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Thank you for your entry for the 2024 Hills Ford Stages, formerly known as the 3 Shires Stages. Please read through these instructions thoroughly. You are reminded that this document carries the same force as the Supplementary Regulations.

If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact the organising team. If for any reason, you find yourself unable to attend the event, please let us know ASAP. Your ACTUAL due times at MC0 and MC2 will be found on the Start Time List on the Official Notice Board, available on the evening of Friday 13th September 2024. Competitors will leave MC0 on Saturday 14th September 2024 and MC2 on Sunday 15th September 2024 at Minute intervals.

1 AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS

SR1 – ANNOUNCEMENT

Rally HQ will be based at Much Marcle Memorial Hall, Much Marcle, Ledbury, HR8 2LY

Please do not visit Rally HQ unless requested to do so by an event Official. Competitor Liaison Officer's (CLO's) are located within the Service Area at Rye Meadows, Much Marcle, Herefordshire HR8 2LX. They will be able to answer any queries you may have.

SR13 - OFFICIALS

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| • Change – Radio Controller – Delete | Simon Marks – Add Chris Evans |
| • Change – Role - | Paul Willets will become Press Officer |
| • Add – Driving Standards Observer – | Mike Hall |
| • Add – Media Officer – | Steve Andrews |
| • Add – Assistant Clerk of the Course – | Kelly Thomas |

SR9 – ROUTE AND EVENT FORMAT

Chicanes will be constructed of a mixture of round or rectangular bales, dependent on the individual stages bale supplier. The event has obtained permission to utilise barrels, in the event that a chicane needs to be rebuilt during the day.



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2 IMPORTANT REMINDERS

We kindly remind you that;

- **In case of an emergency whilst on a road section**

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- Some of the roads used for this event are very narrow with little or no room to pass, please be mindful of baulking other competitors if you have a problem or get caught in stage by a faster competitor. No complaints concerning baulking will be considered.
- This event relies upon a huge level of PR work with residents prior to the event. The road sections are timed between 17 and 22mph to allow competitors ample time to traverse between stages, please drive carefully on the road sections to allow this event to continue to enjoy it's local support.
- There has also been an ample amount of time allowance within road sections to utilise the refuel service offered by Vital Fuels, or to utilise the public service stations notified within the roadbook.
- A regroup will be located at the entrance to the Service Area, prior to returning to Service. Competitors are reminded that whilst vehicles are within the Regroup, no assisted servicing should take place on any competing vehicles.
- You are reminded of your obligations under Section 170 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Rule 286 of the Highway Code. Here any injury incidents that take place on the public highway must be reported to the relevant Police Authority. The event organisers must also be notified, should any incident of this nature take place.
- Please ensure that you arrive at the start of each Special Stage, in a state fit to start that stage. The events Scrutineers will be checking that helmets, belts and FHR devices are fitted correctly, throughout the course of the event.
- The event organisers have applied to Motorsport UK as per R26.6, to start stages at intervals of 30 seconds. This will be utilised on SS1 and SS2, and may be used throughout the remainder of the event, dependent on any delays.

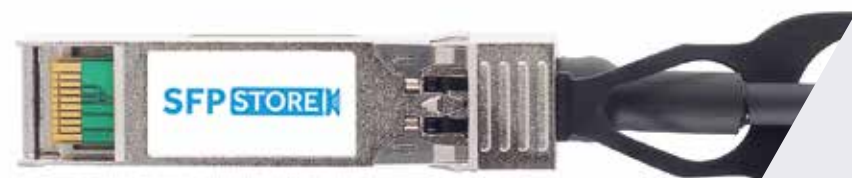


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Documentation and signing on for reconnaissance will be at Much Marcle Garage W3W location //workforce.hiring.probe from 13:00 until 15:00 on Friday 13th September 2024, and 08:00 until 10:00 on Saturday 14th September 2024.

Documentation and signing on for the rally will be at Much Marcle Garage //workforce.hiring.probe from 09.00 on Saturday 14th September 2024.

Scrutineering for the rally will take place within the service area at Rye Meadows, Much Marcle, Herefordshire HR8 2LX //overcomes.allow.landed from 13:00 until 17:00 on Friday 13th September 2024, and from 08:00 until 14:00 on Saturday 14th September 2024.

Noise Testing will take place within the car park of the Royal Oak public house, Much Marcle, HR8 2ND //boggles.ordinary.cushy from 13:00 until 17:00 on Friday 13th September 2024, and from 08:00 until 14:00 on Saturday 14th September 2024.

4 RECONNAISSANCE

We kindly remind you of SR10 and SR11 concerning Reconnaissance and vehicle tracking. We remind you that it is your responsibility to download the Sporttraxx Tracky app before signing on for Recce, and login with the code supplied to each competitor at signing-on.

The Sporttraxx Tracky app will be monitored by the organisers during the recce and each stage area will have a speed limit of 30mph. The Sporttraxx Tracky app has the facility for the event organisers to remotely monitor speeds whilst on Reconnaissance.

Electronic copies of the roadbook will be available on Tuesday 10th September 2024, via the Official Noticeboard on Sportity.

Following complaints from last year, we must ask you to remain respectful to local residents when out completing Reconnaissance. Likewise, please report any problems incurred with local residents to an event Official.

Only standard road cars may be used for reconnaissance. Modified wheels are permitted. Roll cages are not permitted. Advertising may not be carried on cars used for reconnaissance. If there is any dispute as to whether a car is standard, it must be presented for scrutiny to the organisers in advance. The decision of the organisers will be final. Any entrant, competitor or others found using a car in breach of this regulation will not be permitted to start the rally. The organisers reserve the right to not allow the use of any particular car.

The use of intercoms and headsets during the reconnaissance is not permitted, unless a letter of medical dispensation from Motorsport UK is produced at registration.

During reconnaissance marshals will be on duty to check driving standards and the number of passes you make through each stage (Max 2). If requested, please stop at these marshals and have your Record Card signed by them as proof of passage.

Competitors not wanting to carry out reconnaissance should still report to signing-on in order to claim their roadbook for the event.

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The service area and trailer park are located at;

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The site will be signposted with arrows and is accessed next to Much Marcle Garage. Please take care when entering and exiting the site.

You will not be able to access the Service Area prior to 12:00hrs on Friday 13th September 2024.

Only 1 service vehicle per crew will be allowed into the Service Area. Servicing may only be carried out in the Service Area - any work carried out to competing cars outside of the Service Area must be done so by the crew themselves using tools and equipment carried in the competing car. No outside assistance is allowed.

Competitors must supply an environmental ground sheet, which must be placed under the competing vehicle during any service activities.

The service area is based on a large, grassed showground. Please ensure that you bring suitable equipment for the safe jacking of vehicles on grass.

Competitors will have the option of leaving their trailer within the marked trailer park, or within their own service bay, provided there is sufficient room. Service bays will be approximately 10mx10m.

Within the service area there will be a strict 10mph speed limit, and driving standards will be observed by the Service Area Marshals and other Officials in that location.

There will also be a one-way system in place throughout the Service Area, as displayed in the Service Area Plan located on Appendix 1.

The organisers will accept no responsibility for vehicles or items left in the Service Area overnight or unattended. Please take your rubbish home with you. Rubbish bags will be provided at signing-on.

If you have not already notified the entries secretary of any intention to service next to another crew, or share service crew, you must do so as soon as possible.



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6 EVENT FORMAT

The event will start on the afternoon of Saturday 14th September 2024 with a Main Control (**MC0**) located at the service area. This will be followed by a Ceremonial Start on Saturday 14th September within Ledbury Town Centre. Cars will then travel to SS1, which will run concurrently with **SS2**. Both stages will run at the same time on 30 Second starts, so after completing SS1 please make your way back to the start of SS2 as per your roadbook, and feed into the queuing cars. You will then make your way back to the service area and a Main Control (**MC1**).

Sunday 15th September will start with **MC 2**, and will see a further 10 stages take place, consisting of five venues run twice and three planned returns to service throughout the day. Before returning to service for the final Main Control (**MC6**).

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7 ORGANISERS ADVICE

- If utilising the refuel service area operated by Vital Fuels, please take great care when entering and particularly when exiting the site to or from the A449.
- Any competitor continuing to drive on the asphalt with a punctured tyre where the wheel rim is in contact with the asphalt will be liable for the cost of any damage to the surface. For this reason, it is strongly recommended to carry a spare wheel, triangle and suitable equipment to complete a wheel change on any terrain. This should be secured in position before scrutineering.
- Please treat the chicanes with respect to avoid damaging them, your vehicle and putting marshals in danger.
- There are two Competitor Liaison Officers appointed on this event, who will be located within the Service Area throughout the day. Please use them as your first point of contact with all queries/questions, unless specifically timing related. If your query relates to timing, you will be able to utilise the QR code printed on your timecard, in order to electronically submit a query directly to the results team.
- Catering and toilet facilities will be available within the Service Area.
- Remember to remove your helmets on road sections.

8 EVENT NOTICEBOARD

- The official noticeboard will be on the Sportity app, available at the App Store and on Google Play.




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An awards ceremony will take place within the Service Area, near to the CLO tent, on the results being declared final.

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APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 – Service area plan
- Appendix 2 – Refuel area plan
- Appendix 3 – Noise Testing plan

We thank you again for your entry and welcome you back to The Hills Ford Stages, and we wish you an enjoyable and safe day.

From The Organising Team..



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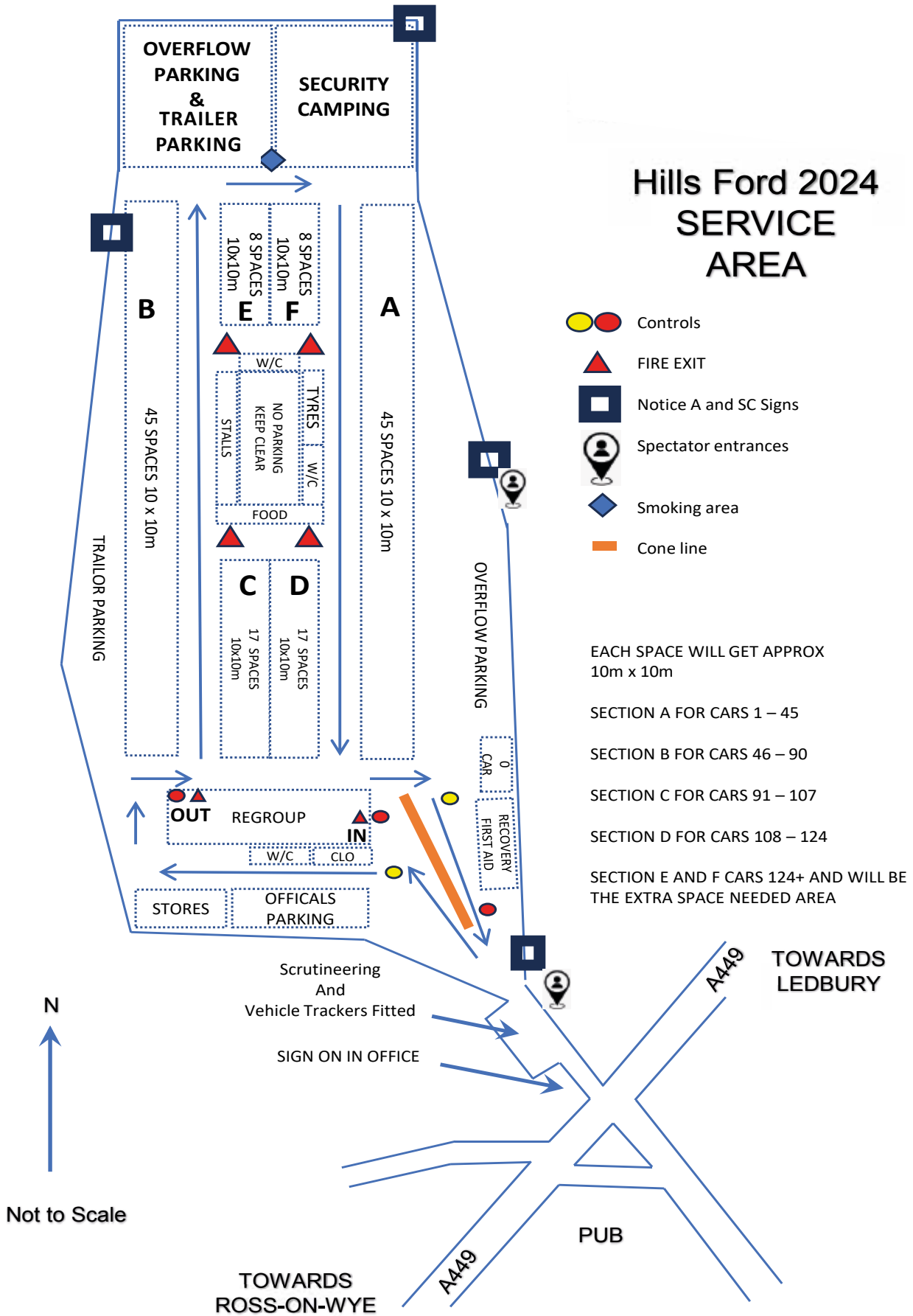
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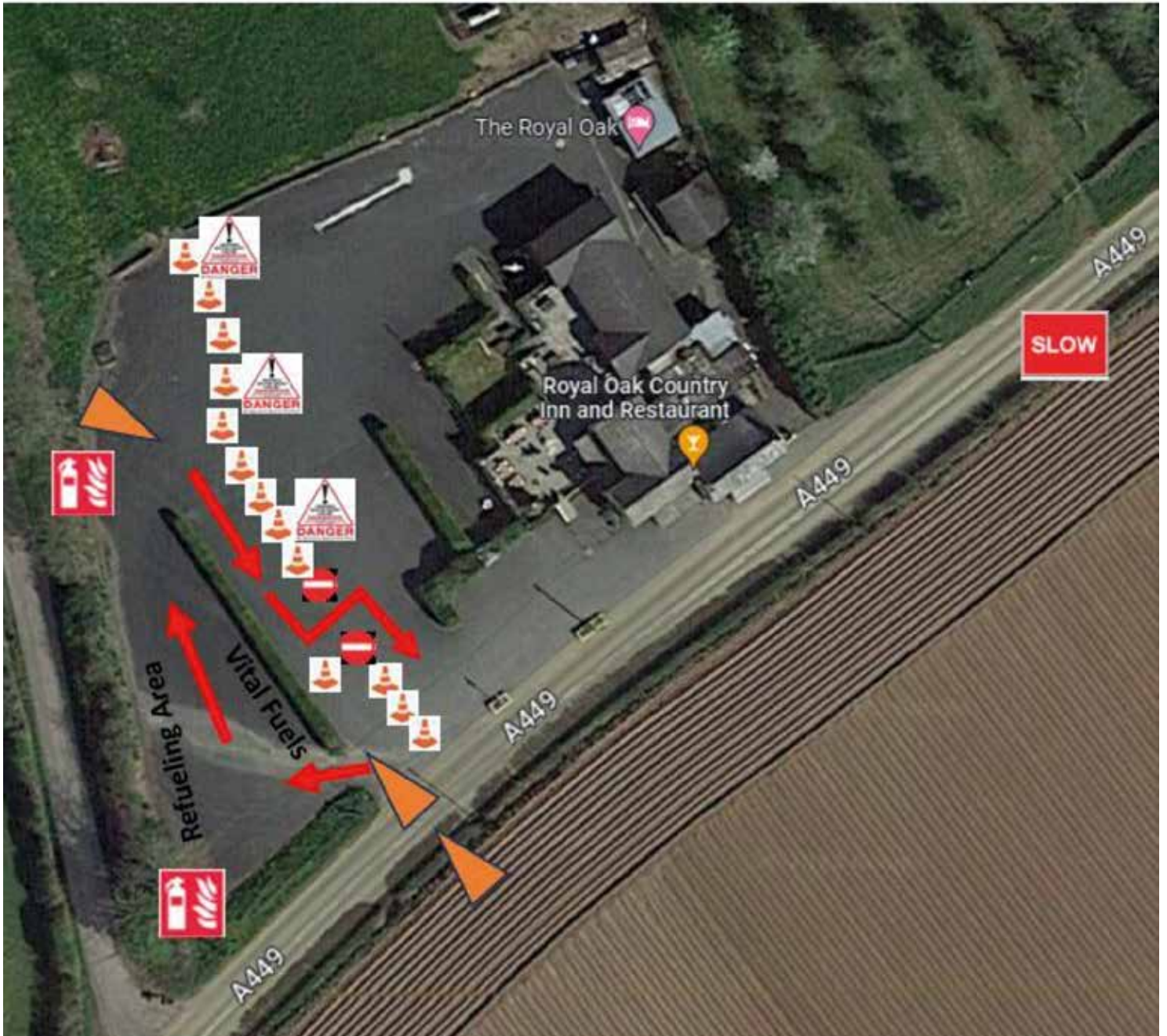
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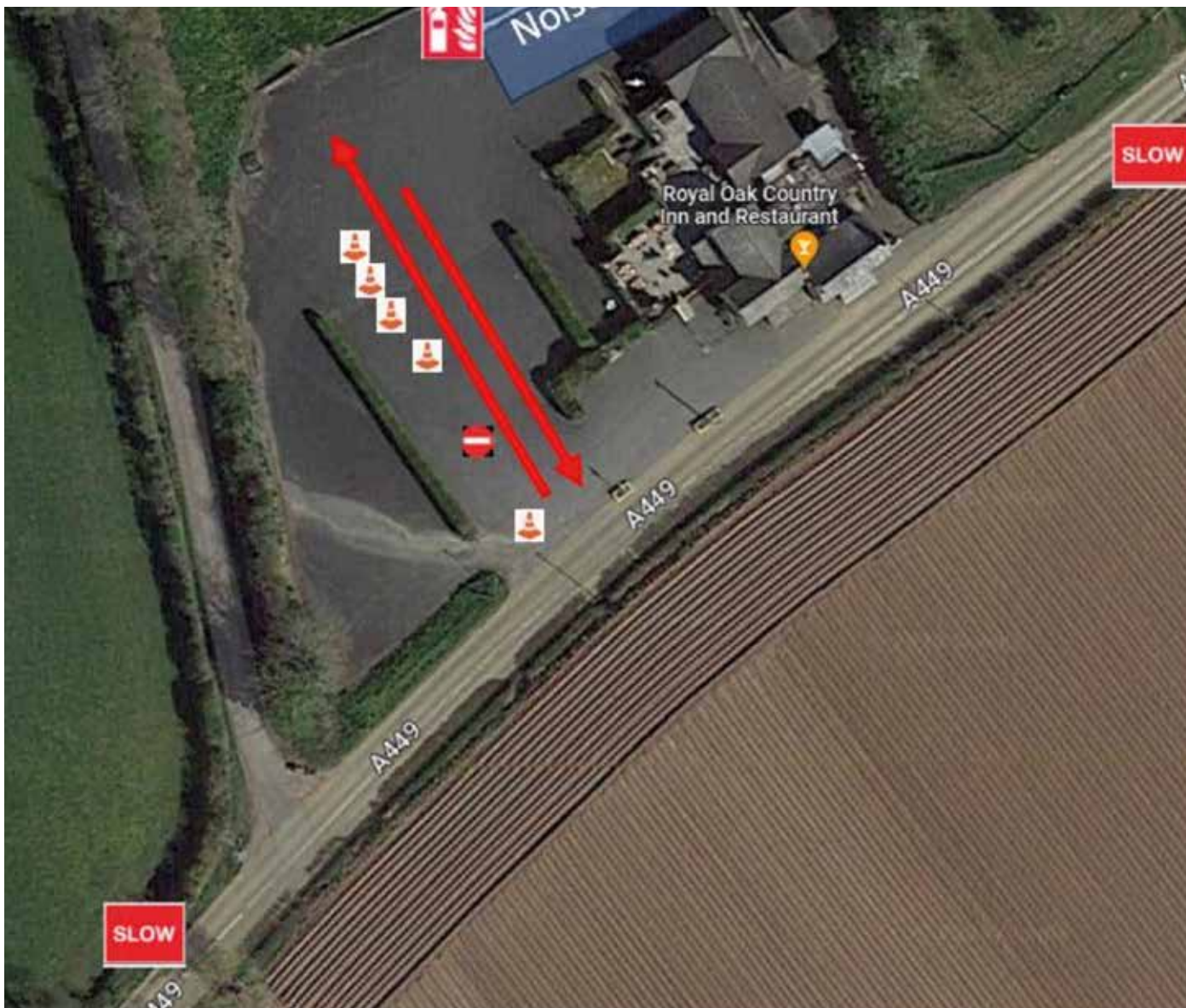
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APPENDIX 3 – NOISE TESTING

NOISE TEST - ROYAL OAK

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