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NOTIFICATION OF A DECISION UNDER SECTION 231 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)

APPLICATION DATE: 2nd April 2026

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the above-mentioned Act, Wicklow County Council have by order dated 26th May 2026 decided to **GRANT** a licence to hold an outdoor event.

Namely:

Licence to hold an event in accordance with Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The location at which the event is to be held is the lands at Russborough House and Gardens, Blessington, Co. Wicklow. The Event is a multi stage concert and arts event to be held on the 3rd, 4th and 5th July 2026 and associated camping, campervan and carparking facilities available from July 2nd to 6th July, 2026.

Subject to the 23 conditions set out in the Schedule attached

Signed on behalf of Wicklow County Council

**Siobhan O'Brien,
Administrative Officer,
Planning, Development & Environment.**



**SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS
LICENCE UNDER SECTION 231 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)**

Multistage concert and arts event on 3rd to 5th July, camping, campervan and car parking facilities from 2nd July to 6th July 2026 at Russborough House and Gardens, Blessington, Co. Wicklow.

In accordance with Section 231 (3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) I recommend that an event licence for the 'Kaleidoscope' event on the 2nd to 6th of July 2026 at Russborough House is granted, subject to the conditions set out below:

1. This Outdoor Event Licence refers to the Event, which is a music and arts festival 'Kaleidoscope' to be held between the 2nd to 6th of July 2026 (includes camp site availability) as described in the application received on the 2nd of April 2026. The Outdoor Event Licence shall be for a maximum capacity of 20,000 attendees per day. The event shall be implemented in full accordance with these documents save as the conditions hereunder otherwise require.

2. A Final Event Management Plan, including appendices, shall be formally agreed with Wicklow County Council, Wicklow Fire Service, the HSE and An Garda Síochana by the 18th of June 2026. This shall include:
 - a) List of key personnel (Event Controller, Deputy Event Controller, Event Safety Co-Ordinator, Security Co-Ordinator, Site Manager, Medical Co-Ordinator, Site Medical Officer, Noise consultant and Transport/Traffic Co-Ordinator) and their telephone and mobile telephone numbers. This shall include a fire crew to remain on site for the duration of the festival.

 - b) A Final Traffic Management Plan prepared in line with the Traffic Signs Manual as published by the Department of Transport, specifically Chapter 8 Temporary Traffic Measures and Signs. The arrangements identified in the final TMP shall remain in place for the duration of the works. The Traffic Management shall be managed by a suitably qualified person with appropriate training i.e. a holder of a CSCS Construction Skills Certificate Scheme and/ or SLG Sighting, Lighting and Guarding licence. This qualified person shall be at the particular site location at all times when road signing, lighting and guarding is being installed, modified or removed on the roadway.

 - c) The final Traffic Management Plan shall include:



- i) The details of managers, supervisors, operatives etc. to be onsite and their relevant training experience records;
 - ii) Details of external signage plan (locations of all the proposed signage) and detail the installation of signs prior to the event commencing to direct attendees to and from the event. Sign installation shall have regard to Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual when installing/removing and maintaining these directional/information signs. Details of Variable Message Signs (VMS) in accordance with TII's 'Guidelines for the Use of VMS on National Roads';
 - iii) Pedestrian routes to the venue/associated with the venue segregated from vehicular traffic, all pedestrian routes within the venue shall be to a suitable standard and adequately illuminated;
 - iv) Detail any critical junction, gate or other locations (e.g. drop off points) where measures will alter the existing road layout;
 - v) Detail of contingency measures to deal with parking in the event that parking areas become full. Detailing where people will be directed from both south and west. An indicative quantum of spaces that each car park can accommodate shall be included;
 - vi) Detail of how parking associated with the event will be strictly limited to on-site / park and ride parking and how the operator will ensure a "no off-site parking" policy will be maintained during the event;
 - vii) Detail of event lighting in order to clarify it has been positioned in such a manner as to minimise light pollution/glare onto the adjoining road network.
- d) Fire Safety measures (including the provision of a trained firefighting team of 6 persons with Class B fire engine, or similar approved, for the full duration of the event);
- e) List of fairground attractions to assist with fire risk assessment;
- f) An Alcohol Management Plan (this shall clearly state when the serving of alcohol will commence and cease);
- g) Details of liaison with the local community;
- h) Event Medical Plan, that shall include inter alia relevant Contact Details, Safety Regulations, Duties of Event Medical Coordinator, Evacuation Plan, additional Emergency Procedures, as well as a revised Event Medical Plan event map inclusive of the location of the main medical centre and other medical posts within the event area and campsites.



- i) Drinking Water Plan to include strict adherence to the WCC Criteria for Provision of Safe Drinking Water at Outdoor Event, in particular the requirement to carry microbiological and chemical testing of the drinking water on deployment of the drinking water tank and to replace the drinking water in the tanker at 48hr intervals unless microbiological testing has been carried out within each 48hr interval.
- j) Other matters raised to date by Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Wicklow Fire Service, An Garda Síochana, HSE and Wicklow County Council.

The agreed Final Event Management Plan shall be implemented in full.

3. No amplified music shall be played during the following hours:

3rd July 23:30 to 10:00

4th July 23.30 to 10:00

5th July 22:30 to 10:00

No other activity, including (but not limited to) the fairground, use of generators, dismantling or moving of equipment that is likely to cause a noise nuisance to residents shall be carried out between the hours of 23:00 to 08:00 on any day.

4. Site layout plans to a minimum scale of 1:500 shall be formally agreed with Wicklow County Council, Wicklow Fire Service and An Garda Síochana by the 18th June 2026.


These shall clearly show:

- i) evacuation routes and assembly areas
- ii) the number, position and size of outdoor and indoor stages/tents
- iii) the location of speakers
- iv) the layout of the tent camping, campervan and caravan areas
- v) location of observation towers
- vi) location of monuments and protective barriers
- vii) the position of the event control room
- viii) the water supply, toilet accommodation, hand washing facilities, refuse and waste disposal for the food traders/food stalls
- ix) noise monitoring locations
- x) changing places facilities in accordance with the requirements of the Disability Officer

- xii) the location of toilet blocks and sewage holding tanks which should be at least 10m away from any stream, watercourse or open drain or SAC and inspected and emptied at regular intervals by permitted waste contractor.
 - xii) fencing around Car Park(S).
- 5. No vehicles, other than operational vehicles in use by event staff, shall be permitted in tent camping areas.
- 6. An "Accessibility Map" shall be submitted by the 28th of May 2026. The map shall show;
 - a) Routes and areas that are Accessible (by wheelchair) and those that are not Accessible).
 - b) Accessible toilets,
 - c) Navigation routes around concessions, seating areas and viewing stands,
 - d) Accessible parking area (preferably close to the venue),
 - e) Identification of an Accessibility team location,
 - f) Identification of managed fridges for the storage of medication,
 - g) Identification of suitable electric charging points for electric wheelchairs
- 7. The licensee shall comply with the following requirements of the HSE:
 - a) The event medical plan shall be developed in accordance with the recommendations of the Health Service Executive, Emergency Management Office.
 - b) The event medical plan for this event shall be agreed with all medical providers and submitted to the Health Service Executive, Emergency Management Office, no later than two weeks prior to the event.
 - c) Medical / First aid activity [if any] at the event shall be recorded, compiled in an event medical report and forward directly to the Health Service Executive, Emergency Management Office, within one month after the event to include the following information:
 - i. Number of patrons accessing medical / first aid services.
 - ii. Number of patrons requiring actual treatment.
 - iii. Number of patrons removed to hospital.
 - iv. Types of injury / illness(Names and personal details are not required)
 - d) This licence may be suspended by the Licensing Authority at the request of the Health Service Executive due to issues of public safety in relation to major public health risks:
 - e) The granting of this licence is subject to the event organisers adhering to government and local public health requirements applicable to the area in which the



event is to take place. Public health requirements may change between the time of the granting of the licence and the date in which the event is to be held. In this case the most up to date government and local public health requirements shall be adhered to by the event organiser.

- f) Access shall be facilitated to the immediate area for Health Service Executive Community Services providing domiciliary care services to the population adjacent to the venue. Where Hospitals, Health Centres or Residential units are located within Traffic or Pedestrian restricted areas associated with the event, access for Staff, Clients and Visitors must be maintained.
8. The following items shall be agreed between the licensees and An Garda Síochána 14 days in advance of the event:
- a) The event promoter shall apply for any Special Stage effects/Pyrotechnics Displays, if any.
 - b) The event promoter shall apply for the use of drones and similar items, if any.
 - c) A CCTV plan.
9. A final stakeholder meeting shall be organised by the licensee to be held no less than 14 days prior the Event. The licensee shall advise all relevant prescribed bodies including Wicklow County Council, Wicklow Fire Service, HSE, and An Garda Síochána of the meeting session and request that they attend.
10. (a) Exit routes and means of escape shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 15, Code of Practice for Safety of Outdoor Pop Concerts and Other Outdoor musical Events, 1996.
- (b) At all times while the premises is in use for the event, the ground surfaces, including exit routes, must be maintained in a safe condition free from slip or trip hazards etc. This may necessitate the installing of suitable ground coverings. Exit routes must be available for immediate use and capable of safely evacuating the capacity crowd regardless of weather conditions.
- 11.
- a) A suitably qualified noise control consultant with professional indemnity insurance shall be appointed to liaise with all parties, licensee, promoter, sound system supplier, sound engineer, neighbours and the licensing authority on all matters in relation to noise prior to and during the event.
 - b) The noise control consultant shall carry out a survey to determine background noise at locations likely to experience the highest noise levels as a result of the event. A noise propagation test shall be carried out at least 2 hours prior to the start of the
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event in order to set appropriate control limits at the sound mixer position. The sound system shall be configured and operated in a manner as intended for the event. The sound source used for test shall be similar in character the music likely produced during the event.

- c) The music noise level shall not exceed 65dBA over a fifteen-minute period at 1metre from the façade of the nearest noise sensitive location during rehearsals, sound checks and the event between the hours of 08:00-23:00. The music noise level shall not exceed 45dBA over a fifteen-minute period at 1metre from the façade of the nearest noise sensitive location during the event between the hours of 23:00-08:00. Noise levels shall be continually monitored (at least every 30minutes during the event, including operating hours of the late-night area) to ensure these limits are not exceeded.
 - d) The Environmental Health Officer(s) and Licensing Authority shall have access to the results of the noise monitoring at any time.
 - e) A copy of the record of noise monitoring shall be provided to the Planning Authority no later than 3 days following the event.
 - f) The appointed noise control consultant shall submit a report of the implementation of noise control and monitoring sound levels prior to and during the event.
12. A qualified and experienced ecology consultant shall be appointed by the licensee to supervise the site set-up and to monitor species activity before, during and after the event. A report in relation to any impacts of the event on local biodiversity shall be prepared by the ecology consultant and shall be submitted to the Planning Authority within 2 months of the event finishing. Where relevant, the report shall include recommendations for future events.
13. The festival organizer shall commit to and promote a "Leave no Trace" policy among workers and attendees. Implementation details of same shall be included in Final Event Management Plan.
14. Sanitary accommodation shall be in accordance with the Code of practice for Safety at Outdoor Pop concerts and other outdoor musical events 1996 or other appropriate code of practice as agreed in advance by the Environmental Health Officer.



15. Concession units using gas fired cooking equipment shall be sited at least 6 metres from any other unit in accordance with Section 22.5 of the Code of Practice for Safety of Outdoor Pop Concerts and Other Outdoor Musical Events, 1996.
16. All temporary electrical work shall be certified to meet the requirements of the National Rules for Electrical Installations - ET 101.
17. The licensee shall ensure that all items of equipment in operation at the funfair/ fairground shall have valid safety certificates, which shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section 239 (7)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).
18. All construction/development/de-construction/dismantling works at the Event site shall be carried out between the hours of 08.00 and 22.00.
19. The licensees shall be responsible for:
 - i) The removal of structures and the carrying out of any works for the reinstatement of the lands subsequent to the Event, these works shall be completed **by 6.00pm on Thursday 15th of July 2025**, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Authority.
 - ii) The full clean-up of the local area, including Blessington, and the road network on the approaches to the venue affected by the Event. This shall be completed **by 6.00pm on 15th July 2025**, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Authority.
 - iii) The repair of and remedial works arising from any damage caused to public and private property, facilities or amenities associated with the Event. These works shall be completed by 15th of July 2025 unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Authority.
20. The licensee shall maintain public liability insurance cover for the full duration of the Event. Details of the insurance cover shall be submitted for the written agreement of Wicklow County Council not later than 1 week prior to the commencement of the Event.



21. Should the Planning Authority advise the licensee that the Event is not in compliance with the conditions of the Licence the licensee is required to immediately address the matter, in the manner requested by the Planning Authority.

- The licensee shall comply in full with all of the conditions attached to this licence. In holding the subject event the licensee shall have due regard to the provisions of Section 231(3)(b)(iv) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended and the implications of non-compliance with this event licence for future events at this location. The licensee shall also have due regard to the Provisions of Section 233 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended which the Planning Authority may use should the event be held in contravention of the terms of this licence.
- The event licence relates to the subject events outlined above and nothing in this event licence shall be constructed as negating the licensee's statutory obligations or requirements under any other enactments or regulations.

22. A debriefing session organised by the licensee shall be held not later than two weeks after the termination of the Event. The licensee shall advise Wicklow County Council and all relevant prescribed bodies of the debriefing session and request that they attend.

23. Any additional requirements of the Emergency Management Office of the Health Service Executive shall be resolved directly with the office prior to the event.

