

Dear Residents

EDF Energy Birmingham Half Marathon -
Sunday 24th October 2010

This letter is to provide you with advance warning of the above event and the necessary traffic management arrangements on the day, which will ensure the event takes place in a safe environment.

Birmingham City Council, in conjunction with EDF Energy, is organising the EDF Energy Birmingham Half Marathon - Race against Climate Change, starting at 9.00am, which is expected to attract around 15,000 runners. The race will start and finish on Broad Street adjacent to the International Convention Centre. This is a mass participation event aimed at helping people to become more active, have fun and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

The mass race is open to anyone who will be aged 17 or over on race day. There will also be a wheelchair race, beginning ten minutes before the main race.

Please see www.birminghamhalfmarathon.com for further details.

Before and during the race, it will be necessary to implement a number of road closures along the route between 12.00 midnight and 4.00pm, which have been agreed with West Midlands Police. The one exception is Broad Street between Gas Street and Paradise Circus which will have traffic restrictions from 7.00pm on Saturday 23rd October, to allow the race infrastructure build. The times are approximate and the road closures will **NOT** affect the access of emergency vehicles. The roads affected are:-

Broad Street(Start)	Pershore Road	Longmore Street
Paradise Circus	Hazelwell Street	Belgrave Middleway (Five Ways)
Paradise Street	Bournville Lane	Lee Bank Middleway
Hill Street	Linden Road	Ryland Road
Station Street	Maryvale Road (Linden Rd-Pershore Road)	St James Road
Dudley Street	Pershore Road	Calthorpe Road
Edgbaston Street	Edgbaston Road	Harborne Road (Greenfield Crescent – Calthorpe Road)
Moat Lane	Queen's Ride	Greenfield Crescent
Bradford Street	Cannon Hill Park	Calthorpe Road
Barford Street	Edgbaston Road	Highfield Road
Moseley Street	Willows Road	Hagley Road (Highfield Road – Five Ways)
Rea Street South	Hallam Street	Broad Street (Finish)
Macdonald Street	Lincoln Street	Cambridge Street
Sherlock Street	Clevedon Street	

I would ask you to help us ensure that there a safe route for the runners by parking on your property, if you are able to, or on a side street and not on the course route from Saturday night 23rd October until the race is finished. If off-road or alternative parking does not exist at, or near your home, free temporary secure parking areas will be provided, with details to follow later.

Cars found parked on the day of the race on the course will be removed to an adjoining street.

From 1st September 2010 a Residents' Hotline will be available for any enquires about road closures, parking arrangements, access or volunteering.

The Hotline number will be **0121 464 6002** and it will initially be open between:
10.00am and 5.00pm Monday – Friday

Closer to the event the hotline will be open in the evening and on Saturdays.

The EDF Birmingham Half Marathon secures a place on the European road running map and I hope that people from across the city will support this fantastic event, either by taking part in the run, volunteering, or lining the streets along the route and cheering on those people taking part.

I thank you for your attention to this letter and apologise for any inconvenience the event might cause you.

Yours sincerely

Jim Kelly
Head of Local & International Events