

## THE EVENTS RESEARCH PROGRAMME DIRECTION – THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

### 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’)<sup>1</sup>, make the following Direction for the purposes of a research programme concerned with the provision of an appropriate public health response to the incidence and spread of coronavirus in England.

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 land comprising of the Royal St George’s Golf Club, Sandwich, CT13 9PB and surrounding area whose exterior boundary is demarcated by a solid red line on the map attached at Annex A (‘the golf course’);
  - b. the land immediately outside Royal St George’s Golf Club acting as reserved car parks and designated walking routes to the venue whose exterior boundary is demarcated by a solid blue line on the map at Annex A (‘the car parks’);
  - c. the two areas of land identified as ‘Area 3A Park and Ride North’ (located to the south of Canterbury Road West) and ‘Area 3B Park and Ride South’ (bounded by Venson Road, Pike Road, Dover Road and the A256 Tilmanstone Bypass) whose exterior boundaries are demarcated by solid green lines on the map at Annex A (‘the park and rides’);
  - d. the buses transporting spectators to and from the park and rides to the golf course (‘the buses’); and
  - e. The Open Championship held at the golf course, from 11-18 July 2021, with an extra day’s play on 19 July 2021 should weather disrupt play to the extent that play cannot conclude as scheduled on 18 July 2021 (‘the Open Pilot’).
2. This Direction disapplies the following restrictions and requirements in relation to the golf course, the car parks, the park and rides and the buses, for the duration of the Open Pilot:—
  - a. In relation to the Regulations—
    - (i) paragraph 1, Schedule 3 (participation in gatherings);

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<sup>1</sup> S.I. 2021/364, as amended by S.I. 2021/455, 2021/585 and 2021/705.

- (ii) paragraph 7, Schedule 3 (restrictions on service of food and drink for consumption on the premises).
- b. In relation to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Obligations of Undertakings) (England) Regulations 2020<sup>2</sup>—
  - (i) regulation 1A(2) (restrictions in relation to relevant premises);
  - (ii) regulation 2(1) (restrictions on hospitality undertakings);
  - (iii) regulation 2A(1) (requirements relating to signage and information).
- c. In relation to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) (England) Regulations 2020<sup>3</sup>—
  - (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

Date of signature

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

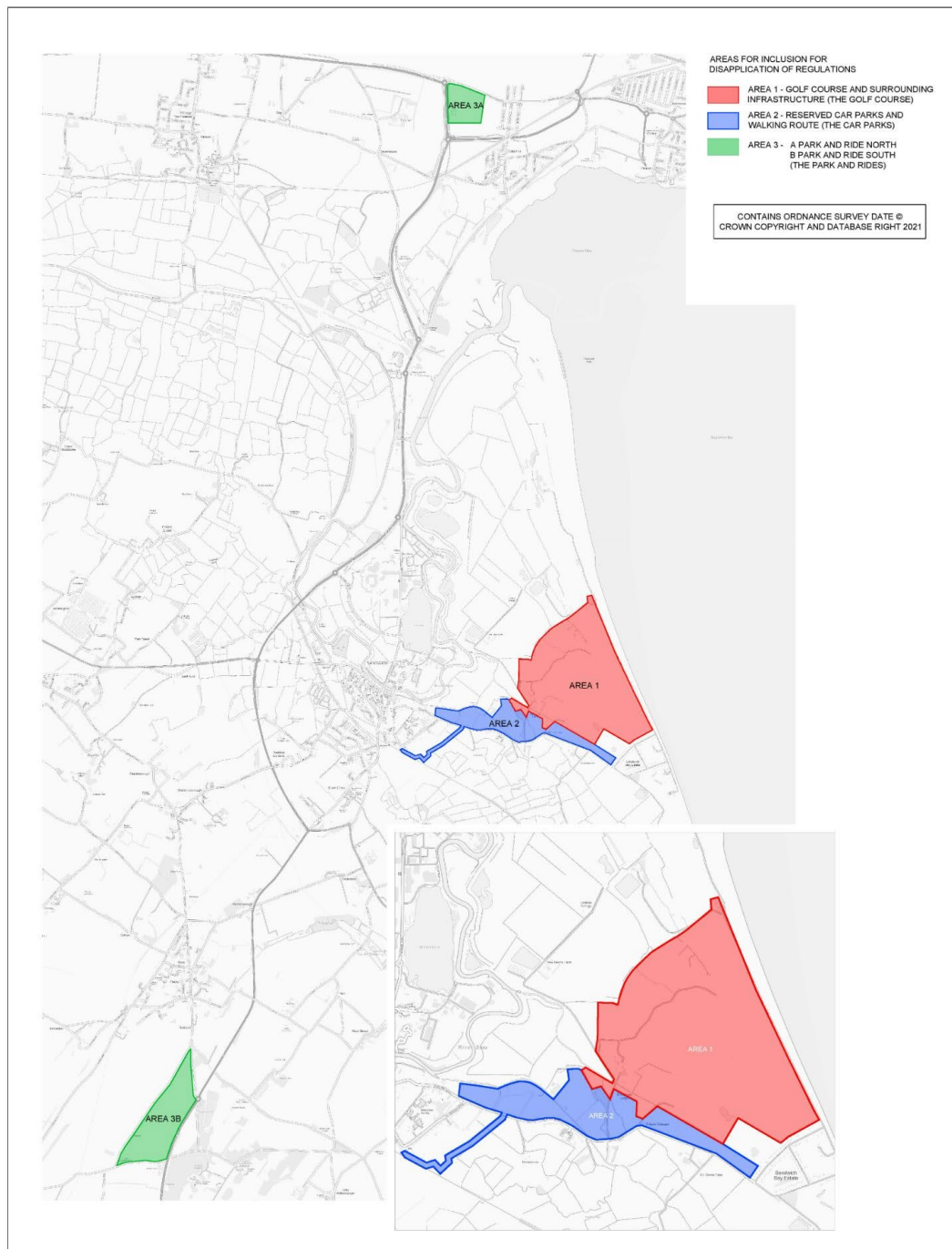
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<sup>2</sup> S.I. 2020/1008, as amended by S.I. 2020/1046, 1057, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1154, 1200, 1374 and 1611, S.I. 2021/364 and 2021/585.

<sup>3</sup> S.I. 2020/791, as amended by S.I. 2020/839, 882, 906, 1021, 1026, 1028 and S.I. 2021/247

## ANNEX A



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 R&A Championship Office, Royal St George's Golf Club, Sandwich, Kent CT13 9PB