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Date: 02 February 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: TT Races/Festival of Motorcycling – Road Closures for Postponed Practice.**

The Department in partnership with ACU Events Limited organises and promotes the annual TT Races. Traditionally the TT takes place over a fortnight during late May and early June with the first Sunday in June being the mid-point (or Mad Sunday). The roads normally close for practice during the evenings of the first week (Saturday to Friday excluding Sunday). For racing, the roads currently close during the day on the Saturday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday of the second week.

The Department and ACU Events Limited are considering trialling some changes to the road closure schedule for this year's TT Races practice sessions in response to the significant delays and cancellations during the 2017 event due to the poor weather conditions.

It is not intended to alter the current racing schedule and provisions for cancellations, but it is intended to request additional emergency use closures for the afternoons of Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 1st June 2018.

The closure on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May will only occur if the Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May evening practice session is cancelled or significantly shortened. Roads will close at 13:00 with the exception of the Mountain Road which will start closing at 11:45 and roads will re-open no later than 17:30 with the exception of the Mountain Road, which will reopen one-way, 1 hour later.

The Closure on Friday 1st June will only occur if evening sessions have been cancelled or significantly shortened, excluding the Saturday evening if Sunday practice takes place. The Mountain Road will commence closing at 11.15 and the remaining roads will close at 12.30. Roads will reopen by 16.30 to allow commuters to return home with the exception of the Mountain Road, before closing at 18.00 to allow for the normal evening practice to run..

If the practice sessions run as normally scheduled the emergency sessions will not be used, notifications as to the use, in particular Friday, will be made during the week will be made through the local radio stations and publicised through the social media channels.

The use of these additional emergency practice periods will give greater opportunity to run, weather notwithstanding, an unaffected race week schedule through the remainder of the event.

In addition, the Department and the Manx Motorcycle Club will be seeking to request similar additional emergency practice sessions for the Festival of Motorcycling to be held in August, for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018 for the same reasons.



We understand that some people or businesses may be adversely affected or inconvenienced by the proposals; as such we would like to hear your views before we submit any formal applications for road closures or changes to the schedule.

We would therefore request that you provide the Department with your views or comments, either supporting, or opposing the proposals for 2018, responses should be provided to the Department by the 01 March 2018 via e-mail to [motorsport@gov.im](mailto:motorsport@gov.im); or by completing the form below and returning in the supplied envelope.

Your views are appreciated and important, they will be taken into account in directing the decisions in relation to the forthcoming event.

Yours faithfully,

David Morter  
Director of Motorsport.

Response:

In regard to **TT 2018** (Please tick appropriate response)

I support the proposals

I do not support the proposals

In regard to the **Festival of Motorcycling 2018** (Please tick appropriate response)

I support the proposals

I do not support the proposals

If you do not support the proposals as outlined, please provide a reason for your response below:

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