

AN GARDA SIOCHANA



Traffic Management Plan

Prepared for

IRISH NATIONAL HUNT FESTIVAL 2017



Event Traffic Management:

An Garda Síochána will deploy Gardai to manage and regulate traffic in Naas and at this Event. Patrons will be directed to the appropriate parking or set down areas and are requested to be in possession and clearly display their parking passes to ensure that they are directed to the appropriate area.

Patrons are requested to use public transport, where possible, to travel early to the Event and allow sufficient time for their journey. Patrons are advised to expect delays which may be encountered during peak traffic times due to the large attendance. A one way traffic system may be implemented by Gardai on the roads approaching or exiting Punchestown during peak traffic times.

Event Signage

All routes and diversions will be clearly sign posted with directional and information signage. Priority junctions will be manned by Garda personnel.

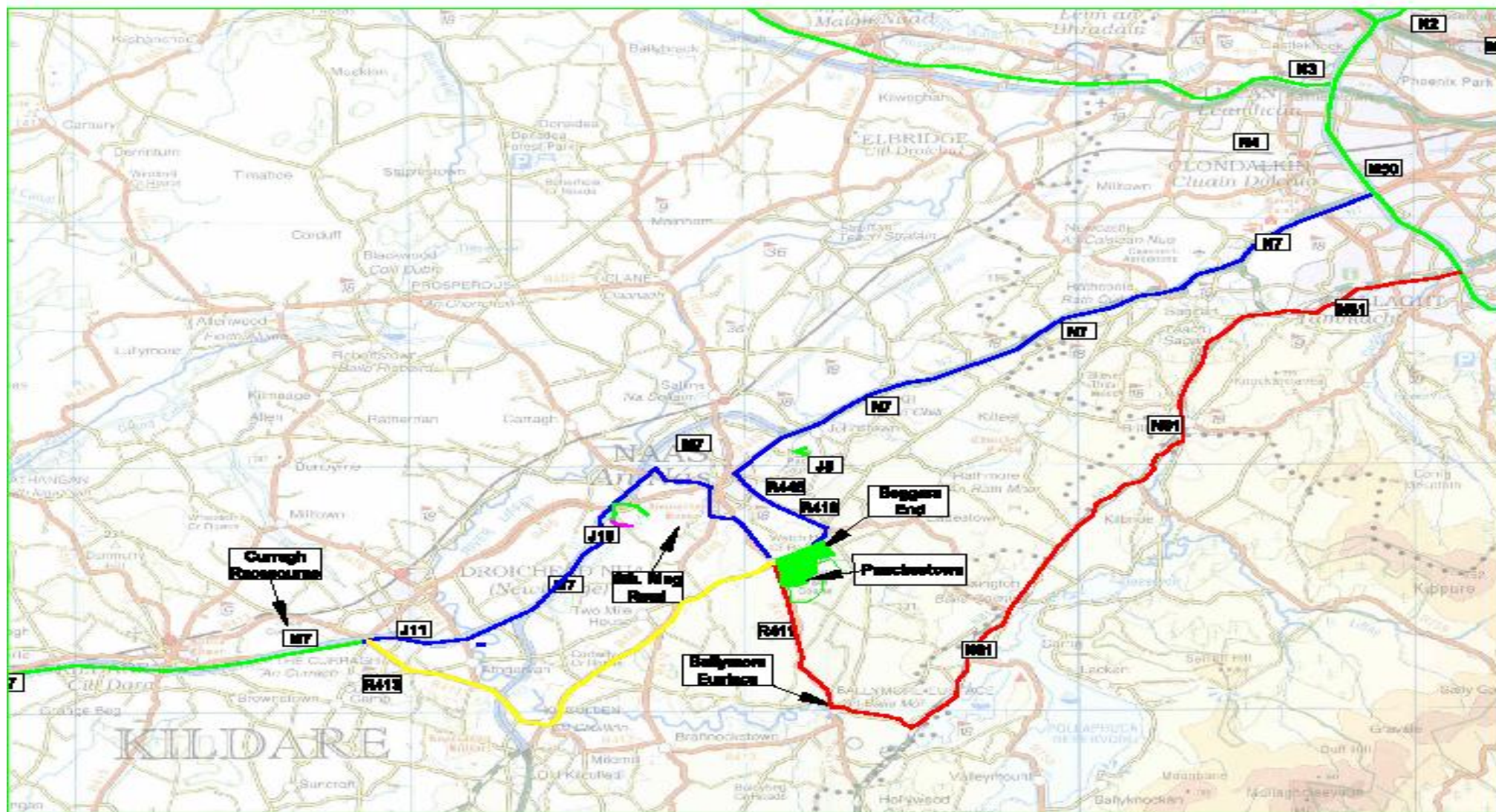
Travel Routes

The following traffic arrangements will be in place for the Irish National Hunt Festival at Punchestown Racecourse, Naas, Co. Kildare from Tuesday 25th April to Saturday 29th April 2017.

Patrons are requested to use the following routes, and obey the directions of Gardai and parking attendants at the Event site at Punchestown Racecourse.

1. Traffic from the M1, N2, N3 and N4 will travel via the M50 to the N7 (Dublin / Limerick Road). Traffic will travel from the N7 (Exit 9) into Naas to the Blessington Road (R410) to Punchestown Racecourse.
2. Traffic travelling from South Dublin can travel via the N11, N81 (Tallaght / Blessington Rd) through Blessington (R410), or continue on the N81 southbound to Ballymore Eustace (R411) and the follow direction signage to Punchestown Racecourse.
3. Traffic from the South East (N9, N78, N80, and M9) can travel via the Carlow or Athy routes through Kilcullen and onto the Naas Rd (R448). At Mylerstown Cross (Naas to Kilcullen Rd) traffic will turn right onto (the L2023) to Punchestown Racecourse. During peak traffic flow a one way system may be operated on the L2023, with traffic only allowed to exit Punchestown. In such case, traffic travelling to Punchestown will continue on the R448 into Naas to the South Ring Road to the R411 to Punchestown. Traffic travelling on towards Naas (on the M9) shall take Exit 10 into Naas, turning right at Chadwick's junction onto the South Ring Road. Traffic should then continue on to the Ballymore Eustace road (R411) to Punchestown Racecourse.
4. Traffic from the South / South West can travel via the N8, N7, M7 turning off at Newbridge exit (Exit 11) to Kilcullen and travel as set out at No 3.
Patrons are advised that there will be a temporary road closure in operation to facilitate road works on the L2023 in Athgarvan village during this Event. The road from Exit 11 to Kilcullen (R413) is not affected. Diversions will be signposted and this route should be utilised.
5. Traffic travelling from South East can travel via the N81 (Tullow / Blessington Rd) through Ballymore Eustace (R411) and the follow direction signage to Punchestown Racecourse.

Travel Routes Map



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Traffic Entry / Exit

All traffic entering the racecourse will do so via the following routes;

- Traffic from the R410 (Blessington Road) will turn at Beggars End Cross and proceed to Beggars End Gate where they will enter the Event Site and access appointed car parks.
- Traffic from the R411 (Ballymore Eustace Road) will turn at Watch House Cross and proceed to the Main Gate where they will enter the Event Site and access appointed car parks.
- All horse boxes and horse transporters will be directed to the Main Gate where they will access the Event Site and stable block area.
- Shuttle Buses and Taxis will be directed to the Main Gate where they will access the Event Site, and proceed to the set down areas.
- Private Coaches shall approach the event site via the R410 (Blessington Road), to Beggars End Cross and proceed to Beggars End Gate to park in the Northern Enclosure allocated parking.

A one-way traffic system will **only** operate through the peak periods which may occur immediately prior to and after the event. This one way system will operate under the direct control of An Garda Síochána.

When this one-way system is put into place before racing **all traffic EXITING** the racecourse will be **directed to and exit via the EXIT gate on the Ballymore Eustace road**. All traffic from both the Watch House Cross and the Beggars End Cross sides will drive in **two** lanes, to the respective gates where they will enter the event site. The one way system will remain in force until peak traffic flows enter the event site.

Where necessary, a reverse operation will be put in place each evening on completion of racing. All traffic seeking **ENTRY** to the course from Watch House Cross and Beggars End Cross will be stopped. All vehicles exiting the racecourse will drive in **two** lanes from the event site to Watch House Cross and Beggars End Cross.

Parking Arrangements

Car and Bus Parking will be provided on site and is free of any charge. All Parking Areas will be designated and Sign Posted in order to assist patrons. Patrons are requested to secure their vehicle properly and not to leave any property on view inside. They should note the sign post adjacent to where they park and sign post their vehicle before proceeding into the Racecourse, in order to assist in locating their vehicle when leaving the Event.

Parking / Towing Vehicles

Parking of vehicles will not be permitted on any of the approach routes to racecourse on the days of the event. Parking restrictions will be in place on all roads leading to the Event site. A Recovery / Towing service provider has been engaged by the Promoter and vehicles found breaching the restrictions will be towed away and towing charges will be incurred in such cases.

Taxi / Coach Drop Off

All taxis and shuttle coaches **dropping off** will be directed from their approach routes through either the Main Gate or Beggars End Gate onto the Main Avenue (or the adjacent Horse Box Avenue) where they can drop off fares at the designated area, and then must exit the area via the Ballymore Eustace gate. Taxis will not be allowed further into the event site unless they are dropping disabled persons.

Taxi / Car Pick Up

All taxis and shuttle coaches picking up **must be on site at least 45 minutes prior to the last race** and will be directed to the Main Gate (or the adjacent Horse Box Avenue) where they can pick up fares and then must exit the area via the Ballymore Eustace gate.

Access to the site will be permitted only up to the introduction of the one way traffic system.

Coaches / Buses

A one-way traffic system will operate as required for the event for all buses and minibuses **only**. All such vehicles will arrive at Punchestown via the Blessington Road / Beggars End route (R410) and will exit via the Ballymore Road / Watch House Cross route (R411).

Emergency Route

The Craddockstown Road, Naas has been designated as the event Emergency Route and will be manned at all times for the duration of the event. This route will be used by **emergency vehicles** and **bone fide residents** only. Other vehicles including taxis, buses etc. will **not** have access to this route. Personnel on this route will clarify and ensure that only bone fide residents are allowed to proceed. Access will only then be authorised at that time, when this route is checked to be clear and not in use by emergency vehicles.

Resident Access

Residential access to some areas around the Punchestown area may be affected at certain times during and post racing.

Where necessary, traffic may not be permitted to travel from Mullacash Cross to Watch House Cross after the races. Traffic will be diverted via Killashee towards Naas Town until stand down has been given.

Public Transport Services

The promoter has engaged the services of Marathon Coaches who will operate between Dublin City Centre and Punchestown Racecourse.

Further details on public transport is available on the Punchestown website on the following link; - <http://punchestown.com/visiting-the-course/transport/>

Shuttle Bus Services (To / From Naas Town)

A shuttle bus service has been engaged by the promoter for local patrons and pedestrians wishing to travelling from Naas to this Event or returning to Naas afterwards. This shuttle service will operate each day prior to and after the Event. At the end of racing each day a designated collection point is assigned in the Car Park to deal with all taxis and shuttle buses.

The buses will be clearly identifiable and will be **Subject to a Charge**.

Pedestrians are advised to make full use of these services in order to reduce the potential for injury to themselves and other motorists attending the Event. Walking to or from the Event will not be recommended for safety reasons and in order to maximise traffic flow to and from the Event Site.

Contingencies

In the event of an accident / incident affecting the proper management of traffic during this Event, an action plan with the diversion of traffic will be implemented to a suitable alternative approach / exit route. Normal traffic management will resume when the accident / incident has been fully investigated and the route cleared.

All road users are reminded to be alert and exercise care for themselves and other on the roads, not to speed or use their mobile phone while driving, to wear their safety belts and plan for your safe journey to this Event and home afterwards.