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Dear David

PARA - CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

Further to my colleague Ian Barr and I attending the Caelaverock Community Association meeting prior to Christmas I wanted to give a short update on the present situation with regards to the Para-Cycling World Championships 2023.

The early part of 2023 has involved a great deal of further dialogue with the UCI (Union Cycliste International) the Governing Body responsible for the 13 World Championships that are coming to Scotland in 2023. UCI delegates have again visited Dumfries and Galloway to do the further detailed route analysis and mapping as they finalise their plans for the World Championships.

It very much remains our intention to undertake a programme of community dialogue which would include public meetings, letter drops plus face to face visits with residents organisations and businesses as required. I am currently seeking to recruit some additional support for this community dialogue across all routes to ensure we can maximise our reach and I see this person as critical in being able to liaise between the communities, event agencies and blue light services as we work to try and find mitigations to any concerns or problems identified.

The event organisers have set up a local organising committee which involves NHS resilience, Police, Fire, Ambulance, as well as appropriate Council service representation including Roads Managers and colleagues responsible for overseeing the bus network.

I envisage that we will be able to embark on a programme of community dialogue within the next month when we have received more information from the UCI on proposed scheduling times. If we have sufficient information prior to this the we will begin it earlier.

I note your comments in your recent e-mail about the rainbow colours displayed on Caelaverock Castle, whilst the images did indeed look splendid I agree it was a missed opportunity for us to promote locally. We weren't aware of the UCI planned Comms activity until afterwards and have expressed our disappointment to the Strategic groups at UCI making it clear that we are very keen to be at the forefront in promoting our region and that we need to be aware of all comms activity planned that impacts on our local area.

I will be in touch in the near future as more information becomes available.



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