



2 June 2026

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**Date: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Dear Resident/Business

Manchester City Council has continued to work very closely with SJM Concerts on event plans to stage the Sounds of the City @ Castlefield event in Castlefield Arena.

Castlefield-based SJM Concerts will stage the annual Sounds Of The City concert programme in Castlefield Arena across 8 evenings **Thursday 2 July – Sunday 12 July** - (gates at 17:00/17:30, end by 23:00).

The concert programme for this year is as follows:

Thursday 2 July	Puressence
Friday 3 July	The Ks
Saturday 4 July	Hacienda Classical
Sunday 5 July	
Monday 6 July	
Tuesday 7 July	
Wednesday 8 July	Wet Leg
Thursday 9 July	Johnny Marr
Friday 10 July	The Streets
Saturday 11 July	The Streets
Sunday 12 July	Sex Pistols

Access to the event will be by pre-obtained ticket only across the days of the event. Qualified security/stewarding staff will be visible to monitor the ingress of the public to the venue in a safe and orderly fashion with staffed gated entry points at the Kenworthy and the Visitor Centre steps. Crowd management of attendees outside of the event site will also be carefully controlled. All security /stewarding staff will be identifiable and GMP is deploying several officers to support the management of the event. A bespoke cleansing plan is in place for the concert site and operatives will also be deployed outside of the event site to assist with managing the removal of litter from the wider Castlefield area.

**BUILD SCHEDULE:** - work will commence **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June** and aim to be clear by **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July**. Due to the nature of works required in construction and the dismantling of the stage, which includes heavy plant operations, such as crane and Forklift Truck(s) movement, public access shall be restricted to 'No Unauthorised Access' during the operational hours of this phase - usually between 8 am-8 pm. The restriction will apply also to foot access from Rice Street to the Y-Club. Access to the Y-Club and canal path area will be maintained at all times via the steps off Liverpool Road.

Where possible access will be granted outside of the operational hours between 2100hrs/9pm until 0700hrs/7 am unless the stage area is deemed unsafe for public.

Production day on **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July and on all show days**, there will be no public access.

**Build & Break:** -Build-up of the event will begin from 25<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The breakdown from post event evening 12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July. Daytime activity will commence from 8am.

**Sunday working hours** – Load-in from **9am**. There will be no building, metal to metal, clanging works until **10am**. Cabling non-audible works will take place from **8am**.

**MOORING RESTRICTIONS:** - will be applied in the Staffordshire and Kenworthy Arms in Castlefield from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026. For event safety reasons the mooring of pleasure craft will be prohibited from using the Staffordshire Arms during the period from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026 until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026. In addition to the prohibition of mooring in the Staffordshire Arms, restrictions will be applied along the canal bank between the Staffordshire and Kenworthy Arms. Floating buoys will be installed to prevent craft from entering the events arena. **Alternative moorings** - subject to availability, pleasure craft may moor at other locations within Castlefield subject to local restrictions.

**IMPORTANT ROAD CLOSURE, PARKING SUSPENSIONS, AND NO WAITING RESTRICTIONS INFORMATION** - For the event to take place and to manage the orderly movement and assembly of the audience from arrival through to dispersal, there will be some temporary parking bay suspensions and no-waiting restrictions in place each evening and a temporary road closure during the period of egress.

**PARKING BAYS SUSPENDED AND NO WAITING ORDERS: -**

Duke Place 5 bays from 27<sup>th</sup> June – 15<sup>th</sup> July Inclusive – 7 x bays (19 days)

Rice Street 4 bays from 27<sup>th</sup> June – 15<sup>th</sup> July Inclusive - 4 x bays (19 days)

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Liverpool Road 4 Dispensations for 2<sup>nd</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> July & 10<sup>th</sup> July – 12<sup>th</sup> July - 4 dispensations (9 days)

**ROAD CLOSURES:** - The main dispersal of the audience will take place between 22:15 and 23:15. To aid swift crowd dispersal after the concert away from the local residential area and create a safe egress environment, a traffic management plan will be in place to close **Rice Street, Stone Street and Duke Street to Castle Street between 22:00 and 23:30**. We will work to minimise the duration of these closures by putting the closures on as late as possible and take off as soon as we can.

**NOISE CONTROL:** - There will be an audible impact from this event, however careful consideration will be given to implementing and exercising a noise management programme during sound checks and events to manage noise from the venue. A noise management plan is in place and the event organisers will be monitoring and controlling sound levels throughout the event both within the site and in the residential area.

The times of amplified sound in the lead up to the event and on the event, days are:

Wednesday 1 July	Thursday 2 July	Friday 3 July	Saturday 4 July	Sunday 5 July	Monday 6 July
Production Day Intermittent Sound	12:00 – 14:00 – Sound Checks	12:00 – 14:00 – Sound Checks	14:00 – 16:00 – Sound Checks		12:00 – 14:00 – Audible Sound
	17:30 – 23:00 – Gates - Curfew	17:30 – 23:00 – Gates - Curfew	17:00 – 23:00 – Gates - Curfew		

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Soundchecks will take place over a two-hour period between the time frames mentioned above. There may be some changes to sound checks timings on the day. Any changes to timings will be communicated to the lead/key representatives of the Residents Forum. Intermittent audible sound will also be heard on Production Day – **Wednesday 1st July.**

**Monday 6, and Tuesday 7 July** – whilst a non-event day, there will be ‘show load-in’- site activity and intermittent audible sound 12noon – 14:00.

**Stage lighting adjustment/programming** - lighting works will be contained to the stage only and not rise above the height of the event site canopy fixture.

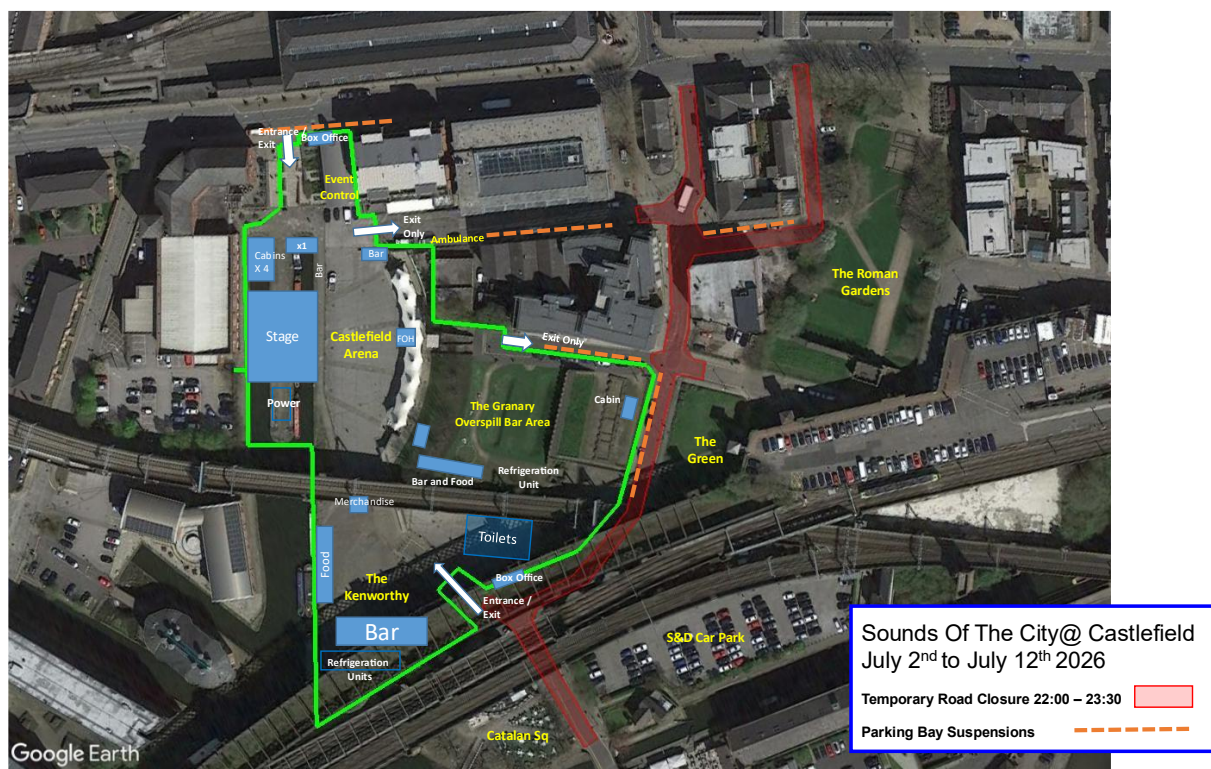
As per previous years, there will be some works on stage after each show. This should be very minimal.

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION/CONTACT LINE:** - Event Control will operate out of the Visitor Centre and will be staffed from 15:00 through to 00:00 on the event days. If you have any concerns prior to the event or the breakdown period or need additional information, please contact the Events Unit – [j.walker@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:j.walker@manchester.gov.uk).

Should you have any queries or complaints during the event days of the live events, please contact MCC event management on **0161 839 4946** – or **07949 727 848**.

**If the nature of your call requires urgent attention you can call the Emergency Site Number – 07961 612 967 which will be staffed from Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June through to Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> July or for general non-urgent enquiries contact [customerservices@SJMCONCERTS.com](mailto:customerservices@SJMCONCERTS.com)**

During the live event, stewards will be positioned along the roads around the event site to help with your queries.



Manchester City Council apologises for any inconvenience this event may cause you and is working with the Castlefield Forum to improve communication between Events organisers and local residents and businesses. For further information about the Castlefield Forum, visit the website [www.ourcastlefield.co.uk](http://www.ourcastlefield.co.uk).

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