



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Dear Owner / Occupier,

2023 UCI CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – ELITE ROAD RACES SATURDAY 12 & SUNDAY 13 AUGUST

This summer Scotland plays host to the inaugural 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships from 3-13 August 2023, with the world's best riders assembling from around the world to compete across 13 UCI World Championships in the biggest cycling event ever staged.

Events will take place across Scotland, with Balloch set to host the start of two of the World Championship competitions, the Men Under 23 and Women Elite (including Women Under 23) Road Races. These free to attend events will see the world's top riders race through the country, cheered on by spectators along the course.

The Men Under 23 race is scheduled to start at **11.30am on Saturday 12 August**, and the Women's Elite race at **12:00pm on Sunday 13 August**. Both races will start at Balloch Bridge by Sweeney's Cruise Company Loch Lomond, then travel east along Balloch Road and Drymen Road, before joining the A811, travelling through Gartocharn and by Drymen, before turning at Balfron Station. The route then continues east by Balfron, towards Fintry, before turning to follow the Crow Road south through East Dunbartonshire, before entering Glasgow and finishing in George Square.

To facilitate the race safely and legally, there will be some impact to residents and businesses along the race route and nearby. The relevant Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders have been granted by Transport Scotland, West Dunbartonshire Council and Police Scotland, closing Balloch Bridge and some roads surrounding the start area during event preparation and the race itself. Road closures have been kept to the minimum level possible, while ensuring that the race can pass safely through this area. Pedestrian access to these roads will be maintained at all times.

To facilitate the building and derigging of the event site, Balloch Bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic from 9am on Friday 11 to 5pm on Sunday 13 August. Access to Fisherwood Road and Tullie Inn will also be affected at points during this period, with no access on Friday 11 August between 9am to 5pm. The event will also affect access to Craiglomond Gardens, Clairnish, and Riverside at points across the weekend. Access to all the locations listed will be available between 5pm on Friday 11 August until 8am on Saturday 11 August, and again from 1pm on Saturday 12 August until 8am on Sunday 13 August. Full details of all affected roads and diversion are provided in Annex A.

On both race days, Saturday 12 (until 1pm) and Sunday 13 (until 5pm), it is necessary to implement a closure along Balloch Road, from the roundabout west of Balloch Bridge, east to Carrochan Road. This means that there will be no non-race related vehicular traffic permitted to access this section of the route, with static road closure barriers in place, supported by traffic management operatives and Police Scotland. Alternative access routes and diversions will be in place across the weekend to maintain local access as much as possible. Full details of all affected roads and diversion details are provided in Annex A.

During both races, there will be rolling closures east of Carrochan Road along the route. Rolling closures will begin approximately 20 minutes before the race convoy moves through until just after it leaves an area. They are expected to be in place east of Carrochan Road from 11:30am – 11:50am on Saturday 12 August and 12:00pm – 12:20pm on Sunday 13, with closures rolling east along the route and roads opening immediately after the race has passed.

The route is marked with yellow advanced warning signs in the run up to the race, and with parking restrictions in place along the course. If you are located within the affected areas and require use of your vehicle during closure times, you are advised to park outside the race route and adjoining roads which have affected access before the closures are implemented. Access for Emergency Services will be maintained at all times, and they should be contacted in the normal way.

Residents are encouraged to plan ahead for the morning of the race, with more information available via the Cycling World Championships at www.cyclingworldchamps.com/getready and West Dunbartonshire Council at <https://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/leisure-parks-events/uci-world-cycling-championships/>

Balloch will be busier than usual on the day of the road race, meaning there will be times when public transport may be busy, so please plan ahead. Journeys in and around Balloch may also take longer than usual, so please leave plenty of time to reach your destination. If you can, leave the car at home, and make the most of active travel routes and public transport.

We appreciate these temporary measures may cause you inconvenience and would like to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding on race day.

If you need any further information, please contact us at hello2023@cyclingworldchamps.com or info@thetour.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

2023 Cycling World Championships, West Dunbartonshire Council and SweetSpot Ltd.

Annex A – Road Closures, Timings and Diversions

Date	Time	Roads closed	Access affected	Diversions
Friday 11 August	9am to 5pm	Balloch Bridge, Fisherwood Road.	Tuille Inn, Fisherwood Road.	The closure will be on East of Craiglomond Gardens, with left hand turn only. Clairnish will be right hand turn only. All traffic will be directed towards the bridge on the West of the bridge.
	5pm to 8am (overnight into 12 Aug)	Balloch Bridge only.	N/A	Diversions in place for all roads West of the bridge, traffic down Tullichewan Road, Pier Road or towards the bridge. All East of the Bridge to head towards A811.
Saturday 12 August	8am to 1pm	The whole Balloch Road, up to Carrochan Road.	Riverside, Craiglomond Gardens, Fisherwood Road & Clairnish	Drymen Road will operate on a rolling closure. This will mean that all traffic East of Carrochan can head East towards A811 until 20-30 minutes before the race
	1pm to 8am (overnight into 13 Aug)	Balloch Bridge only	N/A	Diversions in place for all roads West of the bridge, traffic down Tullichewan Road, Pier Road or towards the bridge. All East of the Bridge to head towards A811.
Sunday 13 August	8am to 5pm	The whole Balloch Road, up to Carrochan Road	Riverside, Craiglomond Gardens, Fisherwood Road & Clairnish	Drymen Road will operate on a rolling closure. This will mean that all traffic East of Carrochan can head East towards A811 until 20-30 minutes before the race