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Dear Resident

Re: Bearded Theory Festival @ Catton Park

I am writing to advise you that Bearded Theory Festival will take place at Catton Park between Wednesday 22nd and Sunday 26th May 2024 and to inform you of some of the measures we are taking to minimise disruption due to noise and traffic. Deliveries to site begin on the weekend of 11th/12th May, and we expect to be clear by 31st May.

Bearded Theory is an award-winning family friendly music event that has several stages onsite, showcasing world class international touring bands, recorded music and a large children's activity area. Performances begin at 6pm on Wednesday 22nd May. The largest stage finishes by 11pm each evening. Smaller stages will continue until 3am at lower volume levels. On Sunday 26th May, all stages will cease operation at 11pm with a short fireworks finale.

We work closely with South Derbyshire District Council to ensure noise coming from the event always stays within legal limits. Independent noise consultants *dBx Acoustics* have been appointed to monitor sound at the event and at various static addresses located near to Catton Park. Changes in weather conditions (such as wind direction and atmospheric pressure) can affect what noise can be heard in surrounding areas and it can change from day to day. We hope to avoid any disruption, but if you have any concerns about excess noise during the event, you can call the Event Control telephone number directly on 07301 004031. This will allow us to investigate and address any problems in real time.

Festivals inevitably bring some disruption to road networks. This year we have the added complication of a new width restriction on the Chetwynd Bridge (National Memorial Arboretum roundabout off the A38) as well as major roadworks throughout Derbyshire and Staffordshire. We have worked alongside national and local highways departments for several months to develop a traffic plan that respects the surrounding villages.

It will be necessary for site infrastructure to be delivered during the days either side of the festival when the site is built and broken down. We are collaborating with suppliers to keep delivery vehicles away from residential areas as much as possible, and many deliveries will come on small loads or via the southern Tamworth route. Nevertheless, the weight restriction on Chetwynd Bridge and low bridges on other arterial routes means vehicles over 13' 3" high will need to come into the site via Walton on Trent. HGVs using this route will be instructed to keep movements between 9:30am-4pm where possible. Please note however that some HGV traffic outside of this time slot is unavoidable.

This year, in order to alleviate extra congestion caused by the Chetwynd Bridge width restriction, we are opening the festival to a limited number of customers a day earlier on Wednesday 22nd May, with the rest of the public arriving on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th May. While the roads will be busier than normal over this period, it is hoped that spreading audience arrival over three days rather than two will help reduce congestion. Marshals and temporary traffic lights will also be in place to keep the traffic moving. Most people will leave on Monday 27th May and local roads will be very busy between 9am and 3pm.

If you have any questions about the festival, please feel free to contact me in advance on the email shown below. It is our hope and intention to be good neighbours, so if you have any other concerns or spot any issues during our time at Catton Park, you can report your concerns by calling the Event Control telephone number directly on 07301 004031.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and hope that your experience of our event is a positive one.

Yours sincerely

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