

From: Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>

Sent: 05 December 2020 16:25

To: [Redacted], Hynd JS (James), [Redacted]

Ok thanks – as Ms Freeman is doing media in the morning I would send this up to her for info.

Thanks

Ross

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 05 December 2020 16:24

To: Ingebrigtsen R (Ross) <Ross.Ingebrigtsen@gov.scot>

Cc: Hynd JS (James) ; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; News Desk

Subject: RE: Sunday Post inquiry - The Royals on COVID tour

Ross,

For awareness, the *Sunday Post* has approached us in response to the embargoed announcement (on PA below) of engagements by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge/Strathearn. They're asking us about the appropriateness of visits across the UK.

The following response has already been cleared. (**James/[Redacted]**, I've removed the earlier specific reference to visiting the Scottish Ambulance Service as that isn't mentioned in PA, and just talked about the "visit arrangements").

Thx

[Redacted],

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

"The visit arrangements by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge/Strathearn are a matter for the Royal Household.

The Scottish Government was told in advance about the planned visit and ensured that the Household was fully aware of the current statutory restrictions in place in order to inform its decision to proceed."

[Redacted], | Justice & Safer Communities Comms, Scottish Government | [Redacted], | [Redacted],

[Redacted],

- Updates on Twitter [@ScotGovJustice](https://twitter.com/ScotGovJustice) | Covid-19 updates at www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/

- Call *Newsdesk* (0131 244 [Redacted]) with urgent media queries/requests; Out-of-office hours - 0131 556 [Redacted]

Hello [Redacted], as mentioned.. PA copy (below) states Duke and Duchess of Cambridge embarking on three-day rail trip across UK tomorrow. It contains the line: Kensington Palace said the three-day tour, which ends on Tuesday, will make stops in England, Scotland and Wales in line with Government coronavirus guidance.

It's to ask for any comment you may feel appropriate on the trip and on the appropriateness or otherwise of travel across Scotland/England/Wales in light of current coronavirus restrictions/guidance.

Thanks, [Redacted]

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By [Redacted], [Redacted],

This story is embargoed until 22:30

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge will travel across the country by royal train to thank communities, outstanding individuals and key workers for their efforts during the coronavirus pandemic.

William and Kate will board the service on Sunday and travel 1,250 miles over the three-day tour, meeting care home staff, teachers, schoolchildren and volunteers to learn about the challenges they faced and their inspiring stories.

It is thought the tour will be the duchess's first official journey by the royal train despite having been a member of the monarchy for almost a decade, while the duke has used it a number of times.

A spokeswoman for Kensington Palace said: "The duke and duchess are very much looking forward to shining a spotlight on the incredible work that has been done across the country throughout this difficult year and to sharing their gratitude on behalf of the nation for all those supporting their local communities ahead of the Christmas holidays."

The planned train trip has already been immortalised in a stylised drawing by schoolboy artist Joe Whale, better known as the Doodle Boy, who has found worldwide fame with his creative efforts.

The youngster, who was approached by the Cambridges' office to create the artwork, launched a YouTube channel during the coronavirus pandemic to teach others how to doodle. Queen Victoria was the first monarch to travel by train, leaving at midday on June 13 1842 from Slough and travelling to London's Paddington Station.

Victoria had been persuaded on board by Prince Albert, a veteran of rail travel who was fascinated by the new technology.

And since the Victorian era, the royal family have enjoyed their own dedicated train, with the present royal carriages coming into service for the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977.

The Queen and the Prince of Wales have their own private carriages, with the head of state's featuring a bedroom with a single bed, sitting room, desk for working on the go, dining quarters – and a bathroom complete with a full-sized bath.

William has travelled on the service a number of times, notably on the day of his mother Diana, Princess of Wales' funeral in 1997, when he joined his father, brother and the Spencer family on the journey to the princess's ancestral home Althorp for her burial.

In 2003, he journeyed overnight on the train to Bangor with the Prince of Wales to carry out a day of engagements in North Wales ahead of his 21st birthday.

It is not known if the Cambridges will travel with their entourage of private secretaries, press team and other members of their household.

Kensington Palace said the three-day tour, which ends on Tuesday, will make stops in England, Scotland and Wales in line with Government coronavirus guidance.

During the official visits, the duke and duchess will pass on the nation's gratitude to the groups they meet for their efforts keeping people safe, or the country going.

Many of the official events will celebrate community spirit and the impact of the public's generosity by showcasing organisations and initiatives supported by community relief funds, including NHS Charities Together.

The UK's arts, heritage and live performance sector, which has been supported by the Government's £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund, will also be highlighted.

There will be a number of festive performances across the three days by local artists, celebrating the inspiring work of organisations and projects the duke and duchess will visit.

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Cc: Rogers D (David) (Constitution and Cabinet Director) <David.Rogers@gov.scot>; [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Royal Visit to Edinburgh - 7 December

Thank you, James.

A contact would be useful in the event of any issues – which we would obviously not expect.

[Redacted]

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From: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>
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Cc: Rogers D (David) (Constitution and Cabinet Director) <David.Rogers@gov.scot>; [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Royal Visit to Edinburgh - 7 December

Liz, John, [Redacted]

An update to the plans below.

The Household have advised me that the visit to the Western General is not going ahead. The Duke and Duchess will instead visit the Scottish Ambulance Service site at Newbridge to meet paramedics and staff with a focus on wellbeing. The date, timings and COVID logistics will remain pretty much as before.

My proposed media line below, adjusted for location, remains apt I think.

[Redacted] - the offer has been made to connect you with the Royal comms team if that would be helpful.

James

James Hynd
Head of Cabinet, Parliament and Governance Division
Room 4N:03
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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 26 November 2020 17:03

To: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot>, Somers J (John) <John.Somers@gov.scot>

Cc: Rogers D (David) (Constitution and Cabinet Director) <David.Rogers@gov.scot>; [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Royal Visit to Edinburgh - 7 December

Thank you, James.

This is extremely helpful and I will make sure those who need to know are aware on handling.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>

Sent: 26 November 2020 16:52

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Cc: Rogers D (David) (Constitution and Cabinet Director) <David.Rogers@gov.scot>; Lloyd E (Elizabeth) <Elizabeth.Lloyd@gov.scot>

Subject: Royal Visit to Edinburgh - 7 December

Liz, John, [Redacted] copy David, [Redacted]

Kensington Palace have been in touch to advise me that the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge (Strathearn in Scotland) are planning to be in Edinburgh on the morning of Monday, 7 December to undertake a short visit (under one hour) to the Western General Hospital. This will be the first, and only Scottish, element of a programme of visits using the Royal Train. Following the visit to the WGH, the Royal party will leave Scotland on the Royal Train to undertake a series of engagements in England and Wales over the following 48 hours or so.

The Royal Household has advised me that all necessary steps will be taken to ensure compliance with the COVID-19 legislation and guidance prevailing in each location. Details of visits, including to WGH, will be embargoed until after they have taken place in order to avoid crowds forming.

The decision to undertake this visit, and the responsibility ensure compliance with travel and other restrictions, lies with the Royal Household. The SG has taken all appropriate steps to ensure that the Royal Household is aware of the current restrictions in place both in statute and guidance. The First Minister has been made aware of the planned visit.

In case there is media interest directed at the SG can I suggest the following line to hold:

'[Today's] visit by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge/Strathearn to the Western General Hospital is a matter for the Royal Household. The Scottish Government was told in advance about the planned visit and ensured that the Household was fully aware of the current statutory restrictions in place in order to inform its decision to proceed.'

Any questions about whether the visit was compliant with the restrictions should be directed to the Royal Household or to the organisations involved in the visit.

Happy to have any thoughts.

James

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From: [Redacted]@royal.uk
Sent: Wed 02/12/2020 09:31
To: James.Hynd@gov.scot <James.Hynd@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Potential visit to Edinburgh

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From: James.Hynd@gov.scot <James.Hynd@gov.scot>
Sent: 02 December 2020 09:20
To: [Redacted]@royal.uk
Subject: RE: Potential visit to Edinburgh

Good morning [Redacted]

We will want to have media lines ready in case any questions come to the Scottish Government. I am just checking therefore if all the plans we discussed are still proceeding?

Best wishes

James

James Hynd
Head of Cabinet, Parliament and Governance Division
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From: Hynd JS (James)
Sent: 25 November 2020 23:10
To: [Redacted]@royal.uk
Cc: Somers J (John) <John.Somers@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Potential visit to Edinburgh

Dear [Redacted]

We spoke earlier this evening about the proposals set out in your email below.

As you know from our meeting on the 20th, restrictions on non-essential travel into and out of Scotland have now been placed on a statutory footing. A number of exemptions apply to the regulations. Information about travel restrictions can be found here [\[link\]](#).

Ministers also confirmed this week that the heightened level of restrictions (Level 3) which cover Edinburgh will continue to apply for the time being. These restrictions affect a range of activities, especially with regard to social interactions. Again, here is a [\[link\]](#) to information.

As we discussed on Friday, and again this evening, the decision to proceed with the proposed visit is ultimately a matter for the Household. I know that great care is being taken by you and your colleagues to ensure that all aspects of the visit would be compliant with the prevailing rules. I hope that the above links will be of help in that regard.

With Best Wishes

James

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Cc: Somers J (John) <John.Somers@gov.scot>
Subject: Potential visit to Edinburgh

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Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Potential visit to Edinburgh

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From: James.Hynd@gov.scot <James.Hynd@gov.scot>
Sent: 02 December 2020 09:51
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Potential visit to Edinburgh

Morning again [Redacted].

I have been in touch with [Redacted] who is the SG's Head of News. [Redacted] would welcome a contact in your press team, 'just in case'.

Regards

James

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 02 December 2020 09:31
To: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Potential visit to Edinburgh

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From: James.Hynd@gov.scot <James.Hynd@gov.scot>

Sent: 02 December 2020 09:20

To: [Redacted].

Subject: RE: Potential visit to Edinburgh

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: Thu 26/11/2020 10:04

To: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; [Redacted] [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted], McLafferty DJ (Diane) <Diane.McLafferty@gov.scot>; [Redacted]; [Redacted]

Subject: RE: URGENT: Kensington Palace/DCMS - Royal Christmas Train - confidential

Sensitivity: Confidential

James – thank you.

I have let Creative Scotland know about the advice on performances.

[Redacted]

From: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>

Sent: 25 November 2020 22:40

To: [Redacted], [Redacted], [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]; [Redacted], [Redacted], [Redacted]

Subject: RE: URGENT: Kensington Palace/DCMS - Royal Christmas Train - confidential

Sensitivity: Confidential

I spoke this evening to Kensington Palace about general aspects of the trip, which we should now assume will proceed unless there is a deterioration in the COVID situation. As far as the performance element is concerned, I advised them that this looked to raise particular difficulties and that, for safety's sake, it might be better to drop this aspect of the programme.

James

James Hynd

Head of Cabinet, Parliament and Governance Division

Room 4N:03

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Edinburgh

Internal ext [Redacted]

0131 244 [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 25 November 2020 13:56

To: [Redacted], [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]; McLafferty DJ (Diane) <Diane.McLafferty@gov.scot>; Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; [Redacted] [Redacted]

Subject: RE: URGENT: Kensington Palace/DCMS - Royal Christmas Train - confidential

Sensitivity: Confidential

Hi [Redacted],

Happy to be in the discussion. I think this might actually sit under another exemption- which is organised activities for those under 18 which take place outside, and is allowed at Level 3. How that then interacts with the events stuff may be complex if we are considering what makes a performance an "event".

Best wishes,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 25 November 2020 13:20

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted] McLafferty DJ (Diane) <Diane.McLafferty@gov.scot>; Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; [Redacted]; [Redacted], [Redacted],

Subject: RE: URGENT: Kensington Palace/DCMS - Royal Christmas Train - confidential

Sensitivity: Confidential

Thanks [Redacted]. Happy to talk to James when he has a moment.

For the activity to count as “work” it would need to be performed by a professional outfit, which may conflict with the intentions of the visit. Although we are working to try and allow more non-professional activity to take place, we a long way from obtaining public health approval for that.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted],

Sent: 25 November 2020 12:29

To: [Redacted],

Cc: [Redacted]; McLafferty DJ (Diane) <Diane.McLafferty@gov.scot>; Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; [Redacted], [Redacted], [Redacted], [Redacted],

Subject: RE: URGENT: Kensington Palace/DCMS - Royal Christmas Train - confidential

Sensitivity: Confidential

[Redacted],

Thank you for this. I am aware that James Hynd spoke to colleagues from Kensington Palace recently in relation to a possible Royal visit in December, providing them with the latest advice on current restrictions. It might be worth you giving James a quick call as I think this might be the same event that is being discussed in the email trail below.

Kind regards

[Redacted],

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted],

Sent: 25 November 2020 12:24

To: [Redacted]; [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted] [Redacted]; McLafferty DJ (Diane) <Diane.McLafferty@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: URGENT: Kensington Palace/DCMS - Royal Christmas Train - confidential

Sensitivity: Confidential

[Redacted],

Thanks for copying me in. I'm bringing in **[Redacted]**, in Protocol and Honours team for any comments from a royal visit perspective.

Clearly there could be presentational difficulties with permitting activity that is not allowed under the Framework.

[Redacted],

From: **[Redacted],**

Sent: 25 November 2020 09:41

To: **[Redacted],**

Cc: **[Redacted] [Redacted],**

Subject: FW: URGENT: Kensington Palace/DCMS - Royal Christmas Train

Importance: High

Hi **[Redacted]**

Hope all's well with you.

I am remembering that you are often consulted on things royal, and therefore hope that you can assist with the query below (sorry, long email chain). In essence, the ask is if a youth orchestra can perform outside the Western General at a potential royal visit on 7 December (confidential).

As you'll be well aware, no outdoor or indoor live performances are permitted in level 3 at the moment. There is a question in the correspondence below about whether this applies to non-public performances such as the one proposed. My feeling would be that the rules still apply and it would not be advisable to proceed with this, when no other such performances are permitted?

We would very much appreciate your view, or if you can direct me to anyone else who should be aware.

With apologies, there seems to be some urgency to the request.

With many thanks

[Redacted]

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From: **[Redacted]**

Sent: 25 November 2020 08:34

To: **[Redacted]**

Subject: FW: URGENT: Kensington Palace/DCMS - Royal Christmas Train

Importance: High

[Redacted]

Are you able to advise on whether a performance by Tinderbox Orchestra (or similar – e.g. Youth Brass Band) outside at an Edinburgh hospital during a royal visit on 7 Dec is currently permitted under the rules?

Events guidance says no indoor or outdoor performances in Tier 3 which currently applies in Edinburgh.

Thanks
[Redacted]

From: Kenneth Fowler <Kenneth.Fowler@creativescotland.com>
Sent: 24 November 2020 16:40
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: URGENT: Kensington Palace/DCMS - Royal Christmas Train
Importance: High

Hi [Redacted]

Also sending to you as I got Diane's out of office. Any help appreciated! Note the urgency.

K

From: Kenneth Fowler <Kenneth.Fowler@creativescotland.com>
Sent: 24 November 2020 16:09
To: Diane.McLafferty@gov.scot; [Redacted]
Subject: URGENT: Kensington Palace/DCMS - Royal Christmas Train
Importance: High

Hi Both,

See below email trail in Strictest Confidence.

We have been approached by DCMS and Kensington Palace as regards a proposed Royal Visit on 07 December with a view to recommending beneficiaries of Covid-19 emergency funds who may be able to perform as part of this visit.

We have suggested a number of such groups, and Tinderbox Orchestra are of interest.

As you can see, the proposition is that the visit is to Edinburgh's Western General and the ask is whether Tinderbox Orchestra (or similar – e.g. Youth Brass Band) would be permitted under current Covid-19 restrictions to give a short, socially distanced outdoor performance as part of that visit.

Latest restrictions, [detailed here](#) state that in Tier Three, no indoor or outdoor performances are permitted. I have said I would seek advice from Scottish Government officials as to whether or not that also applies to non-public performances such as the one proposed.

Can you, or the appropriate Scottish Government colleague, help provide clarification on that issue?

Thanks.

Kenneth

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 24 November 2020 15:57
To: Kenneth Fowler <Kenneth.Fowler@creativescotland.com>; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Subject: RE: Kensington Palace/DCMS - Royal Christmas Train

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From: Kenneth Fowler <Kenneth.Fowler@creativescotland.com>

Sent: 24 November 2020 15:54

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]

Subject: Re: Kensington Palace/DCMS - Royal Christmas Train

Hi all,

Just looping in my colleague [Redacted] from our Policy Team into this, just so she is aware.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

On Tue, 24 Nov 2020 at 15:46, [Redacted]> wrote:

[Redacted]

According to the latest Scottish Government guidance, Edinburgh is in Tier 3 which prohibits both indoor and outdoor public events and performances.

See here: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): events sector guidance - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/topics/health/coronavirus/covid-19/sector-guidance)

However, as this would be taking place on an NHS site and would not be a 'public event' as such, I'd like to check with Scottish Government officials for guidance.

Given this is marked In Strictest Confidence, are you comfortable for me to approach a Scottish Government official for guidance or would you prefer me to provide a contact for you to do so?

Best wishes,

Kenneth

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 24 November 2020 15:31
To: Kenneth Fowler <Kenneth.Fowler@creativescotland.com>; [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted] [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Kensington Palace/DCMS - Royal Christmas Train

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From: Kenneth Fowler <Kenneth.Fowler@creativescotland.com>
Sent: 24 November 2020 13:28
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]; [Redacted] [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Kensington Palace/DCMS - Royal Christmas Train

Thanks [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted].

Bringing my colleague [Redacted] onto the copylist who has the relationship with Tinderbox and can help with contacts, etc.

[Redacted] and I have just discussed and, should there be any practical issues with Tinderbox, another suggestion for consideration would be the Scottish Youth Brass Band who also received emergency Covid-19 funding.

Hope that is helpful!

Best wishes,

Kenneth

Kenneth Fowler

Director, Communications
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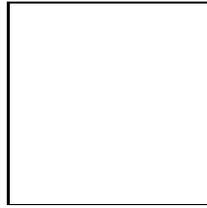
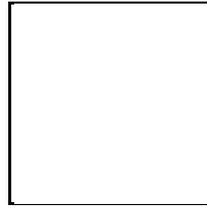
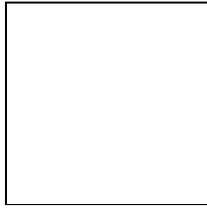
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 24 November 2020 12:58
To: Kenneth Fowler <Kenneth.Fowler@creativescotland.com>
Cc: [Redacted]; [Redacted]
Subject: Kensington Palace/DCMS - Royal Christmas Train

Hi Kenneth,

I hope you're well!

As you are aware we've been working with Kensington Palace on plans for the Royal Christmas Train tour, which plans to stop in Edinburgh on 7th December.

We are keen to start moving forward with plans to reach out to Cultural Recovery Funded organisations and to explore ideas for them to perform at each of the stops.

I wanted to introduce you to [Redacted] who is leading on this from Kensington Palace, and keen to work with you on next steps in potentially contacting the The Tinderbox Orchestra, who you put forward as a potential case study.

[Redacted] will be able to let you know more about plans and next steps on reaching out to The Tinderbox Orchestra for this and is also in touch with the Scottish Government about the Royal Christmas Train and restrictions during this time.

Please could myself and [Redacted] cc'd be kept looped in with any conversations going forward that you are having and any plans that are taken forward with The Tinderbox

Orchestra and the performance. Also, if easier for us to set up a quick call to run through, I'm more than happy to do so.

Many thanks,

[Redacted]

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[Redacted] [Redacted] Please note that from 29th June 2020 my email address will be [Redacted], [@dcms](mailto:[Redacted]@dcms), [/dcmsgovuk](https://dcmsgovuk) | www.gov.uk/dcms

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Sent: 19 November 2020 11:54
To: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; [Redacted].
Cc: Somers J (John) <John.Somers@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: 'The Royal Train' proposal

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From: James.Hynd@gov.scot <James.Hynd@gov.scot>
Sent: 19 November 2020 11:41
To: [Redacted] [Redacted]
Cc: John.Somers@gov.scot
Subject: RE: 'The Royal Train' proposal

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your emails. I had been intending to be in touch later today to alert you that, following a debate in the Scottish Parliament this afternoon, the Scottish Government is likely to bring forward statutory restrictions on non-essential travel both within Scotland and also into and out of Scotland. These rules will come into force from 6:00pm tomorrow (Friday 20 November). They will have no set termination point but will be reviewed regularly.

This is obviously likely to have a major impact on the plans you are working on I am afraid. I would be very happy to discuss further if it would be helpful to set up a teleconference.

James

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 19 November 2020 11:30
To: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; [Redacted]
Cc: Somers J (John) <John.Somers@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: 'The Royal Train' proposal

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 17 November 2020 17:11

To: John.Somers@gov.scot

Cc: James.Hynd@gov.scot; [Redacted]

Subject: RE: 'The Royal Train' proposal

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 12 November 2020 14:27

To: John.Somers@gov.scot

Cc: James.Hynd@gov.scot; [Redacted]

Subject: RE: 'The Royal Train' proposal

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From: John.Somers@gov.scot <John.Somers@gov.scot>

Sent: 12 November 2020 14:06

To: [Redacted].

Cc: James.Hynd@gov.scot; [Redacted].

Subject: RE: 'The Royal Train' proposal

Hi there,

It's difficult to give a definitive piece of advice while there are still such a number of unknowns. You'll know that we are currently asking people living in Scotland to avoid unnecessary travel from local authority to local authority and to keep journeys within the area they live to an absolute minimum. We review our guidance regularly though as the First Minister regularly says in her daily briefings it not possible to offer a definite position ahead of time given the variables and unknowns presented by the pandemic.

From a personal point of view I think the proposal below is one which would will mean a lot to many people living throughout the country. My anxiety though is the practical aspects of it and how presentationally it may be difficult if travel restrictions are in place.

You might not wish to share it with me but did you get a view from the office of the First Minister of Wales?

I think my view is that at the moment the chances of the tour having to be postponed are potentially quite high.

All my best wishes,

John

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 12 November 2020 13:30

To: Somers J (John) <John.Somers@gov.scot>

Cc: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; [Redacted]

Subject: Re: 'The Royal Train' proposal

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From: John.Somers@gov.scot <John.Somers@gov.scot>

Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 10:03:21 AM

To: [Redacted]

Cc: James.Hynd@gov.scot <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; [Redacted]

Subject: RE: 'The Royal Train' proposal

Dear [Redacted]

Great to hear from you and thanks for sharing this proposal with me. Initially I hoped to check in with James and [Redacted] for their guidance and feedback and one or both of us will be back in contact with you shortly.

Best wishes. John

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From: [Redacted].

Sent: 09 November 2020 17:28

To: Somers J (John) <John.Somers@gov.scot>

Cc: Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; [Redacted]

Subject: 'The Royal Train' proposal

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