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Event Fuel Ltd.,
11 Camden Street Lower,
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Dublin 2.

3rd June 2025.

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

APPLICATION DATE: 4th April 2025

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the above mentioned Act, Wicklow County Council have by order dated 30/6/2025 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, Blessington, Co. Wicklow. The Event is Multistage Concert and Arts Event from 4th to 6th of July with camping, campervan and car parking facilities from 3rd July to 7th July 2025.

Subject to the 25 conditions set out in the Schedule attached

Signed on behalf of Wicklow County Council

**Administrative Officer,
Planning, Economic and Rural Development.**



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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 (AS AMENDED)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO: 2025/571

Name of Applicant: Event Fuel Ltd
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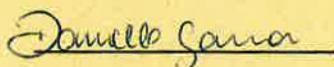
Nature of Application: Permission for Licence to hold an event in accordance with Part XVI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) on 4th to 6th July, 2025 with camping, campervan and car parking facilities and from 3rd July to 7th July 2025

Location of Development: Russborough House, Blessington, Co. Wicklow

RECOMMENDATION: Reports received from Dara Keane, Executive Planner and Suzanne White, Senior Executive Planner

RECOMMENDATION: That permission be granted subject to 25 conditions contained in the schedule attached hereto.

SIGNED:



DATE: 03/06/2025

ORDER:

It is hereby decided that PERMISSION be GRANTED subject to the ~~24~~ conditions contained in the Schedule attached hereto. _{25 (a)}



DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

PLANNING, ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Date:

03/06/25

SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS
LICENCE UNDER SECTION 231 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)
Multistage Concert and Arts Event from 4th to 6th of July with camping,
campervan and car parking facilities from 3rd July to 7th July at Russborough
House, 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 4th to the 6th July 2025 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 3rd July to 7th July 2025 (includes camp site availability) as described in the application received on the 4th of April 2025. 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 20th June 2025**. 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;

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- 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) List of funfair attractions to assist with fire risk assessment;
 - e) An Alcohol Management Plan;
 - f) Details of liaison with the local community;
 - g) Fire Safety Plan;
 - h) Event medical plan
 - i) Other matters raised to date by Transport Infrastructure Ireland, An Garda Síochana, the HSE and Wicklow County Council.

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

3. 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 20th June 2025** 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) changing places facilities in accordance with the requirements of the Disability Officer
4. No vehicles, other than operational vehicles in use by event staff, shall be permitted in tent camping areas.
5. (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.

6. A qualified and experienced noise control consultant shall be appointed to liaise between the licensee, promoter, sound system supplier, sound engineer, Environmental Health Officer and Local Authority on all matters relating to noise control prior to and during the event. The noise control consultant shall carry out a survey prior to the event to determine the background noise levels (as defined by the Code of Practice on Environmental Noise Control at Concerts) at locations around the venue representative of the noise sensitive premises likely to experience the largest increase in noise/highest noise level as a result of the concerts.
7. 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 to ensure these limits are not exceeded and the Environmental Health Officer(s) and Local Authority shall have access to the records of the monitoring at any time. A copy of the record of noise monitoring shall be provided to the Local Authority no later than **3 days following the event**.
8. No amplified music shall be played at the event after 23:30 on the 4th of July, 00:00 on the 05th July and 22:30 on the 6th July and before 8:00 on any day. No other activity, including (but not limited to) the funfair, cinema, use of generators, dismantling or moving of equipment that is likely to cause a noise nuisance to residents shall be carried out between 23:00 and 08:00 on any day.
9. A qualified and experienced ecology consultant shall be appointed to prepare an ecological report, including walkover survey of the event site, prior to the event to include details of habitats (mapped) and species on site and an impact assessment of the festival supported by mitigation measures. The report shall be submitted to and agreed by the Local Authority **1 week prior** to the event and the agreed mitigation measures shall be included in the Final Event Management Plan.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. All temporary electrical work shall be certified to meet the requirements of the National Rules for Electrical Installations - ET 101.
13. The licensee shall ensure that all items of equipment in operation at the funfair 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).
14. All construction/development/de-construction/dismantling works at the Event site shall be carried out between the hours of 08.00 and 22.00.
15. 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 17th 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 Monday 14th 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 the 17th of July 2025** unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Authority.
16. Access routes to the Event shall be maintained free from obstruction during the Event, to ensure that Emergency Services Access is available in the event of an emergency.
17. A trained firefighting team of 6 persons with Class B fire engine, or similar approved, shall be provided on site for the full duration of the event.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. Any additional requirements of the Emergency Management Office of the Health Service Executive shall be resolved directly with the office prior to the event.
22. The event medical plan for this event is to 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.

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23. 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)

24. 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.

The HSE Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) provide the most up to date guidance and supporting documents which are all available at www.hpsc.ie.

- 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. It must be noted that 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 must be adhered to by the event organiser.

25. 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.

- i) 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.