Queen Square

Site Guide



Bristol City Council

Event Applications

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1. Location



Queen Square is a magnificent Georgian square restored as part of an award-winning Heritage Lottery Fund supported £5million project. Its central location is popular with successful businesses, and it is adjacent to bustling commercial districts, the Old City and the redeveloped Harbourside.

2. Site Address

Queen Square, Bristol BS1 4LH
Google Maps : **3D Aerial** **2D Directions Map** **Streetview**

3. Site Description

Open space with level lawns and wide gravel paths in the centre of Bristol.

3.1 The event space



Find a larger online version of this site on our map of Bristol Outdoor Events Areas

4. Ground conditions

- The ground can get boggy with a lot of rain
- Ground protection has to be used
- Surface water can pool in downpours

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5. Event Areas and Capacities

5.1 Event Area

Approx: 1.7 Hectares

6. Accessibility

Event organisers are responsible for making their events as accessible as possible.

You can find an access guide on the DisabledGo website. You can also look at a route plan on the DisabledGo website.

7. Access and Parking

7.1 Vehicle Access

No vehicles are permitted on the grass or gravel paths without permission and agreed vehicle access and movement plans to manage and monitor activity.
Vehicle and loads below four tonnes may be permitted on the paths. Heavier vehicles and loads and any access onto the grass must use agreed ground protection products.
Vehicle speed must be limited to 5mph with hazard lights on. Vehicles must not drive within 0.5m of timber boarding on path/grass edge and must not clip grass on path corners.
Event structures and vehicle access may be restricted beneath tree canopies, even with ground protection, to prevent ground compaction and long-term damage to tree roots.
Use parking bays for delivery, storage and production. Where practicable use trolleys and manual handling to move equipment and structures to location. Forklifts must only operate on agreed ground protection on grass and paths.

Access Point 1: Southeast corner – from Redcliffe roundabout via locked bollards
Access Point 2: Northwest corner – from Prince Street via locked bollards

7.2 Parking

No parking is permitted on the grass or gravel paths except by permission. Off-street parking bays can be suspended at cost to the event. Contact Bristol Parking Services on 0117 922 2600 for details.

7.3 Pedestrian Access

Each corner of Queens Square has access for pedestrians.

Access will need to be maintained for businesses and residential properties.

7.4 Traffic Management

A traffic management plan will need to be agreed with Bristol City Council and in consultation with the Safety Advisory Group

8. Transport links

- 0.7 miles to Bristol Temple Meads

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- 0.7 miles to Bristol Bus Station

Find more transport options and timings on the travelWEST website.

9. Site Facilities

9.1 Permanent Infrastructure

- Benches
- Statue in the centre with surrounding benches- depending on the event, this may need to have surrounding fencing. Please ask site permissions if this is necessary for your event.

9.2 Power

Please use our power map to find out what power is available at this site.
Event organisers should prioritise means of power higher in the power hierarchy.

9.3 Water

Use our water map to see what water resources are available at this site.
You can also find further details in our Water Guidance.

9.4 Toilets

There are no toilets on this site, so events would have to arrange temporary toilets (Essential when capacity is over 50).

To calculate additional infrastructure facilities required for your event please refer to The Purple Guide for guidance on minimum provision.

Portable toilets are best sited on the granite cobbled areas in the parking bays as delivery, lifting and moving operations damages both grass and paths

10. Waste management

- Event organisers should prioritise methods higher in the waste hierarchy
- The waste management plan must include the surrounding area and key ingress and egress routes
- The event organisers are responsible for doing a litter pick after the event and also disposing of all of this waste.
- The fixed parks waste bins onsite are not for event-use and should not be factored into the waste management plan.

11. Restrictions on the site

- Ground protection: must be agreed in advance, must be used for all vehicle and heavy footfall areas, openings and entrances to bars/offices.
- Weight loading: less than 4T without protection
- CAT scan required if staking below 6"
- Monument and trees may need protection, fencing around perimeter may be removed

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12. Nature Conservation

Nature Conservation Designations

No designations for the site, but the Floating Harbour Wildlife Corridor is located nearby.

Notable Habitats

The Events area includes open grassland, which is cut regularly, and scattered trees across the site. Some of these trees have bird and/or bat boxes installed on them.

No activities should be permitted which cause damage to these habitats. Measures will need to be taken to avoid impacts to the wider site as a result of increased footfall or use of vehicles and machinery. In addition, measures will need to be taken to avoid impacts to the Floating Harbour e.g. via litter and pollution.

Notable Species

Potential for nesting birds and bat roosts within the trees and wildlife boxes. Protected species likely to be present nearby, particularly associated with the Floating Harbour habitats including nesting wildfowl and wetland birds, bats and otter.

Measures must be taken to ensure there are no direct impacts to these species such as via damage to habitats, or indirect impacts such as via disturbance from artificial lighting, noise and vibration, litter and pollution impacts.

13. Hazards

- As a city centre location, it's potentially subject to heavy public footfall during the build, and the impact of potential anti-social behaviour from the wider night time economy in the district.
- Surrounding roads

14. Consultation and stakeholder engagement

Out of courtesy, it is recommended that event organisers contact local businesses and residents to discuss their event and the impact it may have.

For larger events, it is recommended that organisers contact all surrounding businesses to inform them about the event as well as any local residents as stipulated by the city council's Noise Pollution Team.

Past feedback for Queens square:
Residents have reported noise levels

15. Fees and charges

15.1 Hire Fee

A site fee and application fee are required for the use of Bristol Council land. Please ensure you are fully aware of all relevant costs on submission of your application.

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15.2 Site Bonds

A site bond may be held in consideration for damages with the amount calculated depending on the size of the event.

Land reinstatement may also be required within a week post-event (weather dependent) and a contractor is to be agreed prior to the event.

16. Maps

Find a larger online version of this site on our map of Bristol Outdoor Events Areas

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