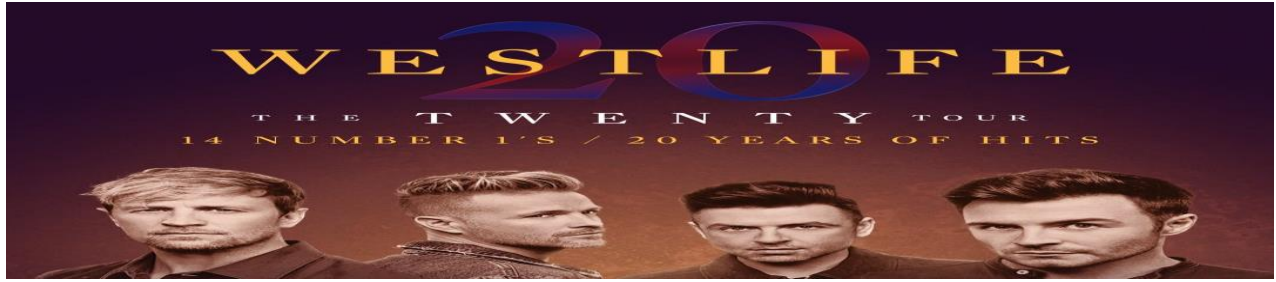


## Garda Concert Management Arrangements for Croke Park



*Re: Westlife in Concert at Croke Park Stadium.  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 / Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019*

<b>Stiles Opening</b>		<b>: 17.00hrs.</b>
<b>Wild Youth</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>: 18.15hrs</b>
<b>James Arthur</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>: 19.30hrs</b>
<b>Westlife</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>: 21.00hrs.</b>
<b>Event Finish</b>		<b>: 23.00hrs.</b>

### **Public Transport:**



In conjunction with the Transport Agencies attached Gardai have developed a transport plan to assist patrons attending the Spice Girls Concert at Croke Park Stadium.

*For full details of all public transport please see :*

- [National Journey Planner](#)
- [www.dublinbus.ie](http://www.dublinbus.ie)
- [www.luas.ie](http://www.luas.ie)
- [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie)
- [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie)
- [www.crokepark.ie](http://www.crokepark.ie)

*Persons attending are advised:*

*The advice from all agencies involved in the management of the Concert is to utilise public transport for travelling to and from the Concert and use park and ride facilities.*

## ***Public Transport Information***

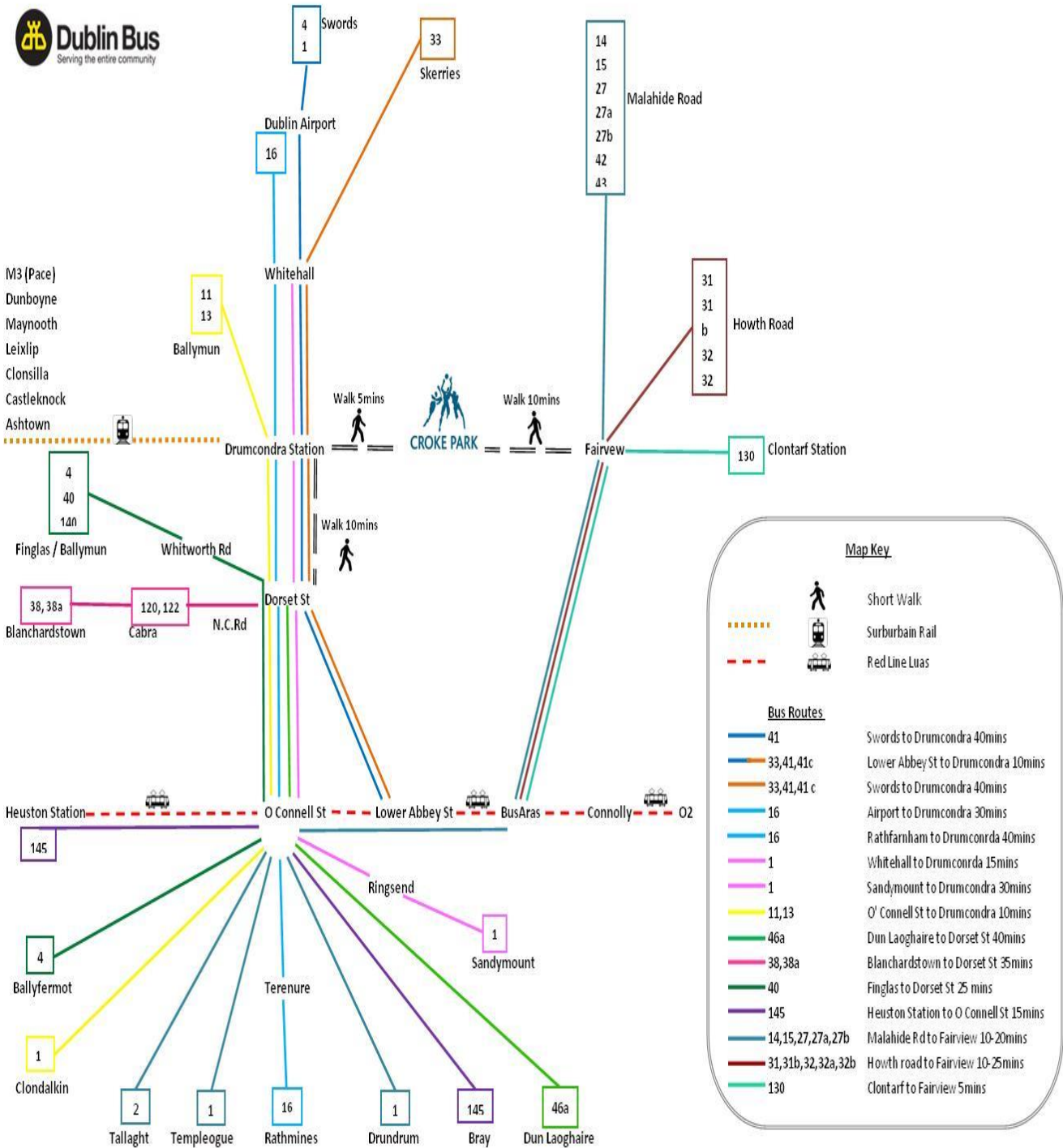


On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> / Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019, Iarnród Éireann will provide additional capacity on DART and Commuter routes for fans attending the Westlife concerts in Croke Park Stadium.

### **Additional Late Night DART & Commuter Services :**

- Additional services will operate to Greystones, Howth and Maynooth\* after the concert.
- These additional services along with all regular services can be viewed through the journey planner.

**Additional Late Night Intercity Services : Please check [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie) for up to date information .**



**Dublin Bus routes servicing Croke Park Stadium and its immediate environs.**  
**For more information contact Dublin bus at [www.dublinbus.ie](http://www.dublinbus.ie)**



## **Westlife / Croke Park**

### **- Concert Parking -**

- Concert Parking at selected Park Rite car parks
- Bring your concert ticket to the car park office to avail of the Park Rite Croke Park event offer or pre-book online at [www.parkrite.com](http://www.parkrite.com)
- Offer does not include overnight parking
- All car park locations are 10 – 15 minute walk to Croke Park
- Enquiries to 01-5425600.

**Park Rite Parnell Street Car Park**, Parnell St, Dublin 1 **Spaces: 500**

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Thursday 6.30am to 00.30am, Friday 6.30am to 1.30am, Saturday 7.00am to 1.30am, and Sunday 9.30am to 00.30am.

**Park Rite Irish Life Car Park**, Lower Abbey St, Dublin 1 **Spaces: 340**

**Opening Hours:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 8.00am to Midnight.

**Park Rite IFSC Car Park**, Commons St (rear of Jury's Inn) , Dublin 1. **Spaces: 370**

**Opening Hours:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 8.00am to Midnight.

**Park Rite Fleet Street Car Park**, Temple Bar, Dublin 2 **Spaces: 393**

**Opening Hours:** 24 Hours a day seven / days a week.

**Park Rite Drury Street Multi-Storey Car Park**, 36-37 Drury St, Dublin 2 **Spaces: 465**

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Saturday only 05:30 to 02:00.

**Park Rite Smithfield Car Park**, Queen St, Dublin 7 **Spaces: 348**  
**(ONLINE PRE BOOK ONLY at this car park)**

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Friday 7.00am to 1.30am, Saturday 8.00am to 1.30am, Sunday/Bank Holidays 10.00am to Midnight.



## Luas

### P&R Red Line:

- Red Cow – 727 spaces (24 hr access)
- Cheeverstown (312) (24 hr access)
- Last Luas 00:30hrs

### P&R Green Line:

- Balally 421 spaces(24 hr access)\* price subject to change
- Stillorgan 341 spaces (24 hr access)
- Sandyford 47 spaces (24 hr access)
- Carrickmines 352 spaces (24 hr access) \* price subject to change
- Last Luas 00:30hrs

### Operating hours: Green Line

>> FROM <b>Broombridge to Brides Glen</b>	
Monday - Friday	5:30am to 0:30am
Saturday	6:30am to 0:30am
Sunday & Bk Hol.	7:00am to 11:30pm

>> FROM <b>Brides Glen to Broombridge</b>	
Monday - Friday	5:30am to Midnight
Saturday	6:30am to Midnight
Sunday & Bk Hol.	7:00am to 11:00pm

### Operating hours: Red Line

>> FROM The Point TO Tallaght	
Monday - Friday	5:30am to 0:30am
Saturday	6:30am to 0:30am
Sunday & Bk Hol.	7:00am to 11:30pm

>> FROM Tallaght TO The Point	
Monday - Friday	5:30am to Midnight
Saturday	6:30am to Midnight
Sunday & Bk Hol.	7:00am to 11:00pm

>> FROM Saggart TO Belgard	
Monday - Friday	5:40am to 11:50pm
Saturday	6:40am to 11:50pm
Sunday & Bk Hol.	7:10am to 10:50pm

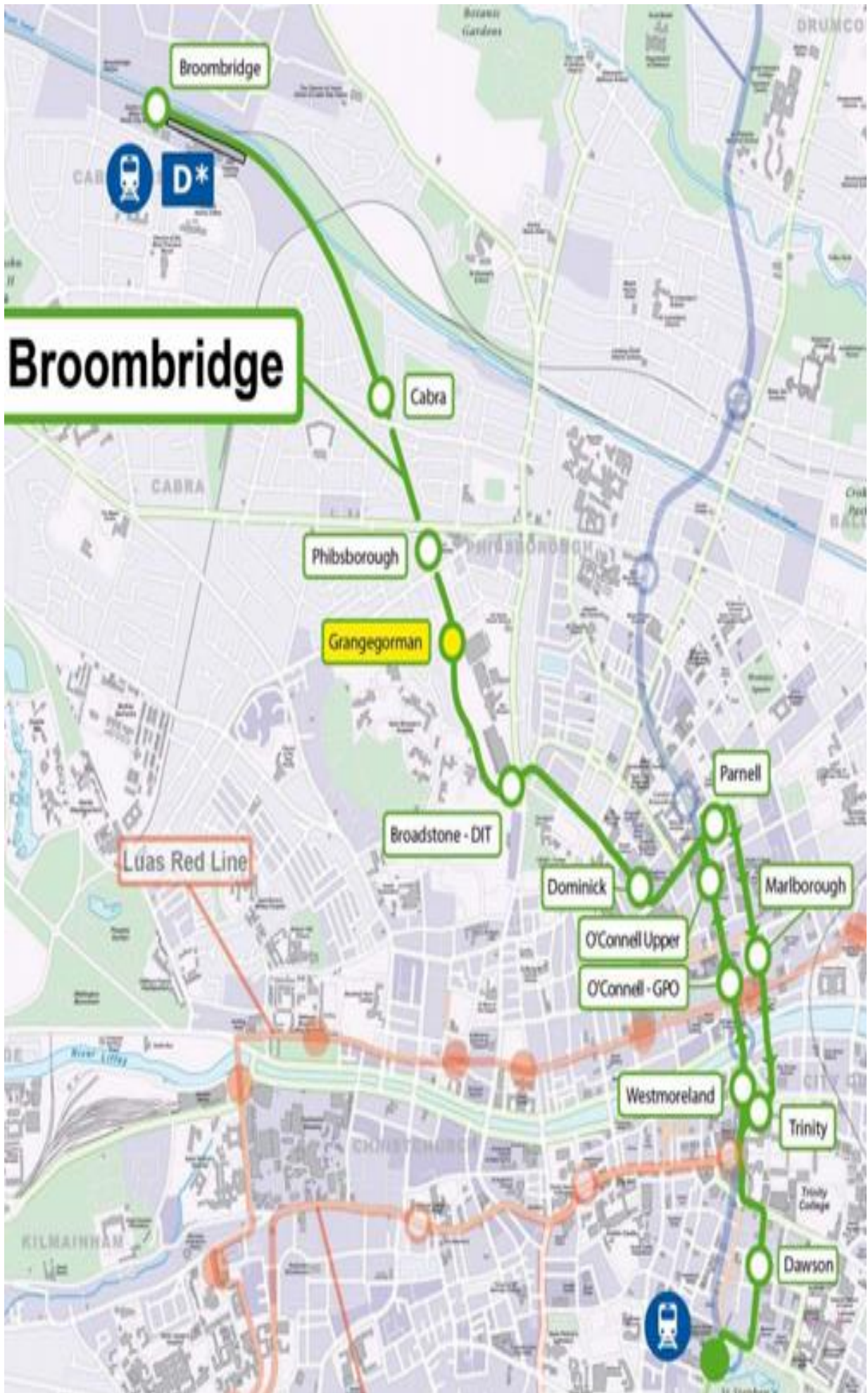
>> Last tram FROM The Point TO Saggart	
Monday - Saturday	Midnight
Sunday	11:00pm

>> Connolly Luas Stop	
Monday - Friday	7:10am to 7:30pm
Saturday	9:05am to 6:45pm
Sunday & Bk Hol.	3:10pm to 7:00pm

For further information contact Luas at [www.transdevireland.ie](http://www.transdevireland.ie)

# Broombridge



## ***General Concert Information.***

### ***Ticket Collections :***

There are ticket sales for this concert. Please refer to [www.Ticketmaster.ie](http://www.Ticketmaster.ie) for same. Please refer to [www.mcd.ie](http://www.mcd.ie) for details of ticket collections for this concert.

### ***Residents :***

Patrons are requested to be aware that Croke Park is located in a residential area. Patrons attending Croke Park are requested to respect residents by behaving in an appropriate manner when going to and departing the stadium. Issues such as illegal parking, anti social behaviour, drinking and urinating in public cause difficulties and will not be tolerated by Gardai. Patrons are asked to desist from such behaviour.

### ***Jones Road :***

Jones Road will remain sterile throughout the concert. This restriction will be strictly enforced. All non ticket holders are requested not to congregate on the streets around the stadium.

### ***Banned Items in Stadium***

A: The below items are **not** allowed:

- Aerosols/ Air Horns
- Animals (Other than registered guide or hearing dogs)
- Alcohol
- Any item which may reasonably be considered for use as a weapon
- Audio recorders
- Backpacks /large bags /Waist packs/ Briefcases
- Banners with poles or poles of any kind
- Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, skates, Segways, or other unauthorized means of transportation
- Bottles
- Cans
- Cameras with detachable lens or recording equipment
- Camping equipment
- Chinese or sky lanterns
- Cooler Boxes / Large containers / Thermoses / Ice Chests
- Crash helmets or protective headwear, body-armor or protective clothing
- Deckchairs
- Distribution of unauthorized promotional or commercial material
- Drones
- Drumsticks
- Excessive amounts of batteries, wire, cables or electrical components
- Fireworks, road flares, emergency flares, explosives or other incendiary devices
- Flagpoles
- Food and Beverages
- Garden furniture, fold up chairs or shooting sticks
- Glass or metal containers of any kind
- Glow sticks
- Go Pros
- Illegal substances/ illegal merchandise of any description

- iPads
- Items that may be deemed a safety hazard or annoyance to participants or guests (balls, frisbees, balloons, projectiles, radios, bells, whistles, musical instruments, etc.)
- Large umbrellas
- Large chains, spiked bracelets or wallet chains
- Large Flags, Placards or Posters inc sticks
- Light sabers
- Lights or battery packs
- Lasers/Laser pens, portable laser equipment or torches
- LED Headbands, wristbands, Glow sticks or Light emitting objects of any kind (except mobile/cell phones)
- Liquids -No liquids are permitted other than sealed water less than 500ml is allowed (Caps will be removed)
- Long Wallet Chains
- Nitrous oxide
- Political Signage
- Professional Cameras/ Un – authorized professional film or video equipment
- Purses larger than a clutch bag
- Selfie sticks
- Signs larger than 11 X 17 inches
- Smoke canisters
- Sound systems
- Spray cans
- Spurs
- Studded Jewelry
- Tridents
- Unofficial tabards or reflective jackets
- Video cameras, GoPros, audio recording devices and tripods; no video or audio recording will be allowed
- Weapons of any kind, including guns, knives, pepper spray or mace, handcuffs, nightsticks or other items

**DO NOT BRING BACKPACKS OR LARGE HANDBAGS**

**THERE WILL BE NO CLOAKROOM OR STORAGE FACILITIES ON SITE. BAGS MUST NOT BE LEFT AT ENTRANCES OR SURROUNDING AREAS. ANY ITEMS LEFT WILL BE REMOVED AND DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.**

Should you require somewhere to store a backpack, large handbag or any additional luggage during the event the following locations have Bag drop/locker storage facilities available (please note these are independently run facilities)

- Ned Kelly's, 3 O' Connell Street Upper
- Extreme Ireland, Tourism Office, 37 College Green
- Busáras Station, opposite Connolly train station

**Searching is a condition of entry to protect your safety and that of others.**

Due to increased security measures, we strongly advise you allow sufficient time to get through security checks to gain entry to the venue in a safe and timely manner.

To ensure as smooth an access as possible and to avoid any unnecessary delays we strongly suggest that you bring as little as possible with you to the event and minimize jackets and additional layers when possible. To avoid disappointment **do not bring backpacks or larger handbags**, you may be refused admission to the venue without a refund.

Bags that will be allowed in the venue are as follows:



1. Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC and do not exceed 12"x6"x12"/30.5cm x 15.2cm x 30.5cm
2. One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc or similar)
3. If bringing a personal bag, purse or clutch bag, you should only bring those of smaller sizes **i.e. those measuring 4.5in/11.4cm x 6.5in/16.51cm or smaller will be allowed.**

### **Crowd Management and Crowd Dispersal Plan**

#### **Pre Concert Crowd Management Plan :**

In the interest of safety patrons are advised as follows :

1. Not to enter the Jones Road / Russell Street unless they hold a Hogan Stand or Premium ticket.
2. Not to congregate in vicinity of Croke Park Hotel as this causes a serious obstruction to crowd movement in that area. Gardai will move waiting persons in this area.
3. Use coloured routes outlined on Croke Park / MCD websites to access the stadium.
4. Arrange meeting points at a distance away from Jones Road.

#### **Post Concert Crowd Management Plan:**

In the interest of safety patrons are advised as follows :

1. Patrons exiting the Hogan Stand will be directed to exit by a planned route as they leave these stands onto Jones Road.
2. Patrons are further requested not to congregate in vicinity of Croke Park Hotel as this causes a serious obstruction to crowd movement in that area. Gardai will move waiting persons in this area.
3. Patrons exiting via Clonliffe Road and via North Circular Road are asked by Gardai not enter onto Jones Road or Russell Street.
4. Please arrange to meet friends at a place a distance away from Jones Road.

Patrons should comply with the directions issued by Gardaí and stewards as they depart the stadium. The measures are being implemented to prevent crowd congestion on the street outside the Croke Park Hotel which has become a meeting point for patrons attending Croke Park Concert.

The result of patron active participation and compliance will result in a safer entry and exit from the stadium for all patrons and children and make the stadium environs a safer place for all people.

### **General Traffic Advice:**

The designated routes for travelling to and from Croke Park are:

1. M.50 and via the Port Tunnel.
2. M11 and via East Link Bridge.
3. Drumcondra Road
4. North Circular Road

### Private Coach Hire:

Coach drivers should note that MOUNTJOY SQUARE IS CLOSED for the entire concert and coach parking or drop off / pick up will not be permitted in that area.

In addition coaches will not be permitted to drop off / pick up passengers on any of the arterial routes around Croke Park Stadium. This will be strictly enforced by the Garda Traffic Corps.

### Vehicle Access Routes:

All patrons attending the Concert by vehicle are advised to allow time for traffic delays.

Patrons who have tickets for the Hogan and Davin Stands should approach from the west and north side of the stadium by using the M50 motorway to Navan Road, Finglas Road and Drumcondra Road.

Patrons who have tickets for the Cusack Stand and Pitch should approach from the east and south side of the stadium by using the Port Tunnel and East Link Bridge. Dublin Port Tunnel will be open to all vehicles.

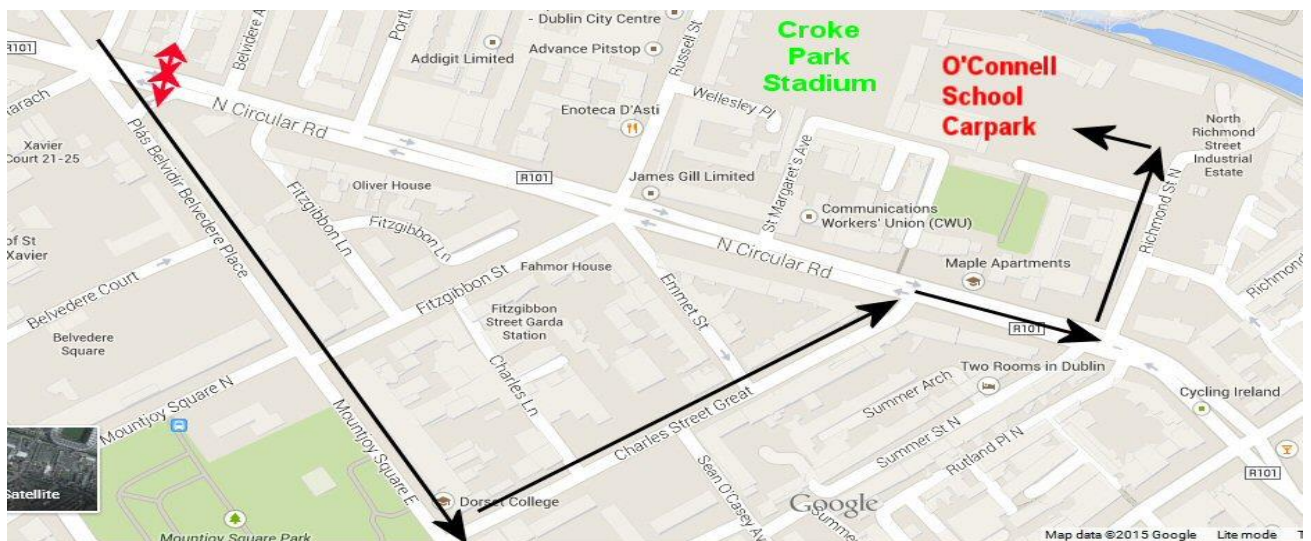
On street parking is very limited due to Croke Park being situated in residential area. Patrons should be aware that illegally parked vehicles cause traffic disruption, and obstruction to movement of emergency vehicles.

There will be strict enforcement of all illegal parking in the area by Gardai and Dublin City Parking Services and such vehicles will be impounded or clamped and will be liable to a substantial fine.

### Car Parks :

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

1. O'Connell's School, North Richmond Street. Entry via North Circular Road.



2. Clonliffe College car park, Entry via Drumcondra Road.  
This car park has parking and provides special needs parking spaces.

Traffic will not be permitted to leave the car park for a period after the Concert in order to allow pedestrians leave the area safely.

### **Garda Cordon :**

As with all Concert at Croke Park, a Garda Cordon will be in effect on the streets that lead to Croke Park. Only accredited vehicles will be permitted to pass by this cordon. All vehicles will be checked for accreditation.

All patrons entering the Garda cordon will be the subject of a ticket check by Stewards and search by Gardaí. Persons not in possession of a concert ticket will not be permitted through the Garda cordon. Any articles that may cause harm or discomfort to other patrons will be seized. Patrons are advised not to bring any unnecessary baggage with them as they may be refused entry to the stadium. Patrons are advised to travel early to the stadium to avoid any unnecessary delays.

Local residents, their immediate families, local business community are in possession of passes and will be facilitated at the barriers. Passes however do not guarantee entry through the cordon where pedestrian volumes exist.

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

*It is also necessary to temporarily extend the Garda cordon at the end of the event in order to allow the safe exit of concert patrons. This extended cordon will be in place for approximately one hour after the Concert end.*

*The extended cordon will result in the closure of Lower Drumcondra Road from Whitworth Road to Botanic Avenue.*

*The extended cordon will result in the closure of Ballybough Road from Poplar Row to North Circular Road.*

### **Special Needs Parking:**

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

Where persons have special needs requirements they should contact the concert organisers directly at [www.crokepark.ie](http://www.crokepark.ie) or [www.mcd.ie](http://www.mcd.ie) for advice and assistance.

### **Public Order :**

Patrons are advised that the Gardaí will not permit the consumption of alcohol outside public Houses, while walking along the street or in any other public place. Patrons are asked to have consideration for local residents and refrain from anti-social behaviour such as on street drinking and urinating etc.

### **Crime :**

Patrons are advised to be aware of their own personal safety and security while attending the concert. They should ensure the security of personal belongings while on route to and from the stadium i.e. purses/ wallets/ tickets / mobile phones.

Patrons who arrive by vehicle should also ensure that property is not left exposed in parked vehicles. They should ensure that car windows, sunroofs are correctly closed.

### **Croke Park Hotel Car Park :**

All residents of the Croke Park Hotel will be permitted entry subject to pedestrian presence at the time and are requested to access the hotel via North Circular Road / Russell Street junction where there will be a register of all guest vehicles.

### **Age Restrictions :**

- In the interest of safety Under 14's will not be allowed on the pitch either accompanied or unaccompanied.
- All under 16's must be accompanied by a parent or guardian attending the event who will remain with them and take full responsibility for them throughout the duration of the event.

**IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE:** There will be age checks in operation. If there is doubt whether a minor qualifies for age restrictions set out, proof of age may be requested. It is the responsibility of the adult accompanying the minor to be able to satisfy staff that the minor is the age they say. We recommend if in doubt please bring colour photocopy of the minor's passport to prevent any unnecessary disappointment.

### **General Information :**

In order to access full general information relating to Croke Park Concert please see :

[www.mcd.ie](http://www.mcd.ie)

[www.evntzapp.ie](http://www.evntzapp.ie)

[www.ticketmaster.ie](http://www.ticketmaster.ie)

[www.crokepark.ie](http://www.crokepark.ie)

[www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie)

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

***PATRON FAMILIARISATION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES WILL GREATLY ASSIST IN PROMOTING A SAFER DAY OUT IN CROKE PARK STADIUM.***

**Q. I wish to meet people at Croke Park Hotel BEFORE the concert, is this possible?**

**A.** Unless you have a Hogan or Premium Stand ticket for the concert you will not be allowed access to Jones Road. You should arrange to meet your friend at a location away from Jones Road.

**Q. I want to meet my friend AFTER the concert on the street outside the Croke Park Hotel. Can I go and wait for them there?**

**A.** No. Where this area is being used as a meeting point, it causes unnecessary crowd congestion and affects pedestrian exits from the Hogan and Premium Stands. For safety reasons Jones Road must be kept exclusively for Hogan and Premium exits. You should arrange to meet your friend at a location away from Jones Road.

**Q. I will be leaving the stadium by Clonliffe Road. Can I go to the city centre direction by Jones Road?**

**A.** No. You will be directed to go to your destination by Lower Drumcondra Road.

**Q. I will be leaving the stadium by North Circular Road. I want to go to my car in Clonliffe College car park. Can I go to the car park by Jones Road?**

**A.** No. You will be directed to go to the car park by Lower Drumcondra Road.

**Q. Why can I not go by Jones Road?**

**A.** In large attendance or full stadium Concert, Jones Road is needed to facilitate crowds leaving the Hogan and Premium Stands and Pitch exits. For safety reasons it must be kept exclusively for this reason. When other patrons enter this area it results in crowd congestion and affects pedestrian safety.

Patrons leaving from all other areas of the stadium are asked not to enter Jones Road after the concert.

**Q. How long will the Jones Road closure remain in place.**

**A.** The restriction will remain for approx 30 minutes after the concert ends. Where you have a definite need to access Jones Road then our advice is to remain in the stadium for a period after the concert and allow this time to lapse before approaching Jones Road.

**Q. After the concert I will be leaving by Nally Square. Can I turn left and go past the Croke Park Hotel?**

**A.** No. Patrons leaving by Nally Square will be directed to leave by way of Fitzroy Avenue and Clonliffe Road. This is for safety reasons to prevent too many patrons gathering on the street near the Croke Park Hotel.

**Q. After the concert I will be leaving the Hogan Stand by Russell Street Bridge. Can I turn right and go past the Croke Park Hotel?**

**A.** No. Patrons leaving the Hogan Stand at Russell Street Bridge will be directed to turn left and leave by way of Gills Corner. This is for safety reasons, to prevent too many patrons gathering on the street near the Croke Park Hotel.

**Q. My seat is in the Davin Stand. After the concert can I walk around the stadium inside and exit onto Jones Road?**

**A.** No. Where patrons from stands other than the Hogan Stand want to exit by Jones Road, it causes unnecessary crowd congestion and affects pedestrian exits from the Hogan Stand. For safety reasons, you should leave the stadium by the closest exit to where you are seated.

**Q. My seat is in the Cusack Stand. After the concert can I walk around the stadium inside and exit onto Jones Road?**

**A.** No. Where patrons from stands other than the Hogan Stand want to exit by Jones Road, it causes unnecessary crowd congestion and affects pedestrian exits from the Hogan Stand. For safety reasons, you should leave the stadium by the closest exit to where you are seated

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