



ARE YOU READY FOR A... **BRASS EXPLOSION 2010**

Thank you for taking part in the 8th Annual Brass Explosion Show, which will take place at Stafford Rangers Football Club, Marston Road, Stafford, ST16 3BX on Sunday 5th September 2010.

Your support is much appreciated and we sincerely hope that your members, staff and supporters enjoy the day and find it to be one of the best shows on the BYBA competitive calendar!

We hope you enjoy your day at Brass Explosion and wish your unit the best of luck for the show! If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate in contacting the organising team via the details shown in the 'Emergency Contact' section of the pack.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

DOORS OPEN:

No access will be allowed to the site before **10.00 hrs**

Band / Corps Reception will be adjacent to the truck park and will open at **10.00 hrs**

Spectators Entrance will open at **10.30 hrs**

ADMISSION CHARGES:

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| Adult: | £6.00 |
| Children (14-): | £4.00 |
| Senior Citizens: | £4.00 |
| Programmes: | FOC |

PARKING:

Coaches

Coaches will be parked on the industrial estate on the 'Abra-Power Ltd' Company Car Park. Please refer to the site map and follow directions on arrival. The Car Park is situated about a 3 minute walk from the Entry Report Gate.

Please be aware that you will have to cross a road so please make sure you take due precautions for your members when doing so!

Equipment Trucks

Equipment trucks will park on the main club parking area so that your pit equipment is near to the stadium. (*Refer to Site Plan*). Please ensure your Truck displays the Truck Pass included in the Pack and that the Pass is marked with your Drivers Contact Number in the dotted box on the top right hand side of the Pass. Please note this number will only be used by BE staff in the event of health and safety issues or emergencies.

Please note that Brass Explosion hold no responsibility for loss or damage to any vehicles whilst at the show, situated either on the industrial estate or the main club parking area. Parking is at owners own risk!

Cars

Cars should NOT ENTER the main club parking area, instead should park on the Industrial Estate opposite the venue. Passengers should then follow the direction signs to the Spectators Entrance. Please ask your supporters to try and find car parking space on the industrial estate opposite (*there are numerous company car parking spaces that are not in use on a Sunday*).

Please note that Brass Explosion hold no responsibility for loss or damage to any vehicles whilst at the show, situated either on the industrial estate or the main club parking area. Parking is at owners own risk!

NOTE: Members must take due care when in the parking areas. This is a very busy and congested area. It is the responsibility for the individual Bands / Corps to ensure they are adequately supervised.



ARRIVING/REGISTRATIONS

ARRIVALS:

Coaches should approach the venue via Junction 14 M6 (*see directions*).

Upon arrival the Band Master / Corps Director must report to Band / Corps Reception, to register the Bands / Corps arrival. Please have your registration/capitation form ready, together with any information and band history that you would like announced after your arena performance, plus your MP3 Players clearly marked (maximum of 8 MP3's for all Divisions, apart from Cadet units which is a maximum of 2 MP3's). Identification will be issued for band and staff members in accordance with BYBA rules.

Bands / Corps members MUST remain with their vehicle(s) until they have been issued with their identification. The identification must be worn at all times.

WRISTBANDS:

These will be issued to your personnel on arrival at Band / Corps Reception and will correspond with BYBA Registration/Capitation forms. Please ensure you have your registration/capitation forms ready noted with all members competing on the day. Please note there will be a pass inspection at the Arena Entry Gate. Staff passes will be issued in accordance with BYBA rules and the Staff Capitation/Registration Form, additional staff passes can be purchased at a cost of £5 per pass from Band / Corps Reception.

It will be the responsibility of the Corps Directors / Band Masters to ensure that each wristband is properly affixed to its owner. Pass Holders without a properly fixed band will not be allowed into the stadium under any circumstances. Please ensure all wristbands are affixed to the wrist and NOT on ankles. Any pass holder losing their wristband will have to purchase a ticket to access the stadium.

SPECTATORS:

Spectators should follow the direction signs to the arena. Seating will be in the main stand and along either side of the arena, please do not block the entry / exit points.

STADIUM INFORMATION:

The stadium is located in close proximity to residential areas. Playing of any instrument will NOT be allowed, except for your performance within the stadium and the official Tune up Area on the Industrial Estate. Corps Directors / Band Masters are responsible for the behavior of their members & staff at all times. Please show due respect and courtesy to all Brass Explosion staff and other unit members.

Members should take due care when in the Stadium area; please also inform members to be seated and quiet, other than showing support during performances. Moving in and out of the stand should only take place during breaks in the performance.

Note: No vehicles will be allowed to enter the arena area! This area will be designated PEDESTRIAN ONLY for safety reasons. Emergency Vehicle access will be granted if required.

SMOKING POLICY:

In accordance to site rules there will be NO SMOKING on or around the premises.

PERFORMANCE SPECIFIC

CHANGING FACILITIES:

There are no on-site changing facilities so Bands / Corps will change on their own coaches.

ARENA:

The arena is of standard size 300' x 160' with a grass surface and will be marked out in accordance with BYBA rules. Entrance and exit is to the rear. Please observe the Arena Marshall's instructions. Please Note that under no circumstances must any form of peg or anchor be driven into the playing area. This is under strict instructions from the Football Club plus it could also be a danger to other competitors resulting in injury. Any breach of this rule will result in penalties!

REHEARSAL FACILITIES:

Our rehearsal venue this year is at Monckton Recreation Centre, Pinfold Lane, Penkridge. ST19 5QP

Monckton Recreation Centre is a community run charity that provides a sporting venue for the local community and surrounding areas, and we have teamed up with Monckton Centre to give you a better rehearsal facility than past years.

No access to the site before 9.30am.

Please be mindful that there will be football games going on in the morning, so please ensure that the rugby pitch are to the furthest right hand side is used. (See diagram below).



Toilet Facilities are available on site.

Extra parking can be used at the Penkridge Train Station.

Please note when planning your journey to the rehearsal venue that there is a bridge to get through to Pinfold Lane, which is approx 10'0 high.



Please Note: No other rehearsing is permitted within the border area of Stafford except at Monckton Recreation Centre. Any unit found to disregard this rule will be in breach of BRASS EXPLOSION Event License rules and may lead to referee penalties.

TUNE UP AREA:

There is no formal Tune Up or Warm up times however the industrial estate is available for any Corps or Band needing to warm and tune up. Please respect the noise levels for the sake of both the arena performances and our neighbours! The Industrial Estate is NOT to be used for general rehearsing and is only for warm up/tune up before your units' performance.

Band & Corps are responsible for guiding their own members across the road to tune up area.

BAND/CORPS PERFORMANCE TIMES:

Please refer to the timetable and ensure that you report to the Band / Corps Assembly Point in good time. You will be responsible for ensuring your Band / Corps adheres to the timetable, penalties may be imposed for late arrival. Contest Directors reserve the right to alter the performance times to ensure continuity but such alterations will be kept to a minimum.

PIT EQUIPMENT:

Pit equipment is to be brought in via the entrance marked on the site layout. Please note that we are operating a one way system for equipment traffic, with equipment being brought into the area at the top entrance near the Band / Corps Holding Area and out of the bottom gate near the spectator entry turnstiles.

A holding area for Pit Equipment has been marked on the site plan to allow you to move your equipment into place near the arena before your units' performance time. Please ensure your Pit Crew follow the Pit Marshalls instructions clearly. When entering the performance space, please ensure that equipment is lifted onto the pit area to save damage to the pitch. Once your unit has performed, equipment must be moved out of the arena area and back to the truck area.

RETREAT:

All Bands / Corps will be lined up at the back of the arena and will march on together (*please line up in order of performance and follow stewards directions*). A nominated unit will be asked to play onto the arena. Each Drum Major will be asked to bring their units to Set / Ready. The Drum Major of the Band / Corps that has been nominated to play onto the arena will then give the command to 'Mark Time'. All Bands / Corps are to then step off together. Each class winner will have the option of playing their own class off the arena.

WINNERS REPEAT PERFORMANCES:

Repeat Performances are offered to the Winners of Division 1 as an extra feature of the show and are subject to time restrictions and weather conditions. *Contest Directors have the right to withdraw this feature if deemed necessary.*



FLOOD LIGHTING:

Our winners repeat performances will be done under flood lighting. This is also to ensure we have adequate lighting for the final retreat and critiques. Floodlighting is dependent on weather conditions at the time.

AWARDS:

Awards will be issued to Bands / Corps on their placing at the competition, which you will be able to keep; these shall be announced in reverse order with the points scored. Sectional placings will be announced and awarded. *Please note Brass Explosion do not issue trophies but awards that you can keep.*

RESULTS CENTER:

Results will be posted on the Official BYBA Website within 90 minutes of the end of the show. Please check www.byba.org.uk after retreat for full recap sheets.

ON SITE FACILITIES

CATERING:

There will be catering & refreshments adjacent to the arena to provide hot & cold food and drinks throughout the day which will include Bacon Rolls, Hot Dogs, Cheese & Beef Burgers, Veggie Burgers and Chips. A bar is available for adults in Stafford Rangers Social Club.

FIRST AID:

Cover will be provided by members of the Staffordshire St John Ambulance. Please familiarize yourself with the position of the first aid unit (*marked for convenience on the site plan*) upon your arrival.

BOOSTER STALLS:

Only stalls previously registered may be erected. **No food or drink to be sold, small flags or tombola's.** Please see the attached plan of the venue for the booster stall position and pay your £15.00 stall fee at reception. Stalls need to be set up before the competition commences, please advise us in advance if you are unable to do this so we can make arrangements for you.



OTHER INFORMATION

JUDGES COMMENTARY / MP3 PLAYERS:

These will be available from the Band / Corps Reception, approx 30 minutes after your performance. Please ensure you give your MP3 Players into Band / Corps Reception on arrival. A total of 8 MP3 Players can be handed into Band Reception (a total of 2 MP3 Players for Cadet Units). All Judges Commentary will be transferred onto all MP3 Players handed in. Please ensure all MP3 Players are clearly marked up with your Units name and handed in a zipped plastic wallet.

VIDEO :

Due to various problems with providing a video service in the past we have decided to with draw this service. However, a cordoned off area at the top of the Seating Stand to allow for 1 person per unit to record their own performance will be provided. This area will be located at the Left hand side of the Stadium Stand, to the left of the announcers' box and will be cordoned with Red Tape and will be clearly marked. To ensure we can police this area suitably, and to ensure the best view for all units to record their show, we ask you to let us know if you are intending to record your units' performance by marking this information on the announcers' sheet.

SCORE SHEETS:

A limited number of photocopies will be available for purchase, cost 20p per sheet from the Tea / Coffee booth after the completion of the presentations.

TOILETS:

Toilets will be available around the venue, these will be clearly marked: **Please leave them tidy.**

LITTER:

Please help to keep the stadium tidy by using the litterbags/bins provided.

ETIQUETTE:

Please ensure both your supporters and members show respect for all other units and follow the Spirit of the BYBA. Please also ensure they understand that there will be no movement allowed in and out of the main stand during performances!

CRITIQUE:

Please ensure you confirm your critique place with Band Reception on arrival.

Critique will take place in the marquee at the End Zone on Side 2 of the arena and will be clearly marked.

Critique for Cadets & Division Three will be held immediately after the first retreat, Division Two, One & Associates critique will be held after the final retreat.

Will Band Masters / Corps Directors please ensure that their Bands/Corps are not left totally unattended whilst your staff attends critique.



LIABILITY:

Please note that Brass Explosion will not be held responsible for the damage, loss or theft of any instruments or personal belongings of any Band / Corps members and supporters. All vehicles are parked at the owner's risk.

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

For queries before the day: Please contact Jay Howard via the email addresses shown below.

For queries on the day: Please contact Dave Milton using the Mobile number provided below or speak to one of the BE Staff who will be clearly marked with a Brass Explosion ID Badge.

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| Dave Milton | Jay Howard |
| Contest Director | Assistant Contest Director |
| Tel: 07770792939 | |
| Email: davemilton@brassexplosion.co.uk | Email: jayhoward@brassexplosion.co.uk |

Please note that on the day select Brass Explosion staff will have 2 way radio communications to ensure that any issues or queries are resolved quickly and effectively.

APPENDIX - PERFORMANCE TIMETABLE

| Draw | Unit Name | Gate | Entry | Play | Exit | Critique |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| Division 3 | | | | | | |
| 1 | Halifax BB/GB | 10:55 | 11:00 | 11:04 | 11:12 | Yes |
| 2 | Stafford Brigades | 11:09 | 11:14 | 11:18 | 11:26 | Yes |
| 3 | Coseley Comets | 11:23 | 11:28 | 11:32 | 11:40 | Yes |
| 4 | Doncaster Danum | 11:37 | 11:42 | 11:46 | 11:54 | Yes |
| 5 | Stafford Lancers | 11:51 | 11:56 | 12:00 | 12:08 | Yes |

| Cadets | | | | | | |
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| 1 | 37th Kingswood Cadets | 12:05 | 12:10 | 12:14 | 12:18 | Yes |

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| Retreat 1 | 12:28 | - | 12:38 | 13:13 |
| Judges Lunch | <i>Start</i> | 12:23 | <i>End</i> | 13:08 |
| Critique 1 | <i>Start</i> | 13:13 | <i>End</i> | 13:55 |

| Division 2 | | | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| 1 | Beeches Cadets | 14:02 | 14:07 | 14:11 | 14:24 | Yes |
| 2 | East Coast Elite | 14:21 | 14:26 | 14:30 | 14:43 | Yes |
| 3 | Phantom Knights | 14:40 | 14:45 | 14:49 | 15:02 | Yes |

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| Short Break | <i>Start</i> | 15:06 | <i>End</i> | 15:20 |
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| Division 1 & Associate | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| 1 | Poynton Commodores | 15:17 | 15:22 | 15:26 | 15:39 | Yes |
| 2 | Warwick Girls | 15:36 | 15:41 | 15:45 | 15:58 | Yes |
| 3 | Revolution Show Corps | 15:55 | 16:00 | 16:04 | 16:17 | Yes |
| 4 | 37th Kingswood | 16:14 | 16:19 | 16:23 | 16:36 | Yes |
| 5 | Spirit of Coventry | 16:33 | 16:38 | 16:42 | 16:55 | Yes |

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| Retreat 2 | 17:00 | - | 17:10 | 17:35 |
| Critique 2 | <i>Start</i> | 17:35 | <i>End</i> | 18:31 |

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| Div 1 Repeat | 17:35 | 17:40 | 17:44 | 17:52 |
| Clear Site | - | - | - | 18:45 |

APPENDIX – JUDGES ALLOCATION

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| Chief Judge | Paul Morgan |
| Music Effect | Paul Morgan |
| Visual Effect | Mark Nicholson |
| Ensemble Visual | Paul Cartwright |
| Ensemble Music | Roy Powell |
| Colour Guard | Ian Kirk |
| Field Visual | TBC |
| Field Wind | Marie Leighton |
| Field Percussion | Neil Cuddeford |
| Turnout | Cath Sheldon |
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| Timekeeper | Sarah Marshall |
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| Tabulator One | Wendy Bawden |
| Tabulator Two | Roger Ash |



APPENDIX – DIRECTIONS



Sunday 5th September 2010
Stafford Rangers Football Club
Marston Road
Stafford
Staffordshire
ST16 3BX

DIRECTIONS TO THE VENUE

Post Code for Sat Nav: ST16 3UF *(This will take you right outside to the entrance)*

From A34 North: On the outskirts of the town centre at first roundabout, take the 1st exit (turn left) onto Beaconside Road. Continue along this round and take the 3rd turning on the right onto the Common Road. Continue on this road, over the bridge and follow the road to the left. Stafford Rangers FC is on the right. Trucks only can park on Stafford Rangers FC (turning right) and all other traffic (coaches, mini buses, cars & trailers) can park on the Industrial Estate (turning left onto Drummond Road).

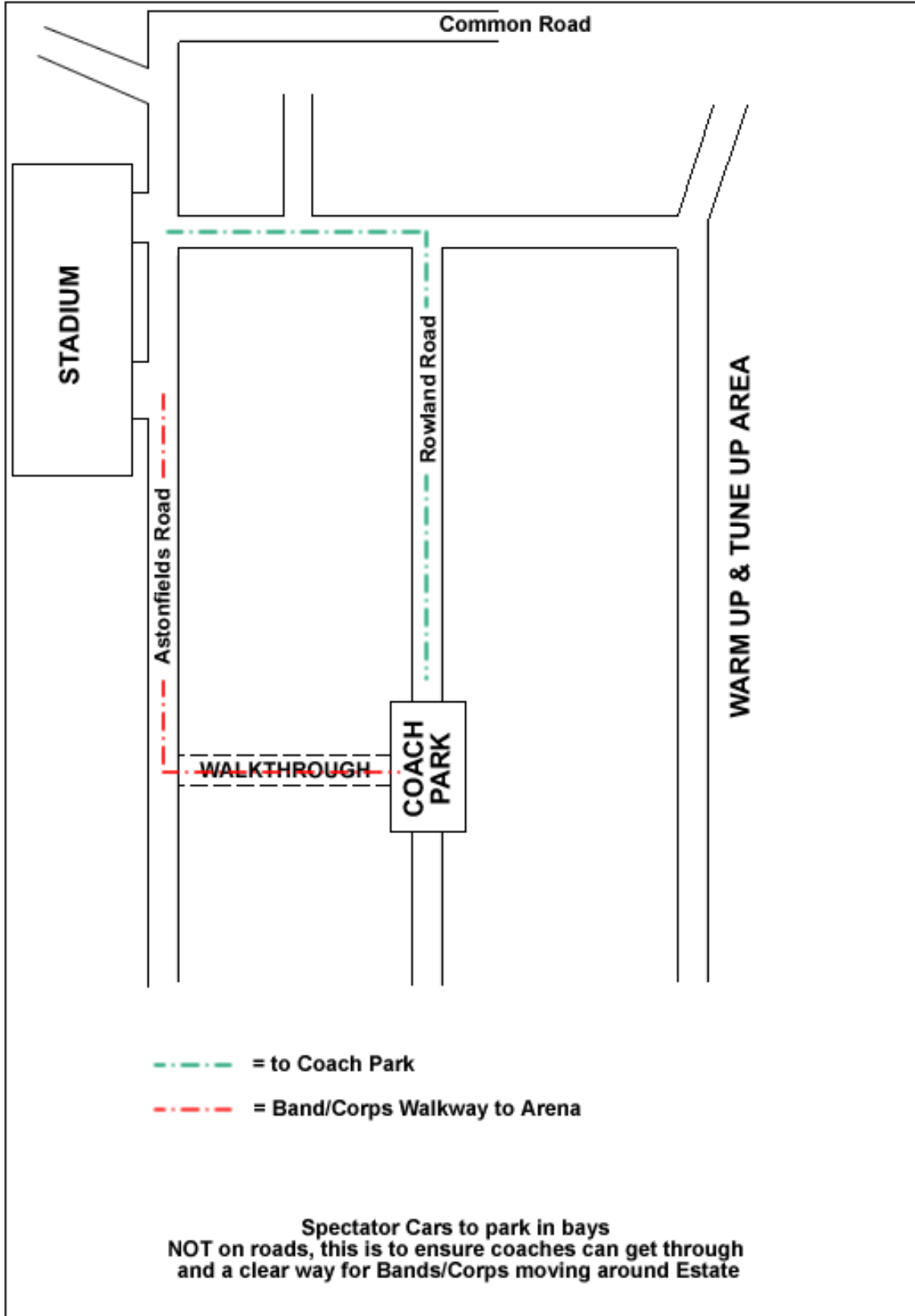
From Town Centre: From large roundabout at the north end of the shopping area (Sainsbury's & Guildhall Shopping Center Areas), follow signs for A34 (Stoke) onto Greyfriars Road (Dual Carriageway), past Halfords, going through 3 sets of traffic lights. At the roundabout (McDonalds and Ford Bristol Street will be in front of you) take the 2nd Exit onto the Stone Road (A34). Follow this road all the way up onto the dual carriageway and at the next roundabout take the 3rd exit (turning right) onto the Beaconside Road. Continue along this round and take the 3rd turning on the right onto the Common Road. Continue on this road, over the bridge and follow the road to the left. Stafford Rangers FC is on the right. Trucks only can park on Stafford Rangers FC (turning right) and all other traffic (coaches, mini buses, cars & trailers) can park on the Industrial Estate (turning left onto Drummond Road).

From A518 (Uttoxeter): after passing the County Showground, turn right at the next roundabout (by the University and Fire Station) onto Beaconside Road. Follow this road for approx. 2 miles, past RAF Stafford and take the next left after the second set of traffic lights onto the Common Road. Continue on this road, over the bridge and follow the road to the left. Stafford Rangers FC is on the right. Trucks only can park on Stafford Rangers FC (turning right) and all other traffic (coaches, mini buses, cars & trailers) can park on the Industrial Estate (turning left onto Drummond Road).

From M6 South: follow signs for Stoke-on-Trent and leave the motorway at Junction 14 (Stafford North). At the roundabout on the junction take the 1st Exit sign posted for Stafford (A34). At the mini roundabout continue straight ahead past the Travel Inn and Shire Horse Pub. At the main roundabout continue straight on (2nd Exit) onto the Beaconside Road. Continue along this round and take the 3rd turning on the right onto the Common Road. Continue on this road, over the bridge and follow the road to the left. Stafford Rangers FC is on the right. Trucks only can park on Stafford Rangers FC (turning right) and all other traffic (coaches, mini buses, cars & trailers) can park on the Industrial Estate (turning left onto Drummond Road).

From M6 North: follow signs for Birmingham/Wolverhampton and leave the motorway at Junction 14 (Stafford North). At the roundabout on the junction take the 1st Exit sign posted for Stafford (A34). At the mini roundabout continue straight ahead past the Travel Inn and Shire Horse Pub. At the main roundabout continue straight on (2nd Exit) onto the Beaconside Road. Continue along this round and take the 3rd turning on the right onto the Common Road. Continue on this road, over the bridge and follow the road to the left. Stafford Rangers FC is on the right. Trucks only can park on Stafford Rangers FC (turning right) and all other traffic (coaches, mini buses, cars & trailers) can park on the Industrial Estate (turning left onto Drummond Road).

APPENDIX – SITE PLAN (includes Car Park & Tune up Areas)



APPENDIX – ARENA PLAN

