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John,

We note that a point is made in the review about the Traffic issues and so we have obtained a commentary from our Clients (and their traffic consultants) which I have sought to put into précis form. I hope this is of assistance...

The traffic plan in 2009 was designed and agreed with the police, council and contractors in such a way to have minimum impact on the local area whilst the event was on. The main concerns in the planning stages were queues on the A31 during the inbound phase and problems with the crossing points.

In planning the Traffic plan for the 2009 Glade festival our clients consulted the police and council and agreed a package of measures that were felt to be suitable and adequate for the amount of traffic attending.

These measures took into account the local population and as a result the traffic management was removed, once the main traffic was in on Thursday and replaced on the Sunday and Monday, for the exit.

All signage manning and plans were agreed with the relevant parties and we have had no specific information that backs up the claims made in the application, from either the council or the Police as part of the debrief process.

No problems were brought to our client's attention during the event or after, relating to queuing traffic entering the site.

In fact our clients consultant can categorically say that having been on site during the inbound phase, that the only time we had any traffic hold up was between 11am and noon on the Thursday for around 5 minutes, when the security operation taking place at the gate, failed to adopt the heavy traffic policy early enough and there was a queue of around 20 to 30 cars, out of the entrance at gate 1.

At no time during the Festival were the outside lanes of the A31, adjacent to the site, queued back from the venue, causing queues of any length.

During the exit phase on the Monday there were some queues getting back to the motorway, as signage was not clear enough to take traffic back to the correct junction on the motorway. This has already been corrected in this year's proposed traffic plan and it is expected to eliminate any delays, experienced on the Monday, after the event in 2009.

Further our client's consultant believes that the statement made in the review document is mistaken and may relate to another event, but at no time were there queues in the inbound lane long enough to cause through traffic any delays or compromise public safety. In fact our staff made regular runs along the A31 both East and West, to check on the traffic management in place and reported no delays whatsoever.

As part of the agreed traffic plan our client's consultants were required to make regular checks of the traffic management. As part of these hourly checks on the Thursday of the event our consultant's staff experienced no delays in the through traffic lane in any direction whilst checking the cones. It is because of these regular checks that we are confident of our observations and comments.

Steve Russell-Yarde is responsible for the traffic Planning at V festival Chelmsford, Glastonbury Festival, Global Gathering, Reading Festival and Leeds Festival. As well as advising on the F1 traffic plan and is currently advising the ODA in relation to the Olympic traffic operation.

We trust this may be included in the papers before the committee the week after next
Your sincerely
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