

THE EVENTS RESEARCH PROGRAMME DIRECTION - THE BRIT AWARDS 2021 AT
THE O₂ LONDON

THE HEALTH PROTECTION (CORONAVIRUS, RESTRICTIONS) (STEPS) (ENGLAND)
REGULATIONS 2021

The Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, in exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 9 of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps) (England) Regulations 2021 (the 'Regulations')¹, make the following Direction for the purposes of a research programme to evidence the potential transmission of coronavirus in controlled environments.

Before making this Direction, the Secretaries of State have consulted with Professor Jonathan Van-Tam of the Department of Health and Social Care and had regard to any advice given by him.

1. This Direction applies to—
 - a. the area shown shaded in peach, blue and green, bounded externally by the red line in Map 1 attached at Annex A (including the green area bounded externally by another red line), comprising The O₂, Peninsula Square, London SE10 0DX ('The O₂'); and
 - b. the British Phonographic Industry's 2021 music awards ceremony ('the BRIT AWARDS').
2. In accordance with regulation 9(3) of the Regulations, the Secretaries of State specify that The O₂ may open for the purposes of hosting the BRIT AWARDS.
3. This Direction disapplies the following restrictions and requirements in relation to The O₂, beginning at 18:00 hours and ending at 23:59 hours on 11th May 2021, for the purposes of the BRIT AWARDS—
 - a. In relation to the Regulations—
 - i. paragraph 1, Schedule 2 (participation in gatherings indoors);
 - ii. paragraph 2, Schedule 2 (participation in gatherings outdoors);
 - iii. paragraph 8, Schedule 2 (requirement to close premises and businesses);
 - iv. paragraph 9, Schedule 2 (restrictions on service of food and drink for consumption on the premises);
 - b. In relation to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) (England) Regulations 2020²—
 - i. regulation 3(1) (requirement to wear a face covering whilst entering or remaining within a relevant place); and

¹ S.I. 2021/364, as amended by S.I. 2021/455.

² S.I. 2020/791, as amended by S.I. 2020/839, 882, 906, 1021 and 1026 and S.I. 2021/247 and 364.

- c. In relation to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Obligations of Undertakings) (England) Regulations 2020³—
- i. regulation 1A(1) (restrictions in relation to relevant premises);
 - ii. regulation 2(1) (restrictions on hospitality undertakings);
 - iii. regulation 2A(1) (requirements relating to signage and information).

Signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

Date of signature

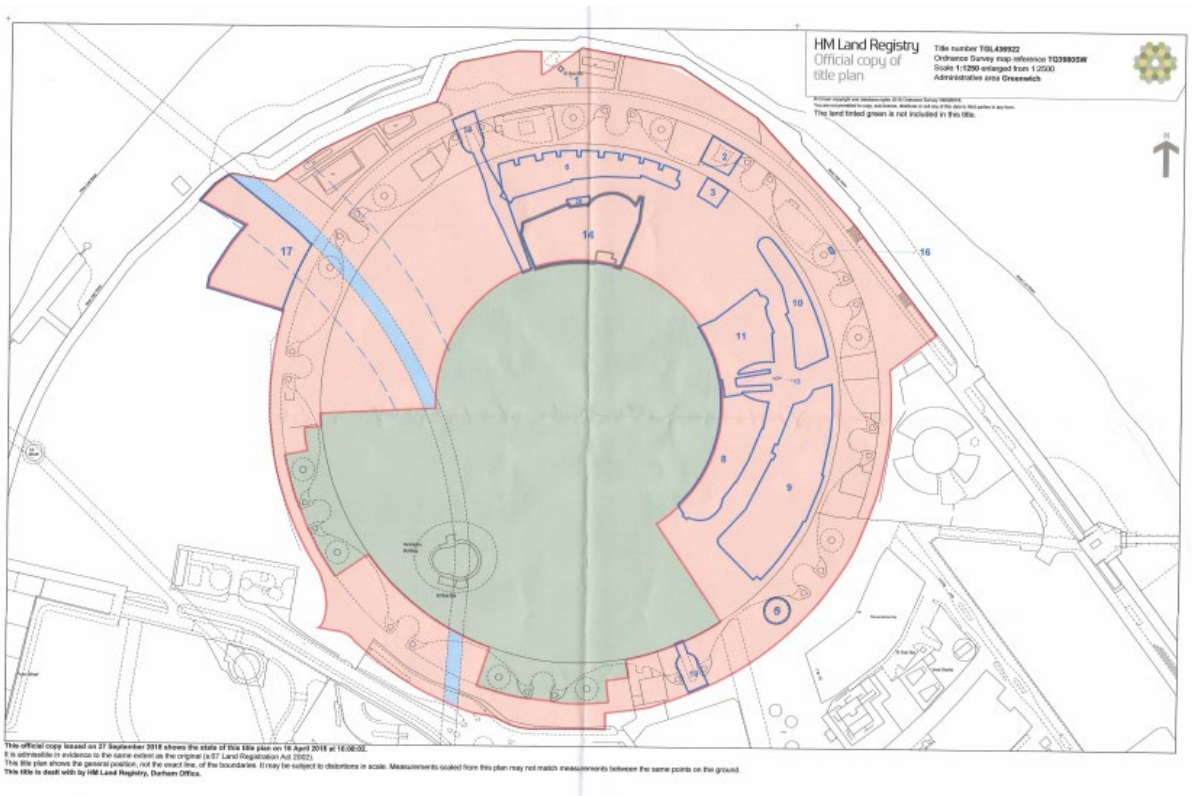
Signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

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³ S.I. 2020/1008, as amended by S.I. 2020/1046, 1057, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1154, 1200, 1374 and 1611, and S.I. 2021/364.

ANNEX A

Map 1



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A copy of this map, signed by a member of the Senior Civil Service in the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, is available for inspection at:

- a. 100 Parliament Street, Westminster, London SW1A 2BQ; and
- b. The O₂, Peninsula Square, London SE10 0DX.