



COVID-19 Proposal
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1. Background

On 5 March 2021 Scottish Ministers gave conditional approval for a Fan Zone to take place in Glasgow 11 June – 11 July 2021, as part of the city's EURO 2020 celebrations. The Fan Zone will create a festival atmosphere with a sporting and cultural programme providing an opportunity for communities to gather and celebrate together.

The conditional approval granted the necessary exemptions from The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 to enable the event to be staged. The exemptions permitted 1.5m physical distancing in the main hospitality area and a capacity cap of 3,000 spectators per session. This approval was conditional upon the prevalence of the virus on 28 April.

On 5 April 2021 Scottish Ministers approved a spectator capacity of up to 25% for the EURO 2020 matches at Hampden Park. The Scottish Government has retained the right to reverse this decision should it be required due to a change in the prevalence of the virus.

2. Introduction

This submission requests confirmation that approval can now be given for the Glasgow Green Fan Zone on the basis of the same exemptions as the conditional approval given on 5 March 2021. It is understood that Scottish Ministers retain the right to reverse this decision should it be required due to a change in the prevalence of the virus (in line with the approval for spectators at Hampden Park). The Host City is required to submit the Scottish Government's final decision on the Fan Zone to UEFA on 28 April.

This paper outlines the key developments in operational planning which have taken place since the conditional approval was granted. This planning builds upon the principles, safety measures and risks identified in 'Ministerial Submission 1' on 1 March 2021. The later decision date of 28 April 2021 for final approval for the Fan Zone (to allow additional time to understand the likely epidemiological context at the time of the event) introduced some additional operational and financial risk to the City. A decision was therefore taken by the City and LOC Board to progress with Option 2 from the original submission, which was a single Fan Zone in Glasgow Green.

3. Fan Zone Operational Planning Update

Following the decision to proceed with a single Fan Zone at Glasgow Green, operational planning has progressed significantly. Below are the key operational planning updates. The full operating plan is in development based on the principles and mitigations discussed with partners and clinicians.

3.1. Key Information

Location	Glasgow Green
Dates	11 June – 11 July
Times	12pm -10pm (5pm-10pm on 11 June) 12pm – 11pm for knock-out stage matches (if required)
Spectator capacity per session	3,000
No. of sessions	3 per day (11 - 23 June) 2 per day (24 - 11 July)

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3.2. Sporting & Cultural Programme

A full sport activity programme will be in place at the Fan Zone encouraging participation in physical activity. This will include a multi-use sports pitch where community groups who have been part of the EURO 2020 'Play Your Game' programme can be part of the EURO 2020 celebrations. The pitch and other sport activations will provide opportunities for spectators to take part in a range of sports, beyond football.

In addition to match days when all UEFA matches will be screened and the sport and commercial partner activations will be ongoing, a programme of cultural content will fill the 9 non-match days/evenings (and some of the afternoons when there is only an evening match). Examples of programming include:

- film screenings, music performances, interactive workshops and spoken word/storytelling
- showcasing, celebrating and exploring music, heritage and community arts projects from city projects
- comedy nights
- a look towards the hosting of COP26 in Glasgow
- celebrating heroes who have emerged through the coronavirus pandemic

3.3. COVID Mitigations

UEFA, the Scottish FA and Glasgow Life (on behalf of Glasgow City Council) are committed to working with partners to provide a safe environment for the people of Scotland and visitors to celebrate the tournament in a COVID secure environment. The organisers will use their high levels of professionalism, skills, knowledge and experience to design and incorporate COVID mitigation measures into the extensive existing health and safety systems and planning.

In line with the conditional approval from Scottish Ministers, planning is on the basis of:

- 1.5m physical distancing within the seated hospitality area (measured mouth to mouth), with additional mitigation measures
- 2m physical distancing for standing and circulation areas, and queuing lanes.
- A capacity cap of 3000 spectators per session

The Fan Zone will be a largely seated venue. A portion of the venue will remain standing to allow spectators to visit sponsor and sporting activations. The booking of tables will be available for a maximum of 6 people, and bookings will be allowed as per the government guidelines at the time of the tournament.

In addition to the above, the operation of the Fan Zone will adhere to COVID guidance where available (hospitality, construction, sport & leisure), including the following mitigations:

- Sessions to limit dwell time
- Ticketing requirement to capture Test & Protect information
- Food & drink ordering and payment service to minimise risk of transmission
- Face coverings (except when seated with food and drink)
- Enhanced cleaning regime
- Additional toilet capacity (beyond event guidance) and handwashing
- Managed queuing and circulation areas
- Communication – pre-arrival information, signage, messaging on big screen, commentary
- COVID secure person search policy at entry to the Fan Zone
- Medical Provision in line with current event guidance and with additional COVID protocols
- COVID Secure Venue Risk Assessment

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3.4. Ticketing

All sessions in the Fan Zone will be ticketed. The ticketing system will capture the data required for Test & Protect purposes. Spectators will be asked to confirm that they are adhering to current guidance in terms of sitting in household bubbles at the time of booking their ticket.

Tickets are free for all sessions where EURO 2020 matches are being screened. The cultural programme is currently being developed and ticket charges may apply for selected performances on UEFA 'rest days'.

3.5. Food & Beverage

The current plan (based on existing) restrictions is for a full table service operation for food and drink. This will only change if hospitality guidance permits (e.g. spectators queuing in person at the food concessions). There will be a limited menu available to support efficient service and the organisers are investigating the possibility of advance ordering via the ticketing system.

The application is for the Glasgow Green Fan Zone to be granted an alcohol licence for the space within the perimeter fence line and the Alcohol Management Plan is currently being developed by the Licensee for review by multi-agency partners.

3.6. Capacity

The spatial capacity of Glasgow Green far exceeds the 3,000 peak spectator capacity of the Fan Zone. Operational planning (stewarding, medical provision, toilets etc) will also be sufficient to facilitate a higher capacity. The City and LOC Board have agreed that, should the Host City and partners deem it operationally feasible, a request to increase the capacity to 5,000 can be made to Scottish Ministers.

At this stage, however, the focus is on safely delivering the Fan Zone for 3,000 spectators in a COVID secure manner with all the appropriate safety measures in place. The currently capacity will remain at 3,000, but will be kept under review. If it is considered safe to request an increase to 5,000, this would be subject to a further submission to Scottish Ministers.

4. COVID-19 Planning Process

The plans in Section 3 have been developed following consultation with multi-agency partners (including Environmental Health, Licensing, NHSGGC, Police Scotland) and national clinicians.

All planning principles, mitigations and risks outlined in 'EURO 2020 COVID-19 Ministerial Submission 1, 1 March 2021' remain unchanged and have been integrated into the planning outlined in this paper, and the operating plan which in its final stages of development.

A further meeting took place on 19 April 2021 with the Deputy National Clinical Director and Event Policy Officials to discuss the details of the planning outlined in this paper. Following feedback from the DNCD, the team will continue to work with partners of on the plan for transitions between sessions. Discussions and further planning will be presented to clinicians and officials through the Gateway Events Process.

5. Conclusion

Following conditional approval from Scottish Ministers on 5 March 2021 for the EURO 2020 Fan Zone (subject to the prevalence of the virus on 28 April 2021), this paper provides an update on operational

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planning for a Fan Zone in Glasgow Green. Confirmation that final approval can be given is sought prior to UEFA's deadline of 28 April 2021 when all EURO 2020 Host Cities must submit confirmation of the plan for their Fan Zone(s).

All partners remain committed to staging EURO 2020 in a safe environment for tournament participants, spectators, staff and the local population. The Fan Zone will create a welcoming venue where all aspects of the football tournament, sport activities, culture, health and wellbeing activities, and an array of food and drink can be enjoyed. The event will provide significant international profile for Scotland on the global stage with iconic broadcast and media images from Hampden Park and across the City reaching estimated audiences of more than one billion. In addition, it will bring vibrancy back to the City, support businesses and provide an opportunity for the people of Scotland to celebrate together once again.

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