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**TRAFFIC**

Due to the sheer volume of people attending Download Festival, disruption to the road network is likely at certain times so please try to plan your journeys to avoid the key routes and the peak arrival and departure times in order to avoid the worst traffic.

This is particularly important this year due to the potential for additional congestion as a result of the roadworks on the A453 between Finger Farm Roundabout Junction 23a and Junction 24 of the M1. Because of the roadworks, we have worked on a new plan with Derby and Leicestershire council highways, Derby and Leicestershire police and Highways England and we will be using some new routes which are outlined below.

**NEW ROUTES**

Our first new route which will be used at peak times on Wednesday 7th and Friday 9th June uses Junction 23 of the M1 – A512 westbound – right onto Zion Hill at Peggs Green – right onto the B5324 – left onto the A453 and into site. This therefore passes close to the villages Shepshed / Thringtone / Peggs Green / Griffydam / Worthington.

Please note that this route will be used intermittently to relieve the pressure at Junction 23a of the M1. It is therefore difficult to predict exact volumes due to the intermittent use, but if we only used this route, this would result in around 1 additional vehicle per minute on this route on Wednesday and Friday. We have calculated this through an analysis of our previous arrival patterns combined with data on this year’s ticket sales.

Our second new route is A38 – Toyota Roundabout – B5008 south through Willington – Repton – Milton – Ticknall – Kings Newton and into site on the B587. This route will be used throughout and we predict it will also equate to around 1 additional vehicle per minute. At peak times we will have staff in Repton with a ‘stop and go’ board managing the narrow sections by Brook End.

**OTHER ROUTES**

Our previous routes also remain:

1. M1 northbound to Junction 23a – A453 westbound into site
2. A50 or M1 southbound to Junction 24a – A50 southbound – A453 southbound and then westbound into site
3. A42 northbound to Junction 14 – A453 northbound and right into site

**PEAK ROUTES**

There is no doubt that the A453 will be busy during the peak times. We would advise avoiding it along its whole length from the A42 Junction 14 to the M1 at Junction 24a wherever possible and in particular during morning and evening rush hour Wednesday and Friday, and from 9pm Sunday to 12pm Monday. We would advise allowing additional time if you need to use it at other times.

The traffic light junction directly outside the main entrance to Donington Park will also be an area of slow traffic movement throughout due to the pedestrians crossing between the festival car parks and the main entrance / exit. There is no right turn during the festival at these lights when travelling from Hilltop / Castle Donington towards Melbourne.

**ARRIVAL TIMES**

Festival entry for campers is spread over three days (Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th and Friday 9th June). Wednesday and Friday are the peak days and Thursday is generally quieter. Then over the show weekend (Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th June) the roads will be busy for a few hours in the morning (8am – 12pm), and a couple of hours in the evening (9.30 – 11.30pm) when day ticket holders are arriving and leaving site.

**EXITING**

All campers have to vacate the campsite by the afternoon of Monday 12th June. This means that the highest volume of traffic coming away from the festival can be expected between the night of Sunday 11th and the afternoon of Monday 12th June. Due to this, it is very likely that we will put a one-way system in place, directing traffic away from Donington Park from 8pm to 2am on Sunday 11th June.

We do have the option to use a one way system on Monday 12th June but we consider it very unlikely that we will need it.

The reason for the one-way system is to divert traffic away from the main festival exit when there will be large volumes of people walking across the road back to the car parks. The one way system runs from Melbourne Lane in the vicinity of Park Farm Hotel eastbound to the junction with the A453 and then southbound on the A453 to just north of the turn to Tonge on Moor Lane.