydrants and other water supplies should not be obstructed or obscured.

Fire Warning

(iv) A suitable means of raising the alarm in the event of a fire should be provided at each fire point on permanent residential caravan sites, holiday caravan sites and touring caravan sites.

Maintenance and Testing of Firefighting Equipment

(v) All alarm and firefighting equipment should be installed, tested and maintained in working order by persons who are qualified in the particular type of work being undertaken and be available for inspection by, or on behalf of, the licensing authority or the Fire and Rescue Service.

(vi) A record should be kept of all testing and remedial action taken.

(vii) All equipment susceptible to damage by frost should be suitably protected.

Fire Notices

(viii) A clearly written and visible notice should be provided and maintained at each fire point to indicate the action to be taken in case of fire. This notice should include the following:-

"On discovering a fire:

I. Ensure the caravan or site building involved is evacuated.

II. Raise the alarm.

III. Call the fire brigade (the nearest phone is sited at)."

In applying the conditions above in respect of fire safety measures the council should refer to NIFRS Fire Safety Guide for Caravan Site Operators

Duration of the site licence.

(1)The Site Licence for this site will expire when the temporary planning permission granted under Planning Reference LA04/2026/0 393F expires.....

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