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Monday 10th August 2025

Dear Local Resident,

Please see confirmation of information below regarding Vegan Camp Out at Bygrave Woods, Newnham.

As previously communicated Vegan Camp out is taking place over the last weekend in August 2025.
Dates are

Thursday 28th August
Friday 29th August
Saturday 30th August
Sunday 31st August
Monday 1st September

Event Start and finish times are Thursday 09:00 for carparks and campsites open, and Campsites close on Monday 1st September at 14:00 with site clearance expected by 16:00.

Vegan Camp Out is the world's largest vegan camping festival, as well as being the most international, with campers coming from over 40 different countries each year. The event is 5 days/4 nights of camping, talks, live music, yoga/meditation classes, workshops, and some of the UK's best vegan food.

The arena opens at 14:00 on Thursday 28th August and closes at 14:00 on Monday 1st September.

The total public capacity of the event is maximum 7499.

The estimated construction build and break phases will be from Wednesday 20th August until event open and from event close to Friday 5th September.

Signs will be in place so that construction areas are clear. During this time if you have any concerns, please contact the Event team on **07494 226169**

Noise levels

Programmed entertainment will run as below

Thursday 28th August 12:00 - 23:00
Friday 29th August 11:00 - 01:00
Saturday 30th August 11:00 - 01:00
Sunday 31st August 11:00 - 23:00

Additional to the programmed entertainment sound checks and a sound propagation test will take place before the event.

- Wednesday 27th August - 17:00 to 19:00 - sound system set-up checks (no music)
- Thursday 28th August – 09:00 – 11:00 - sound system tuning
- Thursday 28th August– 12:00 – 13:00 sound system propagation tests

During the sound propagation test we will be running the sound systems individually with short samples of music. This is to enable our Acoustics Consultant to measure the noise levels off site and set the sound systems to the Event Licence noise limits. We do not anticipate any problems; however, we welcome any comments from local residents about the event and have set-up a Community Hotline that will be available throughout the duration of the event.

Community Hotline: **07494 226169**

Traffic Management

A comprehensive traffic management plan will be in place for the event to manage the impact of event related traffic on the local road network.

Construction and deconstruction 20th August to 27th August 1st Sept to 5th Sept

Vehicles associated with the build and breakdown of the site will access and exit via Newnham Road. During peak times, some vehicles may be directed to exit the site via Ashwell Road. Signage will be in place to direct traffic associated with the event.

Event Days – 28th August – 1st September

Signage will be in place to direct traffic associated with the event.

It is expected that the busiest time for arrivals will be between 1400 and 1800 on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th August, and the busiest time for departures will be between 1400 and 2000 on Sunday 31st and 0900 – 1500 on Monday 1st September. Please be aware that roads surrounding the site will be busier than usual during these times and there may be some delays due to the volume of vehicles arriving and departing.

Vehicles will be directed to access and exit the site via Newnham Road. Signage will be placed to advise drivers that there is no access for event traffic via Ashwell Road. During peak times, some vehicles associated with traders & staff may be directed to exit the site via Ashwell Road.

To facilitate the arrival and departure of vehicles for the event the following measures will be in place:

- Event directional road signage for 'Vegan Camp Out.
- Advisory signage to warn vehicles to drive slowly on roads surrounding the site.
- No parking cones on Newnham Road in order to deter parking outside of the venue.
- Temporary traffic control at the site access and exit gates to control traffic entering and exiting the site.
- Traffic control in the village of Newnham to promote traffic flow at the junction of Newnham Road and Caldecote Road.

Staff will be in place to ensure vehicles are parked quickly to reduce any queues forming on roads surrounding the site.

Other information.

There is no pedestrian access to the festival site. The car park is accessible via the main site entrance. This is also the place to drop off & pick up for those attending the event.

Security, Community & Environmental issues

We will manage all waste on site & in the surrounding areas. After the event operatives will clear all litter from the surrounding roads as well as from the site.

During the event if you see something that worries you, please do contact us. Our aim is to prevent issues wherever possible, however the sooner we know about something the sooner we can manage and resolve it.

We welcome any comments from residents about the event and have set-up a Community Hotline that will be available throughout on **07494 226169**

If you have any concerns that you would like to raise, please do contact info@securityandeventsolutions.co.uk and we will be happy to talk to you.

Thank you for cooperating with us, it is very much appreciated.

Kind Regards,

Security and Event Solutions, and the Vegan Camp Out Festival Team