## Press release: Leeds Festival advice for drivers

Drivers are advised that motorways and major A roads leading to the Leeds Festival site at Bramham Park are likely to be busy later this week (24-26 August) as music fans make their way to the site.

It is expected that the busiest day for festival traffic will be Thursday 24 August.

Emergency planning manager for Highways England in Yorkshire, Hayley Robson said:

Highways England will be doing all we can to alleviate congestion on the major routes to the event to keep traffic flowing, even so it will be busier than normal in this area over the festival weekend.

We have a lot of experience of handling events like this and have tried and tested systems in place. We work with our emergency service colleagues and the event organisers to ensure those heading for the events get there with minimum fuss and delays.

Drivers are advised to plan and check their travel routes in advance, and to keep up-to-date with the latest road conditions.

Traffic travelling northbound will access the festival site on the A1 for Leeds at junction 45, southbound traffic will be directed to use junction 44.

Increased levels of traffic are also expected on Monday 28 August as people leave the festival.

The A64 will be closed from 9pm on Sunday 27 August at the Bramham Interchange and the Fox and Grapes pub until mid-afternoon on Monday 28 August.

It will be completely closed eastbound at the Fox and Grapes pub and signed as closed westbound at Bramham Interchange.

Incoming traffic for pick up will use junction 44 of the A1(M) turning left onto the A64 towards Leeds. Non-festival traffic is advised to consider alternative routes or allow more time for their journey.

Highways England will use its electronic message signs on approaching motorways to give drivers information about any diversions and delays, and provide <u>up-to-the minute traffic information</u> via local radio and our website.

All routes to the festival will be well signed and information can be found

on the <u>Leeds Festival website</u>.

## General enquiries

Members of the public should contact the Highways England customer contact centre on  $0300\ 123\ 5000$ .

## **Media enquiries**

Journalists should contact the Highways England press office on 0844 693 1448 and use the menu to speak to the most appropriate press officer.