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| **PERMISSION TO HOLD AN EVENT IN PARKS AND GREENSPACES** | |
| Event | FLY – Summer of Love ‘92 |
| Park | Leith Links |
| Organiser | Watchtower Clubs & Tours LTD |
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| Date of Event  Time of Event | **On-site** Monday 13 May  **Event Days**  Saturday 17 May (12noon – 11pm) Sunday 18 May (12noon – 10pm)  **Off-site**  Thursday 23 May |
| **EVENT BACKGROUND** *(provided by applicant)*  FLY is Scotland’s premier youth music festival which has taken place at prestigious locations in and around Edinburgh including Hopetoun House (Scotland’s finest stately home) and Princes Street Gardens (UNESCO World Heritage Site). FLY is a celebration of youth culture and one of Europe’s leading electronic music events having been shortlisted for numerous awards. FLY generates over £2m for the local tourist economy with a sizeable portion of ticket sales coming from outside of Scotland and the gig also creates over 250 jobs across the weekend and raises £10,000+ for local and national causes. In 2022 Watchtower Group were certified as carbon neutral and recycled 98% of all waste. For 2024 the event would like to move from its usual May location at Hopetoun House to a city centre park in order to benefit from better transport links and improve customer experience.  The performance will be focussed on one main stage/big top tent with one smaller stage for local DJs as well as the ‘Disco Defender’, converted land rover defender providing background music at the food court area. The show will run for 2 days across the 3rd weekend in May: Saturday 18th May: Noon – 11pm & Sunday 19th May: Noon – 10pm  The capacity will be 6,000 people per day and the average age of our ticket purchaser is 22. In 2023 we invested heavily in both production and operations, adding a new stage design, sound and lighting to create the best show on offer in Edinburgh. We also increased medical and welfare provision, conducted extensive team training and introduced a progressive code of conduct named “FLY Fundamentals” through which we aim to eradicate instances of discrimination.  **INFRASTRUCTURE & IMPACT**  The site will have a perimeter fence constructed of Steelshield Hoarding. Internally there will be a big-top tent, sound, lights and SFX equipment, bins, porta cabins, smaller marquees for bars and catering facilities as well as toilets and other miscellaneous site infrastructure. All equipment will come from trusted suppliers with most of it coming from the local area.  The area within the perimeter of the fence line will be closed to the public during the build/live and break. This leaves large sections of the park usable during the duration of the event.  There will be 200 stewards working at the events with tickets ranging in price from £40 - £60.  FLY does pledge charitable donations after each event. Our 2023 edition supported cancer charity Friends of Anchor and our ticket levy raised thousands for park improvements for Princes Street Gardens.  Food, drinks and merchandise (t-shorts, hats etc) will be on sale. Music performance will take place. All appropriate licences and permissions will be obtained.  **PARKS OFFICER COMMENTS**   * Concerns about type of music, running time and proposed late finishing time – *running time and close would be determined at EPOG if application passes the engagement process.* * Size and orientation of tent - *to be discussed with organisers.* * Tracking required for build and breakdown. * TTRO required to park lorries on street for unloading and equipment forklifted onto site. * Query the size and noise of generators - *to be discussed with organisers.* * Numbers of toilets – *to be determined at EPOG if application passes the engagement process and required as part of an Event Management Plan.* * First Aid cover - *to be determined at EPOG if application passes the engagement process and required as part of an Event Management Plan.* * Security – *as above.* | |