THE EVENTS RESEARCH PROGRAMME DIRECTION – ASCOT RACES, ASCOT RACECOURSE, HIGH STREET, ASCOT SL5 7JX 15 to 19 JUNE 2021.

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 Ascot Racecourse, High Street, Ascot SL5 7JX, shown shaded in blue on the map at Annex A ("the Racecourse") but not including the areas described in paragraph 1b or the area marked outlined in red; and
- b. the Grandstand and other areas outlined in pink on the map at Annex B ("the covered areas") contained within the Racecourse.

1. This Direction disapplies the following restrictions and requirements in relation to the Racecourse for the purposes of the Ascot Races beginning at 10am on 15 June 2021 and ending at 10pm on 19 June 2021—

a. In relation to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Obligations of Undertakings) (England) Regulations 2020 ("the Undertakings Regulations")².—

i. regulation 1A(2) (restrictions in relation to relevant premises); and

ii. regulation 2(1) (restrictions on hospitality undertakings).

b. In relation to the Regulations—

i. paragraph 1(3) of Part 1 of Schedule 3 (participation in gatherings); and

ii. paragraph 7 of Part 2 of Schedule 3 (restrictions on service of food and drink for consumption on the premises).

4. This Direction disapplies the following restrictions and requirements in relation to the covered areas—

a. In relation to the Undertakings Regulations—

i. regulation 1A(2) (restrictions in relation to relevant premises);

ii. regulation 2(1) (restrictions on hospitality undertakings); and

iii. regulation 2A(1) requirements relating to signage and information).

b. In relation to the Regulations-

i. paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 3 (participation in gatherings);

¹ S.I. 2021/364 as amended by S.I. 2021/455 and S.I. 2021/585.

² 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 and S.I. 2021/585.

ii. paragraph 7 of Part 2 of Schedule 3 (restrictions on service of food and drink for consumption on the premises).

c. In relation to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) (England) Regulations 2020³—

i. regulation 3(1) (requirement to wear a face covering whilst entering or remaining within a relevant place).

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

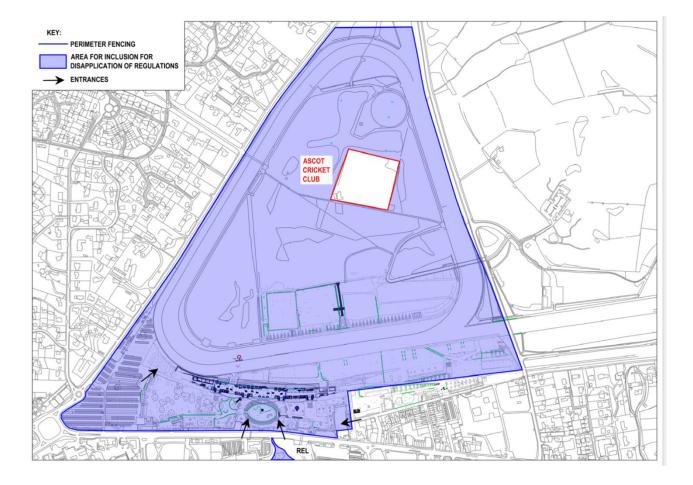
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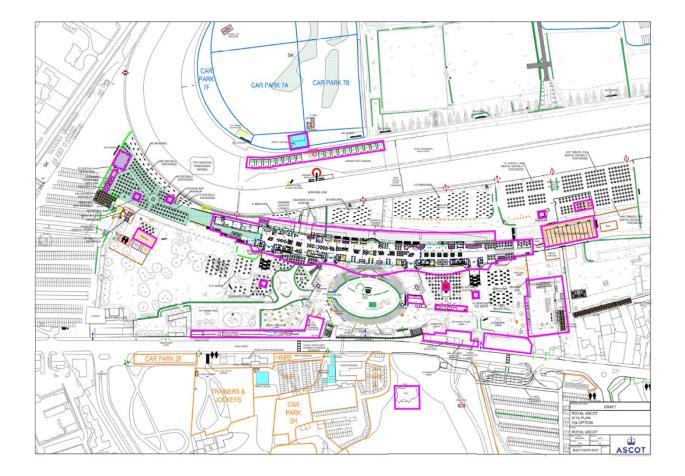
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ANNEX A

³ S.I. 2020/791, as amended by S.I. 2020/839, 882, 906, 1021 and 1026 and S.I. 2021/247, 364 and 585.





A copy of these maps, 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 Ascot Racecourse, High Street, Ascot SL5 7JX.