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ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR WITHIN KELVINGROVE PARK

You will be aware of the ongoing issues regarding antisocial behaviour, noise, litter, large scale disturbances and alcohol consumption, particularly amongst young people, within Kelvingrove Park. Glasgow City Council Neighbourhoods and Sustainability (NS) and Police Scotland have been working together with partners including Glasgow Life, NW Youth Forum, Education and various third party organisations to tackle the issues here.

Despite Covid-19 lockdown restrictions, Kelvingrove has seen thousands of people gather in the park, often without any regard for physical distancing.

To tackle the issues arising a number of joint actions are being taken to increase the safety of park users, local residents and frontline staff deployed into the area. An increase of resource deployments including Police Officers, Community Enforcement Officers and mobile CCTV will be in the area during determined priority days and key calendar dates. Licensing Standards Officers are also liaising with local licensed premises to ensure that license holders are continuing to sell alcohol responsibly.

We are currently working with third sector partners and surrounding Local Authorities to formulate and execute a youth engagement and intervention framework including street workers, positive diversionary activities and support interventions for young people entering the park. We believe prevention; engagement and education are key factors to tackling the issues and will allow us to highlight the wider consequences of large groups gathering.

To help manage the open space more effectively on days when large numbers are anticipated, ten of the park's sixteen entrances will be closed with immediate effect. This means that visitors are channeled through six entry points to the north, south, south-west and east of the park. (see map below)

On those days when large numbers are expected, council officers will be stationed at the gates with support from the police to remind visitors of the park management rules, including the prohibition on drinking alcohol. Anyone seeking to enter the park with alcohol will be either be asked to dispose of their alcohol before entering the park or refused entry. Additional bins will also be sited at the open gates on busier days.

Communication materials have been installed at entrance points and at hotspot areas within the park to remind patrons of the rules. As part of the communication strategy we will be increasing the messaging through our social media channels highlighting the parks are a welcoming space and that unacceptable behaviour and alcohol consumption will not be tolerated. You can stay involved with this via @GlasgowCC and @GlasgowNWP

We are firm in our message that Kelvingrove Park is a welcoming family friendly space; however we cannot allow issues of antisocial behaviour and alcohol consumption within the park to undermine this message. We wish for everyone to enjoy Kelvingrove Park and the outdoor spaces across Glasgow and we are working hard to ensure residents and visitors benefit from these areas.

We want to reassure the local community that we will continue to work with partners and third sector organisations to provide resources, communication updates and implement engagement opportunities within the park, in line with current Government guidance. **The safety of Kelvingrove Park users is paramount; any behaviour that puts people or property at risk will not be tolerated.**

We would advise residents who witness antisocial behaviour to report incidents at the time they are happening in order to allow police and other agencies to respond efficiently. Antisocial behaviour issues can be reported to Police Scotland on **101** or **999** in an emergency.

We would also encourage residents to 'Save Time And Go Online' by making use of the Council's online services. This route offers a convenient and flexible way of contacting the Council directly in order to seek assistance on a range of issues. <https://glasgow.gov.uk/stgo>

Yours sincerely

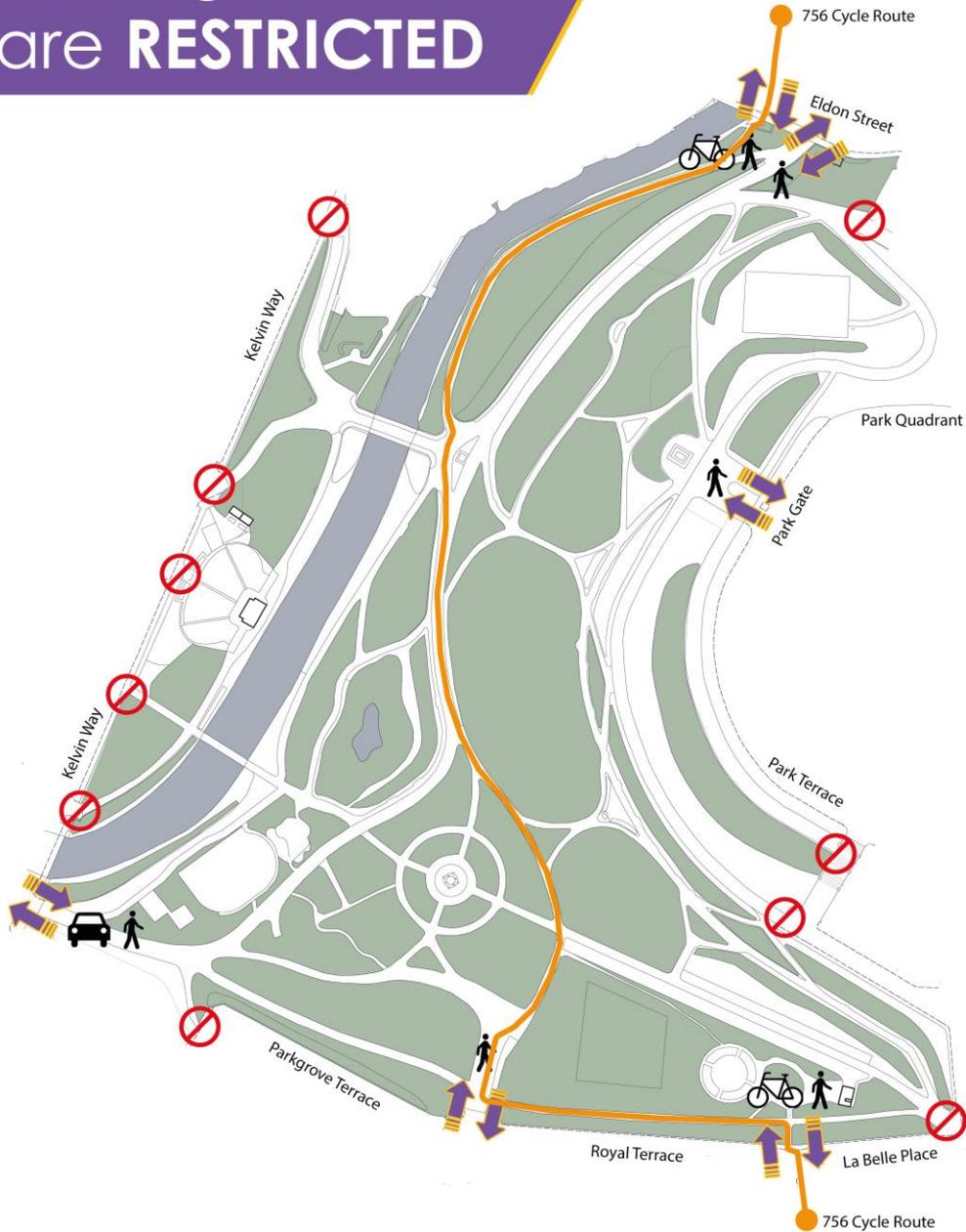


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