



20th-22nd
September

NATIONAL & WORLD PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

MACHINERY & LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION

Ratheniska, Co. Laois

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN



An e-copy of Traffic Routes is available by following link:

<https://arcg.is/14nDnO3>

BLUE ROUTE

BLUE ROUTE - Traffic from Cork / Munster

- Traffic travelling northbound on the M8 will exit at Junction 4 (Johnstown, Urlingford) and proceed onto R439 (old N8) where it will travel to Durrow Co. Laois. From Durrow traffic will continue forward onto the N77 (old N8) to Abbeyleix. In Abbeyleix traffic will turn right onto the R425 to Ballyroan village, continue forward to Cashel Cross bearing right onto R427 to Money Cross and will proceed to parking beside the event grounds.

Parking:

Patrons travelling this route will park in the designated **BLUE Car Parks** on the left and right hand side of the R427 just beside the event grounds at Ratheniska.

PURPLE ROUTE

PURPLE ROUTE - Traffic from Dublin/ Leinster/ North

- Traffic travelling southbound on the M7 will exit at Junction 15 Cappakeel, Co. Laois and proceed left onto the L3930 where it will travel to Vicarstown. In Vicarstown, it will turn right onto R427 and travel to Stradbally Co. Laois. In Stradbally traffic will turn right on the N80 for approx. 400 meters and will then turn left at Abels Corner onto the R427. Traffic will proceed to parking beside the event grounds.

Parking:

Patrons travelling this route will park in the designated **PURPLE Car Parks** on the left and right hand side of the R427 just beside the event grounds at Ratheniska.

BROWN ROUTE

BROWN ROUTE - Traffic from Limerick/ Kerry/ South West

- Traffic travelling northbound on the M7 will exit at Junction 17 Togher, Portlaoise and proceed left onto N77 towards Portlaoise town. Traffic will be diverted right at Meelick onto the L6310 where it will turn right onto the R426 and onto Sheffield Cross. At Sheffield Junction traffic will turn right again and proceed onto Money Cross to parking beside the event grounds. Traffic travelling northbound on the R445 (old N7) will be diverted back onto the M7 Motorway at Junction 18 where it will proceed to parking with the rest of Limerick/ Kerry/ South West traffic.

Parking:

Patrons travelling this route will park in the designated **BROWN Car Parks** on the left hand side of the R427 just beside the event grounds at Ratheniska.

GREEN ROUTE

GREEN ROUTE - Traffic from the West/North West

- Traffic travelling from the west on the N80 will proceed to Mountmellick town. Approaching the town Traffic will take a left onto the L20972. Continuing on this road to take a right onto the L423. Traffic will join the R422 and travel as far as Kennels Cross, Emo, Co. Laois. At Kennels Cross traffic will turn right onto R419 and travel forward to the R445 (Old Dublin Rd), turning right and proceed towards Portlaoise. In Kilminchy, Portlaoise traffic will turn left for approx. 200 meters and then turn right at Rathbrennan onto the R425 travelling forward to Bloomfield Cross.
- At Bloomfield Cross, traffic will turn left onto N80 and proceed to Dysart where it will turn right onto a one-way system along the L6772 as far as Ratheniska village. Traffic will proceed to parking beside the event grounds.

Parking:

Patrons travelling this route will park in the designated **GREEN Car Parks** near the Church at Ratheniska Village near event grounds.

YELLOW ROUTE

YELLOW ROUTE - Traffic from South East/ Carlow

- Traffic travelling from Carlow and South East will travel through Simmons Mill Cross roads on the N80 and continue forward towards Stradbally town via the Windy Gap. At Court Square, Stradbally, traffic will turn left onto the L3837 (Timahoe Rd) and go to Timogue Cross Roads where it will turn right onto L7835 (One-way system). Traffic will proceed to parking beside the event grounds.

Parking:

Patrons travelling this route will park in the designated **YELLOW Car Parks** on the left hand side of the L7835 beside the event grounds at Ratheniska

GREY ROUTE

GREY ROUTE - Traffic from South East (Kilkenny)

- Traffic travelling from Kilkenny/South East along the N78 will turn left at Newtown Cross Roads and continue forward along the R430 to The Swan. Just outside The Swan Village, traffic will turn right onto the R426 and continue to Timahoe Village. In Timahoe traffic will be diverted to two routes depending on the volumes:
 1. Traffic will be diverted onto the L3838 (Stradbally Rd) towards Timogue Cross and left onto the L7835 where it will merge with the **YELLOW route** (South East Carlow Traffic). Traffic will proceed to parking as set out in **YELLOW Route** parking on previous page.
 2. Traffic will continue through Timahoe village on the R426 towards Money Cross. At Loughteague Lane, traffic will turn right onto L78354. Traffic will proceed to parking by turning right off the L7837 and proceeding as close to **BLUE Car Parks** and **YELLOW Car Park** as possible.

Parking:

Patrons travelling this route will park in **GREY Car Park**, which is off the right hand side of the L78354 close to the car park.

EXHIBITOR PARKING

Exhibitors displaying a field pass will be directed to the Exhibition Arena up to 8am.

BLUE ROUTE

Exhibitors on this route will park on the left hand side of the R427 just before they reach the **Blue Car Park**. This exhibitor's car park is adjacent to the event site.

PURPLE ROUTE

Exhibitors on this route will park on the left hand side of the R427 after being directed past the entrance to the **Purple Car Park**. These grounds are adjacent to the event site.

BROWN ROUTE

Exhibitors on this route will exit left off the R426 at Lamberton Cross and proceed towards Ratheniska Village where they will merge with the **Green route** and park along with exhibitors on this route at a section of the **Green Car Park** adjacent to the Grounds

GREEN ROUTE

Exhibitors on this route will continue to the end entering into the **Green Car Park**. A section of the car park is set aside for exhibitors and is adjacent to the event site.

YELLOW ROUTE

Exhibitors on this route will park on the Right hand side of the L7835 after being directed past the entrance to the **Yellow Car Park**. These grounds are adjacent to the event site.

GREY ROUTE

Exhibitors on this route will proceed along the route as set out in 1.6(1) of the traffic route and parking. Exhibitors will merge with the **Yellow Route** at Timogue Cross and park in the same way as Exhibitors travelling the **Yellow Route**.

COMPETITORS PARKING

The ploughing competitors' Assembly Area is located on the right hand side of the roadway as you travel from Lamberton Cross to Ratheniska Village. This entrance will be clearly marked.

The following will apply in relation to the Ploughing Competitors.

- A)** Competitors travelling the **BLUE route** (Cork) will turn left at Money Cross and onto Lamberton Cross where it will turn right and onto the said grounds.
- B)** Competitors travelling the **PURPLE route** (Dublin) will continue onwards from Abels Corner in Stradbally to Bloomfield Cross where it will turn left onto Sheffield Cross and Lamberton Cross and turn left onto the said grounds.
- C)** Competitors travelling the **BROWN route** (Limerick) will continue as normal and at Lamberton Cross they will turn left and onto the said grounds.
- D)** Competitors travelling the **GREEN route** (West) will continue as normal and on arrival in Ratheniska will turn left and immediately right into the said grounds.
- E)** Competitors travelling the **YELLOW route** (South East) will continue forward in Stradbally Village at Court Sq, where it will join the **Purple Route** and proceed as "B" above.
- F)** Competitors travelling the **GREY Route** (South East) will continue forward in Timahoe Village onto Money Cross. They will be directed through the crossroads and will join competitors from Cork and proceed as set out in "A" above.

HUNT CHASE PARKING

- The grounds for the Hunt Chase / Sheepdog Trials are located on the left hand side of the roadway just past the G.A.A field in Ratheniska Village.
- All Participants will follow the N80 to Bloomfield Cross, and onto Sheffield Cross veering left onto R426 to Lamberton Cross. At Lamberton Cross turn left to Ratheniska Village and past G.A.A pitch to said grounds on the left.

DISABILITY PARKING

- All such traffic from the **PURPLE** and **YELLOW**, **BLUE** and **GREY** routes will be directed to parking in **Blue Car Park**.
- All such traffic from the **BROWN** and **GREEN** routes will be directed to parking adjacent to the entrance to the Hunt Chase, just past the GAA Centre in Ratheniska Village.

BUS PARKING

- All buses travelling on the **BLUE route** will continue past the entrance of the **Blue Car Park** and park across from the event site in the Triangular Field.
- All buses travelling along the **BROWN route** will divert off at Lamberton Cross and also Ratheniska Village and park in the GAA Grounds.
- All buses travelling along the **PURPLE**, **GREEN** and **YELLOW** routes will converge at Abels Corner and proceed to the section of the **Purple Car Park** set aside for Bus Parking.

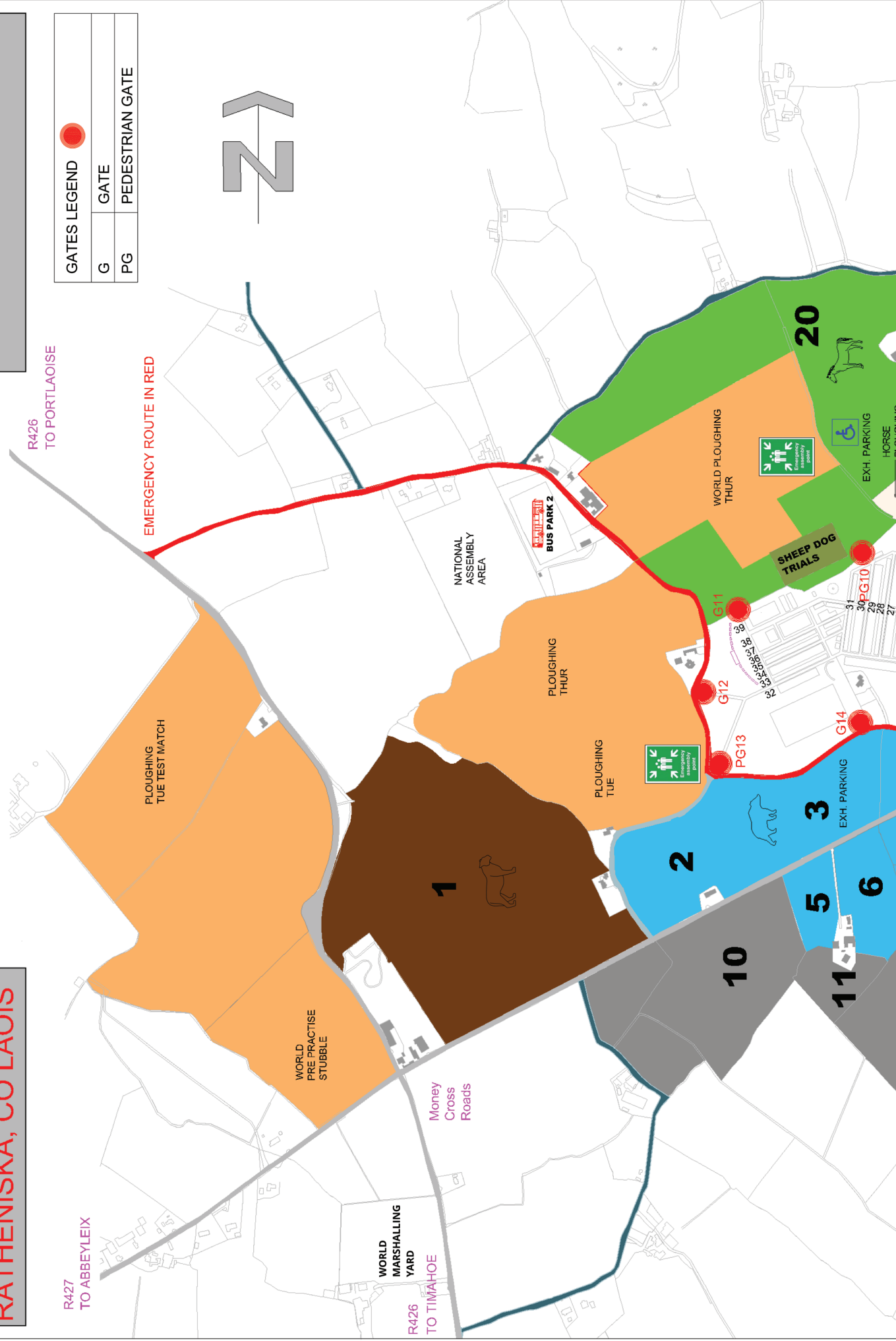
SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

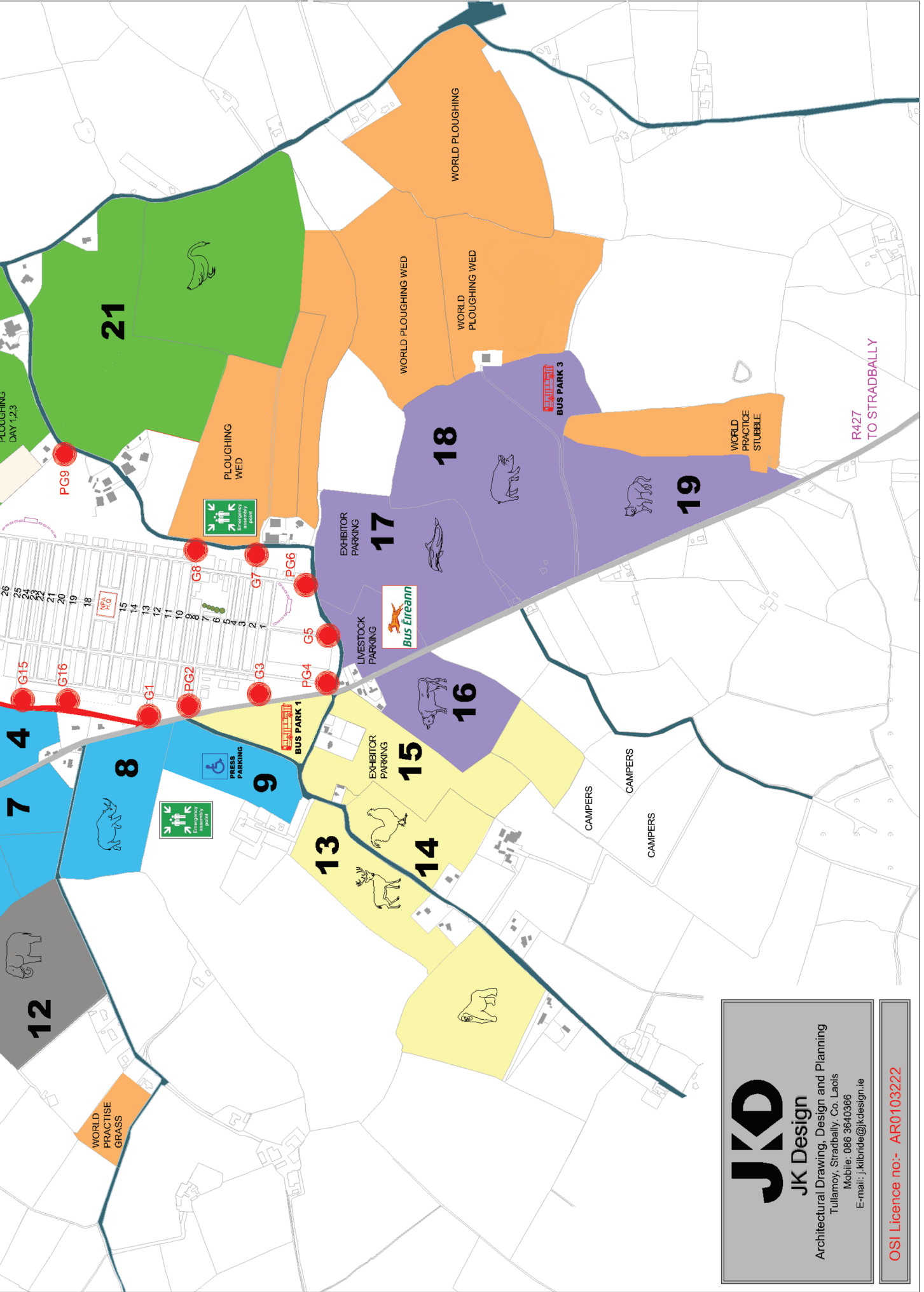
A shuttle Bus Service will be operated by Bus Eireann from Portlaosie, Portarlinton and Athy Train Stations to the **Purple Car Park**. The times of this service will operate to suit the train times. The drop off and pick up point is located near the gates entering the **Purple Car Park** along the R427.

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CARPARK MAP

GATES LEGEND	
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PG	PEDESTRIAN GATE



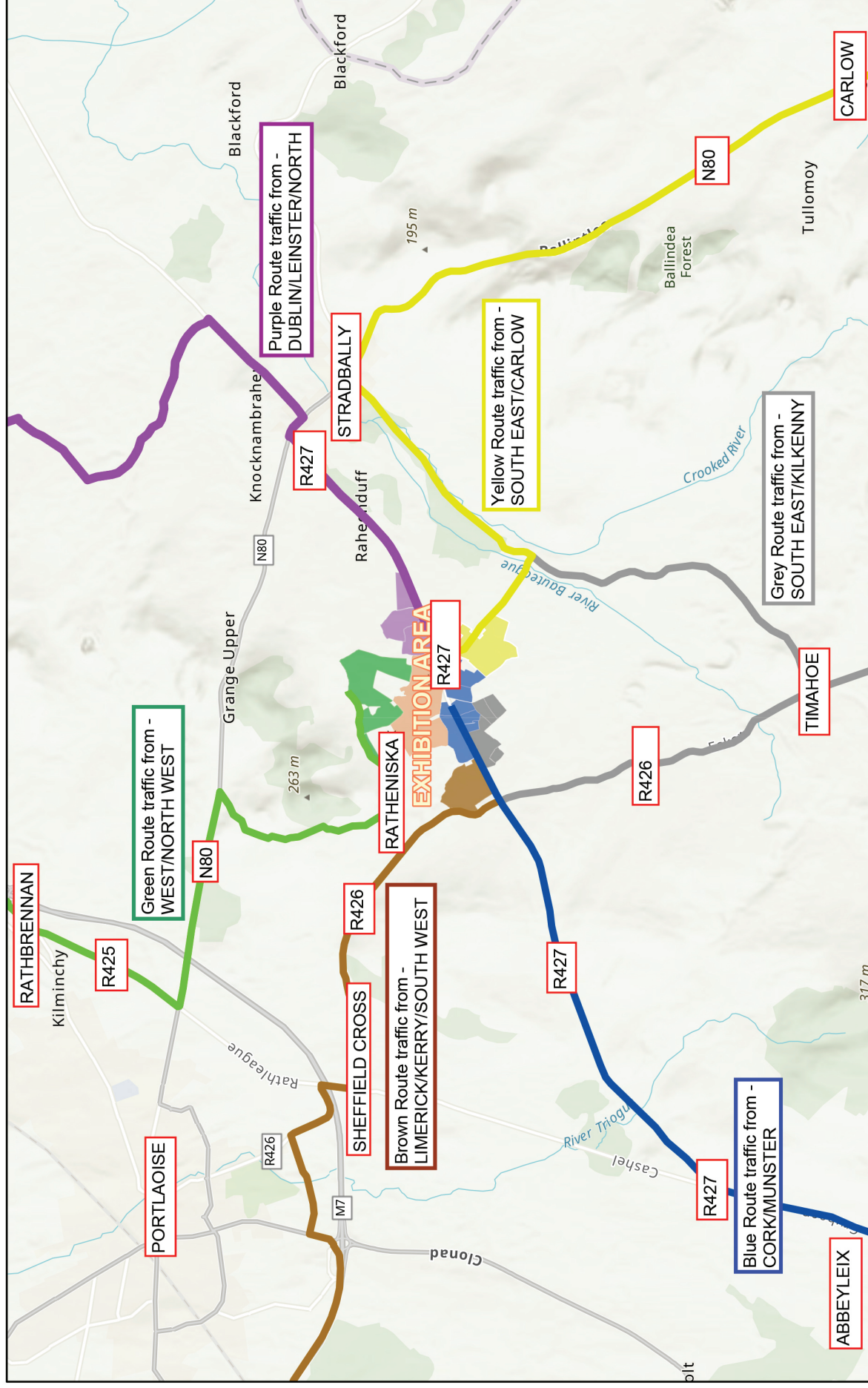


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Blue Route
Purple Route
Brown Route

Blue Car Park
Purple Car Park
Brown Car Park

Green Car Park
Yellow Car Park
Grey Car Park

Exhibition Area

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NASA, USGS, Esri, Ordnance Survey, NASA, NGA, USGS

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CHECKLIST FOR TRAVELLING TO PLOUGHING 2022

- ▶ **Purchase your Fast Track tickets online @ www.npa.ie**
- ▶ NPA strongly advise pre-booking tickets online for your day of choice as we cannot guarantee ticket availability at the gate
- ▶ If you can take the train do – Bus Eireann are running shuttle bus services from Portlaoise, Portarlinton and Athy Train Stations
- ▶ Bus Eireann Shuttle Bus fees:
 - Adult Return €12
 - Senior Citizen Return €10
 - Child return (under 16) €5
 - Family €25 (2 adults & max. 3 children)
- ▶ If you are driving to the event we advise you to factor in at least double the normal journey time due to heavy volumes of traffic
- ▶ Read the traffic plan and know the route you are travelling
- ▶ Bring drinks and snacks especially if you are travelling with children
- ▶ ***'FBD: Keeping You Safe'*** child safety wristbands will be available at every entrance to the event and within the event grounds
- ▶ If you have a vehicle pass make sure it is clearly displayed on the front windscreen of your vehicle as vehicles not displaying passes clearly may be directed into outer car parks
- ▶ The NPA provide an un-serviced Campervan / Caravan parking site for the event. Tickets for Campervan Parking site are available on **www.npa.ie**
- ▶ It's Autumn, its outdoor, its Ireland – dress for Irish weather
- ▶ Wear good footwear suitable for rough terrain
- ▶ Follow directional signage to venue – do not use GPS
- ▶ Note the colour of the over-head flying blimp and the number/colour/animal sign in your car park at entrance.
- ▶ Retain your 'car park locator card' which will be handed out by stewards in car park once you have parked.
- ▶ Download Garda Map App **<https://arcg.is/14nDnO3>** for event & traffic updates
- ▶ Event opens to the public at 9am & closes at 6pm
- ▶ Important contacts for traffic updates:
 - **www.npa.ie** – @npaie
 - **www.garda.ie** – @gardattraffic
 - **www.theaa.ie** – @aaronroadwatch

