

Notes if needed regarding the Diamond Races meeting in October 2021.

If these points are covered then there will be no need to raise them. These questions are by no means exhaustive and you may wish to add to them. **Note:** We are currently preparing a briefing pack for the Community Public Engagement process. This is taking into account feedback we have already received.

1. At what point in time, prior to Race days will the course set up.
We intend that event preparation starts 2 to 3 weeks prior to the event. There will be some individual works well in advance, such as moving a couple of telegraph poles which are too close to the proposed circuit, temporarily lifting cats eyes, and the treatment of white lines to make them non slippery.
2. On Race days when will the roads be closed to the public and workers; e.g. Farm vehicles cattle movement etc.
Road Closures: Practice Days (Wed, Thu & Fri - 0930 to 1530hrs) 6 hours per day max.
Road Closures: Race Day (Sat – 0930 to 1800hrs) 8.5 hours per day max.
Please note that these will be the maximum closure times during the day.
There will be short breaks in racing where people will be able to cross the proposed circuit.
There are clearly defined emergency procedures with Police/F&RS and Amb to allow 999 to respond when roads are closed.
Sector Marshals and Marshals will tightly control movement (see below).
It is important to note though that once roads are closed, the road will become a race circuit, so there will be no access to the Course unless permission has been granted by the Clerk of the Course in Race Control and in doing so he will ensure all racing bikes have been stopped.
3. Has any thought been given to vulnerable people on the route who have Daily Care Workers attending on a regular basis?
Yes. We intend to engage with each house around the proposed circuit (Circuit Residents) to identify needs and requirements and how we can meet those needs. We will commence this work after the community public consultation briefings in September.
4. Will the full Risk Assessment be available to Parish Councils on the Route and when will that be sent to us?
IoW Council have informed us that in line with Island Events Authorisation Procedure that we must present our final Diamond Races 'Race and Event Safety Plan' (which includes a full risk assessment) to the IoW Safety Advisory Group for their sign off. If this is signed off the Council will have to make a further decision to approve the event.
5. There is talk that Cats Eyes and Road Markings will be removed from the route. When will this occur and will it disrupt residents?
In order to make the route safe for racing, work will need to be undertaken prior to the race. Centre white lines need to be repainted (non-slip paint); road signs on road painted with non-slip paint; manhole covers to be treated with non-slip paint, on military road remove old steel posts; and remove cats eyes on route. The road signage system will also be upgraded (a clip-in, clip-out system) for easy removal prior to racing and put back after racing. This work is currently being costed by Island Roads with associated timeframes.
6. After the event, when will the Cats Eyes and Road Markings be replaced?
Island roads has informed us that they intend to replace the signage and cats eyes immediately after race. The non-slip paint does not require removal. We await the final report from Island Roads over costing and timeframes.
7. How long after the event will roads be back to normal?
Our aim is to return the roads to normal within a few days following the race. We await the final report from Island Roads with timeframes.

8. Bus routes will be affected; what are the alternative routes and when will they be published, as workers could be affected even at the weekend?
Correct bus routes will be affected. We have yet to work out our detailed Traffic Plan, but please be assured that we will be putting together our plan with the local bus company and we intend to lay on many more buses (Shuttle buses for people between Yarmouth, Fishbourne, East Cowes and West Cowes and Ryde to the circuit) to move people around the island so that they can get to the race on by bus/foot.
9. Emergency calls, 999, Ambulance calls for Residents, how will these be covered if on the route?
We will consult the emergency services to ensure we produce a completely integrated response plan (Police, F&RS, Amb, Air Amb and Hospital (Newport, Southampton and Portsmouth)). The emergency services will be located in Race Control HQ so all 999 procedures will remain active with well establish race interruption protocols to respond to 999 from residents close to the course. A Chief Medical Officer and team with significant experience of supporting such events have been appointed by the Race Organisers (ACUE Ltd) to lead the planning and implementation.
10. Marshalling, at what point in time, prior to the race will Marshals be in place?
We have identified 80 Marshal points along the route to achieve line of sight marshalling. There will be a Chief Marshal, 6 x Sector Marshals and 80 Marshal points (manned by 240 marshals on rotation). All marshals will be trained to national and international standards and will be equipped with all the necessary flags and a robust radio system to support robust communications back to Race Control where the Emergency Services will also be based.
11. There is one Doctor's Surgery directly on the Route. Will this be closed on a weekday?
We are aware of this Doctor's Surgery and we intend to liaise with that surgery directly to understand the requirements of them and their patients as part of our Circuit Residents engagement process.
12. Spectators. What are the plans for race goers who want to see the Start/Finish and other aspects of the route? Where are they going to park and at what stage Must they be in position?
We are currently working through our plans for spectators, accommodation, catering, transport, parking, entertainment etc – this includes any Race Villages, Trade Village (to promote the island) We are focusing along the military road for our start and finish and for our other requirements, but it is too soon to announce our plans in this area – the event is scheduled for October 2021.
13. Safety of all is imperative; ALL LIVES MATTER, and the previous question is an important one?
SAFETY IS OUR No 1 PRIORITY and that is why we are taking our time to get this lay down correct. We understand that our Race & Event Safety Plan must be signed off the IOW Safety Advisory Group and the Council itself.
14. Will viewing be allowed at Whale Chine Car Park, Atherfield Camp Site and Chale Green what Safety measures are planned for them?
Clearly, we are aware of all of these sites and it would be premature to comment at this moment. In putting this proposal together, we need to examine all options. Please note: any event sites selected for use to support Diamond Races will have to be compliant with the 'Race and Event Safety Plan'.
15. Will adequate marshalling be in place, especially at Key spectator viewing points as in previous question?
Yes. It is our intention to provide additional event marshals over and above the race marshals.

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