



LETTER FROM MELVIN BENN, RE: LATITUDE FESTIVAL 2026

Dear Resident,

I am writing to provide you with information about Latitude Festival 2026 at Henham Park. At Festival Republic, we are working hard to minimise the impact that we have on local residents and would like to thank you very much for bearing with us.

TIMES OF OPENING

Latitude Festival will take place from Wednesday 22nd to Sunday 26th July 2026, at Henham Park, Suffolk. Early entry will be available to the General, Family Campervan fields and Accessible Campervan field only on Wednesday 22nd July, with the advertised opening time of 10:00hrs. Then camping will be available for weekend ticketholders with an advertised opening time of 10:00hrs on Thursday 23rd July, including the Accessible Camping and Campervan fields. Please note that car parks will be open from 08:00hrs on Thursday 23rd July 2026.

TICKETS

As in previous years, a number of reduced-priced resident tickets have been made available to the residents of Blythburgh, Wangford with Henham, Uggeshall, Frostenden and Sotherton & Blyford, via the respective Parish Councils or Village Trusts. These have been donated by us and the monies raised will be retained by the respective Parish Councils or Trusts to fund community projects benefitting the residents of their parish.

RESIDENTS GETTING TO THE FESTIVAL

Local residents attending the festival are reminded that the A12 and the A145 are too hazardous for pedestrians, particularly at night, and therefore we have organised a shuttle bus service run by Border Bus to travel to and from Latitude Festival from the following areas: Beccles, Halesworth, Halesworth Rail Station, Kessingland, Southwold, with services passing through Wrentham, Reydon and Wangford. For more details of these services, the full timetable is published on the Border Bus website – www.Border-Bus.co.uk/Latitude/. There are also bike racks at Memorial, Tuttles Wood and PUDO gates. For more travel information, please visit www.latitudefestival.com (follow the links to *Information – Travel*).

TRAFFIC

As in previous years, the festival traffic plan has been designed in conjunction with Suffolk Constabulary and Suffolk County Council Highways to allow for cars to access and leave the festival site directly off the A12, A145 and Middle Barn Lane. Please note that the A12 and the A145 are likely to be busy with a high volume of traffic at peak periods - mainly Thursday lunchtime and afternoon, Friday morning and Monday morning. We advise using alternative routes to avoid the vicinity of the vehicle gates and / or allowing more time for your journey.



A full and very detailed Traffic Management Plan - including details of all offsite traffic signage, routing and gates etc - has been supplied to the relevant local government agencies as part of the licensing process.

Following higher volumes of traffic on Thursday last year, we reviewed our Traffic Management Plan and have taken steps to improve traffic flow into the festival. These include enhanced on-site monitoring, additional motorcycle spotters for external monitoring, traffic staff increases, contingency signage, and targeted improvements to gate turns and internal road surfaces. More information can be found on our website.

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

In the interests of improving traffic flow for all drivers - whether attending the festival or not - we have applied for a number of traffic regulation orders in an attempt to get our traffic plan running as smoothly and effectively as possible for everyone. These regulations will be signed in effect from Wednesday 22nd July to Monday 27th July 2026, inclusive (unless noted otherwise).

Please read this information carefully. All restrictions have been shared in advance with the local Parish Councils.

SPEED LIMITS

We have applied to Suffolk County Council for a temporary speed limit of 30mph in the following areas:

- The A145, London Road, between the junction with the A12 to a point 174m south of the junction of The Hills at Brampton. Note, this will be in effect from 06:00hrs on Monday 20th July 2026 for safety reasons. Note, the speed limit then increases to a temporary limit of 40mph for a distance of 500 yards before resuming the National Speed Limit area.
- The A12 from the junction with Wangford Road, Wangford to the current 40mph restricted area at Henham. Note, this will be in effect from 06:00hrs Monday 20th July 2026 for safety reasons.
- Middle Barn Lane, Wangford, from its junction with the A12 to the 'split' of Middle Barn Lane/Craven Manor Lane at Manor Farm Cottages. Note, this will be in effect from 06:00hrs on Monday 20th July 2026 for safety reasons.
- Craven Manor Lane from its junction with Middle Barn Lane at Manor Farm Cottages to the junction of London Road A145. Note, this will be in effect from 06:00hrs on Monday 20th July 2026 for safety reasons.
- Henham Green, Henham, from the A145 to the 30mph restricted area at Sotherton corner. Note, this will be in effect from 06:00hrs on Monday 20th July 2026 for safety reasons. (This will be signed on entering the restriction area – there will be no repeater signs due to safety reasons). These are in the interests of road safety in the vicinity of our vehicle gates. We will be putting up relevant temporary signage. Please be aware that Suffolk Constabulary Casualty Reduction Partnership may attend the area at any time to carry out speed camera enforcement.

We have applied for a "clearway" or "no stopping" order along the same section of the A145 as the temporary 30mph speed limit. This is to dissuade people from dropping festival goers off on the public highway. The A12 already has a clearway in place.



ONE WAY SYSTEM

- Middle Barn Lane from a point west of the entrance to Henham Quarry to the junction of Craven Manor Lane at Manor Farm Cottages - One way for traffic travelling westbound.
- Craven Manor Lane from its junction with Middle Barn Lane at Manor Farm Cottages to the junction of the A145 London Road - One way for traffic travelling southwest.
- Middle Barn Lane from its junction with Craven Manor Lane to the junction of the A145 London Road – No access except for residents.

NO RIGHT / LEFT TURN

To ensure that exiting festival traffic follows the exit route and to prevent build-up of traffic at the A145/A12 junction, please note the following restrictions:

- Middle Barn Lane to the A12 Southbound carriageway - No right turn between 21:00hrs and 0300hrs on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th July, and between 21:00hrs Sunday 26th and 21:00hrs Monday 27th July 2026.
- Middle Barn Lane at its junction with the A145 London Road - No left turn between 06:00hrs and 21:00hrs on Monday 27th July 2026.
- Craven Manor Lane at its junction with Middle Barn Lane - No right turn between 07:00hrs and 21:00hrs on Monday 27th July 2026.
- Middle Barn Lane at its junction from A145 London Road - No Entry between 06:00hrs Wednesday 23rd July and 21:00hrs Monday 27th July 2026.
- No right turn from the A12, southbound carriageway, into Middle Barn Lane between 21:00hrs and 0300hrs on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th July, and between 21:00hrs Sunday 26th and 21:00hrs Monday 27th July 2026.
- No left turn from the A12, northbound carriageway, into Middle Barn Lane between 21:00hrs on Sunday 27th July and 21:00hrs Monday 27th July 2026.
- No right turn from A12 southbound carriageway into A145 between 04:00hrs and 21:00hrs on Monday 27th July to minimise through traffic on A145 during peak egress.
- No left turn from A12 northbound carriageway into A145 between 04:00hrs and 21:00hrs on Monday 27th July 2026 to minimise through traffic on A145 during peak egress.
- No right turn from A145 to A12 Southbound carriageway between 04:00hrs and 21:00 hrs Monday 28th July 2026. All traffic arriving at junction on mandatory left turn A12 North. To minimise collision risk at junction and to enhance Southbound traffic flow on A12 during egress period. Additional signage on the A145 warning of this restriction will be in place in advance of and during the festival, including variable messaging systems on the A145 and on the A12 at the A145 junction, no U turn restrictions and signage will also be in place on the A12.
- There will also be traffic management in place at the A12 / A1095 junction (junction to Southwold) to restrict U turning in the mouth of the junction over the egress period on Monday 27th July 2026.

RESIDENT ACCESS ONLY

- Dunwich Road, Blythburgh (B1125) from its junction with the B1387 to the junction with Chapel Road,



- Blythburgh - No access, except for residents (additional signage for access to businesses as usual).
- Green Lane from its junction with the A145, to the junction with Kings Lane - no access, except for residents between 0600hrs Wednesday 23rd July and 2100hrs on Monday 28th July 2026.
- The following Resident Access Only restrictions were new for 2023 and are repeated for 2025 to discourage festival traffic from the A12 from using residential streets to U-turn. These restrictions will be in affect from 0600hrs Wednesday 23rd July until 2100hrs on Monday 28th July:
- Craven Manor Lane at its junction with the A145 London Road - No access, except for residents.
- The Hills from its junction with the A145 to the junction with Stoven Road - No access, except for residents.

The following are signed only and are not applied as part of the TTRO by Suffolk Highways:

- The Street, Blythburgh from its junction with the A12 Southbound to its junction with Chapel Road, and its junction with A12 Northbound to its junction with Priory Road. No access, except for residents.
- Chapel Road Blythburgh from its junction A12 to its junction B1125 Dunwich Road. No access, except for residents.
- Priory Road Blythburgh from its junction A12 to its junction with Church Road. No access, except for residents.
- Church Road Blythburgh from its junction A12 to its junction with Priory Road. No access, except for residents.
- Walberswick Road (B1387) from its junction with the A12 to the junction with B1125 Dunwich Road. No access, except for residents.
- The B1125 Angel Road Blythburgh from its junction with the A12 to its junction with Chapel Road Blyburgh. No access, except for residents.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

We are applying to use temporary traffic lights at various locations along the A12 at the gates, at the junctions of Middle Barn Lane and the A145, and at the gates on the A145. These will be used only when absolutely necessary in the interests of making all traffic flow smoother, both into and out of the festival, and on the A12 and the A145.

Please do allow additional time for your journey and consider alternative routes where possible.

CAR PARKING

The festival has space for many more cars than the number expected, and parking onsite will be free and directly adjacent to the event itself. It is very unlikely, therefore, that there will be any issues with festival goers parking or abandoning their vehicles offsite. We will, however, operate a tow-away facility in conjunction with Suffolk Constabulary if required.

TRAIN/ SHUTTLE BUS

Most of the public will arrive in their own vehicles, but a number will also arrive at Halesworth Rail Station via train; a shuttle service will run between the train station and the festival site. Shuttle buses access and exit the site from / to the A12. Unlike in previous years, there will be no shuttlebus service from Diss train station, and so customers



are advised not to travel to Diss via train for the festival this year. There are also Big Green Coach services transferring customers to the festival from other areas of the country, helping to reduce the volume of cars on the road.

TRESPASS / SECURITY

Although we do not expect any problems with trespassers, should someone trespass on your land, then please call the Police first. Our security staff will assist the Police as required. There are hundreds of stewards and security personnel on and around the festival site - some of whom can be redeployed offsite if necessary - in cooperation with and in support of the Police.

NOISE AND HOURS OF ENTERTAINMENT

Complaints and Noise - Hotline

If you have a complaint about noise or any other issue, you should call the complaint's hotline number to register the complaint. The telephone number is: 01502 478 192

The telephone number is staffed throughout the hours of entertainment. If the answer machine picks up your call, this will be because another one is in progress, so please leave a message and we will call you straight back. Noise levels are strictly regulated and monitored by our onsite acoustic consultants and Environmental Health at East Suffolk Council.

HOURS OF ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday 23rd July: 17:00 – 03:00

Friday 24th July: 10:00hrs – 03:00hrs

Saturday 25th July: 10:00hrs – 03:00hrs

Sunday 26th July: 10:00hrs – 03:00hrs

Although East Suffolk Council have approved our application for regulated entertainment until 3am, the main entertainment will finish at 11pm and the entertainment between 11pm and 3am will be low key -i.e. cabaret, comedy, etc. - and should not, therefore cause you any noise issues.

CONTACT DETAILS / FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have specific questions that are not covered here, please contact the Latitude Residents email: LatitudeResidents@festivalrepublic.com

Kind Regards,

Melvin Benn, Managing Director, Latitude Festival 2026