

# Civil Service Boat House and Emanuel School Traffic Plan

## Summary

The Civil Service and Emanuel School Traffic Plan (“Traffic Plan”) sets out to help minimise the impact of the rowing head race traffic on the normal usage of the Duke’s Meadows public spaces. In particular the plan addresses traffic flow along the short stretch of The Promenade running east from the Civil Service Boat House towards the Band Stand. It sets out guidance and rules for local and visiting crews to follow to ensure the safe ingress, parking, and egress of guest vehicle traffic to the site. The plan will reflect that the Club has no control over other road users and that the road must be accessible. It also reflects that we have no authority to control where the public park and must plan for this. It does not set out to control or manage the parking or other activities of non-rowing visitors.

With that in mind the Traffic Plan considers three elements: Visiting Crews, Public and Emergency access and is co-ordinated by the designated Traffic Manager.

The Traffic Plan considers the precautions that are necessary to protect the safety of the public and other park users from guest towing vehicle movements, predominantly deployment of personnel to escort vehicles and trailers moving in public areas.

The Traffic Plan does not (and cannot) enforce any speed limits, except for advisory ones for the visitor vehicles where the speed limit is kept to walking pace, this may impact other road users.

## General Notes

The attached site plan shows the layout of the site and the locations which may be used for trailer parking and boat rigging. The ambulance emergency access is also indicated.

A Traffic Manager is appointed to oversee and manage vehicle access and egress from site. This process will include:

- The identification of suitable access routes (shown on the plan)
- Communication of routes/restrictions to the invited clubs
- Maintain a list of invited clubs and their expected vehicles
- Deployment and briefing of Traffic Marshals for the direction and safe marshalling/parking of vehicles related to their guests
- Identification of appropriate parking arrangements for their guests including limits on guest vehicle numbers at the site (this plan)

## Trailer Parking

Visiting trailers may only be parked on the north side of The Promenade and must be parked with the tow bar pointing out between the trees perpendicular or in slight echelon to the line of the road (The Promenade). Where allowed by the trees an echelon arrangement simplifies departure. This area is shown on the attached plan and is additionally marked by signage on site.

When parked boats on trailers may not overhang or otherwise obstruct the passage of traffic on the road.

## Vehicle Parking

Only if space allows tow vehicles may remain with their trailer, otherwise they should be considerably parked further east on The Promenade or in the parking spaces on Riverside Drive. Note that there is a yellow line on the road near the Bandstand and yellow lines on the road opposite the Riverside club, these are active all weekend.

**Visitors are directed not to park on the roadside between the Band Stand and the clubhouse and do not park inconsiderately, dangerously, or illegally.**

For all non-essential visitor vehicles, visiting clubs are advised to avoid bringing them to Dukes Meadows at all if possible.

Alternative parking for cars across the river in Barnes on the other side of the footbridge (post code for satnav SW13 ONP) is a sensible and good option and there are few restrictions on parking. If arriving by public transport, the site is just over the foot bridge from Barnes Bridge station on the South Western Railway. Alternatively, the 209 and 419 buses from Hammersmith Tube/Bus Station both stop at Barnes Bridge.

## Boat Rigging

Boats may only be rigged and unrigged on the south side of The Promenade and must be rigged on trestles bows to river such that each boat is perpendicular to the line of the road. This area is shown on the marked plan.

## Boat Movements

Visiting crews must be considerate to the needs of other traffic and the likelihood that moving, loading and unloading boats will obstruct the road. Accordingly visiting crews will be asked to ensure that they load and unload as follows:

- a. Ensure that space is clear before they start to cross the road
- b. Not block the road whilst waiting to load onto a trailer - i.e. ensure that the planned trailer space is accessible before carrying the boat section to the trailer
- c. Minimise the time spent on the road carrying boats or blades
- d. Only use the designated boat rigging area

Access to the river is via the Civil Service Boat House slipway. Boats must not be carried along the road when moving to or from the river.

## Access to the site

Visiting trailers should approach and leave the site along Riverside Drive and The Promenade.

## Traffic Control

Traffic marshals will be in position during before, during and after the race in order to:

- i. Guide arriving vehicles and trailers to the appropriate parking location
- ii. Communicate information about the parking plan and alternative parking options
- iii. Help communicate with other road users during traffic and/or boat movements, maintain free flow of traffic past waiting trailers/boats
- iv. Minimise the impact of the rowing activities on other park users
- v. Ensure boat and trailer movements do not impede access for emergency vehicles

Marshals will be positioned at each end of the trailer parking/boat rigging areas along The Promenade.

## Emergency Vehicle Access

In the event that an emergency response vehicle requires urgent access, any boats, trailers or tow vehicles must give way and the on-duty marshals will help clear boats or trailers from the road to allow access.

## Public Transport

Vehicle access to and parking at Duke's Meadows is extremely limited, visiting athletes are encouraged to use public transport to reach Civil Service Boat House.

The nearest train station to Duke's Meadows is Barnes Bridge (south side of the river from the Civil Service Boat House) and is served by South West Railways from Waterloo (central London) and Richmond.

Bus routes 209 and 419 (both stopping near Barnes Bridge Station) also serve Duke's Meadows.

## Communication

Details of the Traffic Plan and other relevant information will be communicated to visiting clubs four to five days in advance of the event.

## Site Plan

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Indicative site plan:



Area overview:

