

## Heaton Park Event Community Consultation Group

### Bonfire 2015 Event Update

#### 1. Event Content / Programme

Heaton Park's Bonfire Event will be held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015, from 5pm – 9.30pm. The Bonfire will be lit at 7.30pm, followed by fireworks.

The event will comprise of Bonfire, Fireworks Display, catering concessions, bar, funfair and fire performers.

In 2014 event attendance was 31,652 and planning for 2015 is based on 40,000.

#### 2. Site Plan

See attached plans.

Over 6km of festoon lighting is being erected through the site to ensure that the main routes into the parks are well lit.

#### 3. Access and Egress

The Papal Field is being fenced off and entry onto the site will be through 3 main entry marquees at Gate 3, 5 and 6 where conditions of entry will be enforced. Conditions of entry are:

- No fireworks
- No sparklers
- No alcohol
- No glass
- No dogs
- No bicycles

For everyone's safety and enjoyment we will be encouraging people to return to their cars with fireworks and sparklers, otherwise these will be confiscated on entry into the event.

Egress will be back through the 3 main entry points, with Gate 2 open for egress.

#### 4. Security and Stewarding

G4S Event security are providing the security and stewarding. A full plan is in place to cover the event site, all outer gates and car parks as well as supporting the traffic management plan on external roads.

Lessons learnt from previous years mean that the following will be in place:

- Staff to start 1 hour earlier at 3pm to give more time for deployment

- Additional Supervisor and Vehicle to aid better deployment.
- Site familiarisation with Manager and Supervisors and GMP Commander the day before

## 5. Policing

GMP will be providing a full policing operation to support the event to deal with any Crime and Disorder Issues.

## 6. Medical Provision

St John Ambulance are providing the medical cover for the event. The following provision will be in place:

- 1 x Ambulance / Events Duty Officer, 1 x Controller, 17 x First Aid Members, 4 x Emergency Transport Attendants, 2 x Ambulances Units

## 7. Command and Control

Silver Command will be at GMP, Central Park with a representative from Manchester City Council. There are 3 main bonfire events across the City at Heaton Park, Platt Fields Park and Wythenshawe Park.

On site command (Bronze) will be located in event control on the show site and will be made up of representatives from MCC, G4S, Medical and GMP and this is where co-ordination of the event will take place.

## 8. Concessions and Traders Management

There will be 10 catering concessions on site, as well as some smaller units. There is a bar on site which will be serving mulled wine and spiced cider only.

## 9. Traffic and Transport Management

A full traffic management plan is in place around the site.

The following traffic management will be in place:

- No Waiting Restrictions on Sheepfoot Lane and 15m into each adjoining road, with Residents only signs. 4 stewards
- No Waiting Restrictions on St Margaret's Road and Resident's only signs on Church/Park side of the road.
- No Waiting Restrictions on Old Hall Lane, with 2 stewards and signage
- No waiting Restrictions on Scholes Lane, between Bury Old Road and Hereford Drive with signs and 2 stewards.
- No Waiting Restriction on Middleton Road, north of Junction 19 on both sides., with 2 stewards and signage
- No Waiting Restrictions on Middleton Road, south of Junction 19, between Sheepfoot Lane and Meade Hill Road with signs.

- Road closure on Bury Old Road, between Newtown Street and Sheepfoot Lane from 6.30pm – 10pm.
- Road closure on Whittaker Lane, between Bury Old Road and Infant Street.

Residents on Bury Old Road and Whittaker Lane will be permitted access into the road closure, on production of a utility bill. The road closure will be stewarded at the closure points. Consideration is being given to signposting residents on Bury Old Road to access closure via Ostrich Lane.

Additional cones and signs will be placed at bottom of Whittaker Lane/Rectory Lane to try and deter access.

NSL Enforcement Officers will be in place to enforce the traffic orders throughout the night with 6 officers in Bury and 2 officers with a tow truck in Manchester. This will be supported by an additional 6 stewards along Sheepfoot Lane/Scholes Lane to advise motorists not to park in restrictions, as well as 2 stewards at Old Hall Lane and 2 at Middleton Road (Service Road).

All the car parks will be operating and the charge is £5 per car. We know from previous events that all the car parks will be full by around 7pm, which is around 900 cars. In addition, Bowker Vale Primary School have agreed to open up for Car Parking, which will take 180 cars and we are talking to some other local facilities to see if they want to operate car parks. This will go some way to relieving congestion and on street parking.

The grassed area on the junction of Sheepfoot Lane/Bury Old Road will be fenced off with crowd control barrier, as this was cause for concern in 2014, with event goers parking amongst the trees, accessing over pedestrian routes and at a main junction.

Urban Traffic Control will be assisting with timing of the lights at junction of Sheepfoot Lane and Middleton Road.

#### 10. Litter and Waste Management

Scrutiny Cleaning Services will be on site to deal with the litter. Bins will be located at each external park gate and within the event site. The main litter pick will be carried out the next day.

#### 11. Local Community Communications

Resident letters will be distributed to all residents affected by the traffic management plan, giving details of the impact and issuing parking permits where needed. Distribution of these letters will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015.

We have a full communication plan in place which includes posters, leaflets and web information. We are also making use of Twitter and Facebook through MCC and GMP.