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Re: Marlay Park Concerts

I refer to your correspondence concerning the Marlay Park concerts and, in particular, the matters raised in relation to their management and the associated impact on nearby residential areas.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council fully recognises the importance of balancing the hosting of concerts in Marlay Park with the protection of residential amenity, including for communities within the administrative area of South Dublin County Council.

It is also important to acknowledge that these concerts deliver significant cultural, social and economic benefits. Large-scale events contribute to the vibrancy of the area, support local enterprise, generate employment and enhance the profile of the county as a destination for arts and entertainment. These benefits extend across the wider Dublin region, including areas within South Dublin County Council.

The Council is committed to the careful planning and management of these events. Concerts have been held in Marlay Park for in excess of 20 years and the operational arrangements associated with them are reviewed annually in conjunction with relevant stakeholders. Where appropriate, measures are amended or refined having regard to operational experience, feedback received and the particular requirements of the concert series in any given year.

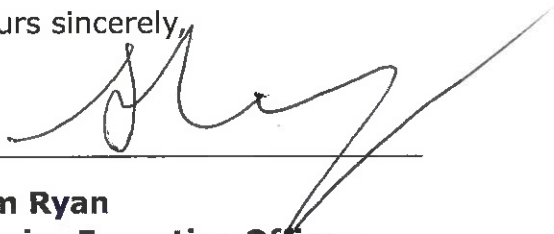
This ongoing review includes consideration of:

- Traffic and transport management strategies
- Noise monitoring
- Communication and advance notification to affected communities
- Event stewarding, policing and public safety arrangements
- Post-event clean-up and environmental management

The Council has, for a number of years, engaged directly with residents' associations, including those within the South Dublin County Council area, both in advance of and following the concerts. This engagement has facilitated the sharing of information and the consideration of concerns raised in relation to the management of the events. The Council will continue this approach through ongoing engagement with residents, event organisers and relevant stakeholders with a view to minimising disruption where possible.

The Council remains committed to ongoing engagement with South Dublin County Council in support of a coordinated and balanced approach to the management of these events. Continued liaison between the respective local authority staff will assist in identifying and implementing practical measures aimed at minimising disruption, while supporting the continued operation of the Marlay Park concert series.

Yours sincerely,



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