



**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (as amended)  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (as amended)  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 (as amended)**

**PLANNING & PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**NOTIFICATION OF DECISION PURSUANT TO SECTION 231(3) OF THE  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) & ARTICLE 192 OF  
THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (as amended) TO  
GRANT OUTDOOR EVENT LICENCE**

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**OUTDOOR EVENT LICENCE REFERENCE NUMBER: OEL 10/2023**

**To:**

Cuckoo Events Limited T/A Safe Events  
on behalf of Dublin LGBTQ Pride CLG  
79 Francis Street,  
Dublin 8

**Applicant:** Cuckoo Events Limited T/A Safe Events on behalf of Dublin LGBTQ Pride CLG

**Application:** Dublin Pride 2023

**Proposed Event:** Dublin City Pride Parade and Merrion Square Gathering

- Assembly on O'Connell Street, Dublin 1
- Parade through Dublin City Centre followed by a post parade family gathering on 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2023
- Pride family gathering in Merrion Square, Dublin 2

**Outdoor Event Licence Ref. Number:** OEL 10/2023

**Date of Application:** 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2023

In accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), including Part 16 thereof, and the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended), an Order of the Assistant Chief Executive of the Planning and Property Development Department of Dublin City Council, dated 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 accepted and adopted the Report and Recommendation OEL 10/2023 dated 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2023, from the Acting Planning Enforcement Manager & Outdoor Event Licencing Officer and further ordered that an Outdoor Event Licence be granted for the reasons and considerations contained in the said Report and Recommendation and the reasons and considerations under and subject to the 21 conditions set out hereunder.

Accordingly, in accordance with the said Order of the Assistant Chief Executive of the Planning and Property Development Department of Dublin City Council and pursuant to the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), including section 231(3) thereof, and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), including Part 16 and Article 192 thereof, Dublin City Council do hereby **GRANT** an **OUTDOOR EVENT LICENCE** to the aforesaid Applicant to hold the event 'Dublin Pride 2023' based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the following conditions:

1. The plans, proposals and particulars submitted as part of the Licence application shall be complied with, and in particular the draft Event Management Plan received on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2023, as amended by the updated Event Management Plan and drawings received on 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2023, other than required by the amendments/additions outlined below.

*Reason: in the interests of proper event planning and safety.*

2. This Licence application approval relates to the proposed events as outlined in the draft Event Management Plan received on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2023, as amended by the updated Event Management Plan and drawings received on 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2023.

*Reason: in the interest of clarity.*

3. The approved events shall be conducted in compliance with the Code of Practice for Safety at Outdoor Concerts (Department of Education 1996) where practicable.

*Reason: in the interests of proper event planning and safety.*

4. The parade shall commence at 12:00hrs. Any decision to move off earlier or later will be in consultation with An Garda Síochána and Event

Controller/Safety Officer should there be capacity concerns before the specified start time.

*Reason: in the interest of clarity and safety.*

5. A final event management plan for the events shall be submitted to Dublin City Council and circulated to all parties electronically as early as possible prior to the event but no later than 14 days prior to the event taking place. This plan should include final production schedules, final updated stewarding plans, finalised fully integrated traffic and pedestrian management plans and also final agreed medical plans.

*Reason: in the interests of proper event planning and safety.*

6. The requirements of An Garda Síochána associated with the events shall be complied with and agreed directly with the Gardaí, prior to the holding of the events. No amendments or deviations to the submitted plans for the parade or event at Merrion Square Park and environs shall be made without prior discussion and agreement with An Garda Síochána and Dublin City Council.

*Reason: in the interest of the maintenance of public order, securing the safety of persons at the place in connection with the events and to minimise disruption to the neighbourhood in which the events are to take place.*

7. The granting of this event licence does not permit the applicants to close any public road or footpath unless permission has been granted by the Roads & Traffic Department, Dublin City Council, following the completion of the procedures set out in Section 75 of the Roads Act 1993 or where closed by An Garda Síochána.

*Reason: in the interest of clarity and proper planning*

8. The security personnel, stewards, marshalls and volunteers must be properly briefed on their roles and responsibilities prior to the events, including the requirement to have proper protocols in place to prevent and discourage the consumption of alcohol in public non licenced areas by patrons and participants of the parade and in particular the assembly zones on O'Connell Street and the Gathering at Merrion Square and environs. Particular attention should be given to briefing stewards/security personnel who are assigned to manage the parade movement about the requirement to keep participants and vehicles/floats a safe distance apart both at assembly and during the parade walk itself. No paraphernalia of any sort is permitted to

be passed from or thrown from the participating vehicles/floats, or persons during the parade.

*Reason: in the interests of proper planning and public safety.*

9. The requirements of Dublin Fire Brigade in connection with these events shall be complied with.

*Reason: in the interests of public safety.*

10. Casual trading licences must be applied for a minimum of 14 days in advance of the event commencing in connection with any concession units proposed for the events.

*Reason: in the interests of proper planning.*

11. The requirements of the Emergency Planning Office and the Ambulance Service of the HSE in connection with these events shall be complied with, including the requirements to agree and provide a final fully integrated event medical plan which deals with land and water. The applicant must also comply with the requirements of the recently drafted mitigation protocols to deal with access to the National Maternity Hospital. The applicants appointed Medical Coordinator shall liaise directly with the HSE Emergency Management Office to resolve any further issues relating to medical provision for these events.

*Reason: to ensure the provision of adequate facilities for health and welfare.*

12. The requirements of the Building Control Section of Dublin City Council in connection with the approved event is to be complied with, including a requirement that all temporary structures must be certified by an experienced Chartered Structural Engineer post construction and prior to use. All electrical installations associated with the event must also be certified by an experienced suitably qualified electrical engineer. The relevant structural/safety/electrical certificates should be e-mailed to [pat.nestor@dublincity.ie](mailto:pat.nestor@dublincity.ie) and [john.downey@dublincity.ie](mailto:john.downey@dublincity.ie) post certification and prior to the event commencing.

*Reason: in the interests of general safety at the event.*

13. All reasonable and practicable efforts shall be made to ensure the event is inclusive and accessible to all people, particularly disabled persons.

*Reason: in the interests of securing the safety and appropriate accessibility to all persons at the event.*

14. The requirements of the Environmental Health Sections of Dublin City Council in relation to sanitary accommodation, drinking water, signage and stewarding associated with the event is to be complied with in full.

*Reason: to ensure the provision of adequate facilities for health and welfare and to minimise disruption to the neighbourhood in which the event is to take place.*

15. The applicant shall continue to liaise with the NTA, Irish Rail, Luas/Transdev and bus service providers in respect of these events.

The applicants shall ensure that the appropriate arrangements have been agreed with each service provider to ensure that disruption to their services is kept to a minimum on the day of the event insofar as is practical.

*Reason: to minimise disruption to the neighbourhood in which the events are to take place, to ensure proper planning and safety and to ensure an adequate means of transport to and from the events.*

16. The applicant shall liaise fully with the operators and management of Luas/Transdev in connection with the cessation of services or crossing their service lines. It should be noted that all overhead lines remain live during the course of the Parade. Therefore no balloons, flags, signs or other inflatable objects shall be extended from vehicles/floats/persons taking part in the parade that could come in contact with overhead lines. Any reasonable request from Luas/Trandev for assistance in stewarding/provision of barriers must be complied with.

*Reason: in the interest of ensuring public safety.*

17. Local residents, businesses, building sites, car park operators, hospitals, churches and embassies in the vicinity of each event location shall be notified of the relevant road closures, parking restrictions and any other likely disruption associated with each of the events granted under this licence a minimum 14 days in advance of the commencement of the event.

*Reason: to minimise disruption in the areas that the events are due to take place.*

18. The requirements of the Litter and Waste Management Divisions of Dublin City Council are to be complied with in full.

*Reason: in the interest of proper planning and minimise environmental concerns.*

19. The applicants shall agree a site layout and management arrangements for Merrion Square Park with Dublin City Council's Parks, Bio Diversity & Landscapes Services Division. The agreed layout and management arrangements and measures must be complied with in full and documented in the final event management plan.

The applicants will be liable for any damage that occurs within Merrion Square Park or the surrounding streets that form part of the Event Space as a result of the event taking place.

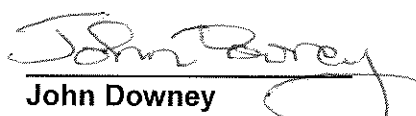
*Reason: to ensure the park is maintained and ensure the park is made safe for patrons and general public to access.*

20. A copy of the public liability insurance cover associated with the approved events shall be submitted to Dublin City Council Planning and Property Development Department, by e-mail a minimum of 14 days prior to the first event.

*Reason: to ensure the maintenance of public liability insurance in association with the events.*

21. If, due to exceptional circumstances, the event or part thereof has to be postponed at short notice, the applicants may hold the event(s) on new date(s)/ times in 2023, only with the prior written approval of Dublin City Council, the Health Service Executive and An Garda Síochána.

*Reason: in the interest of safety of participants, workers, spectators and general public*



**John Downey**  
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**Outdoor Event Licencing Officer**  
**Planning & Property Development Department**  
**Dublin City Council**

**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2023**