



29th September March and Rally Update from the North **West TUC**

Transport to Manchester

Coaches

For all coaches dropping off at the form up of the march on Liverpool Road, Greater Manchester Police have provided information on entering and exiting the city along with drop off and pick up points. Details of this are in the Coach Plan attached. The main points are:

The coach drop off point will be on Water Street, Manchester (B5225)

All coaches are to access Water Street from New Quay Street using the ring road (A6042)

Coaches should arrive at the drop off point between 09:00 and 12:00.

On arrival at the coach drop off point, the coach driver will be handed a parking zone sheet. This will contain details of his designated parking zone which is situated near to Whitworth Park. The parking zones are lettered A – N and the coach driver should place the parking zone sheet, which will show a designated letter, in the windscreen of the vehicle.

A Greater Manchester Police Officer and the coach organiser will pass details to the passengers on the coach as to the parking zone where their coach will be located following the rally at Whitworth Park.

No passengers are to leave the coach until they have been notified of the final coach parking zone.

Advertising your coach

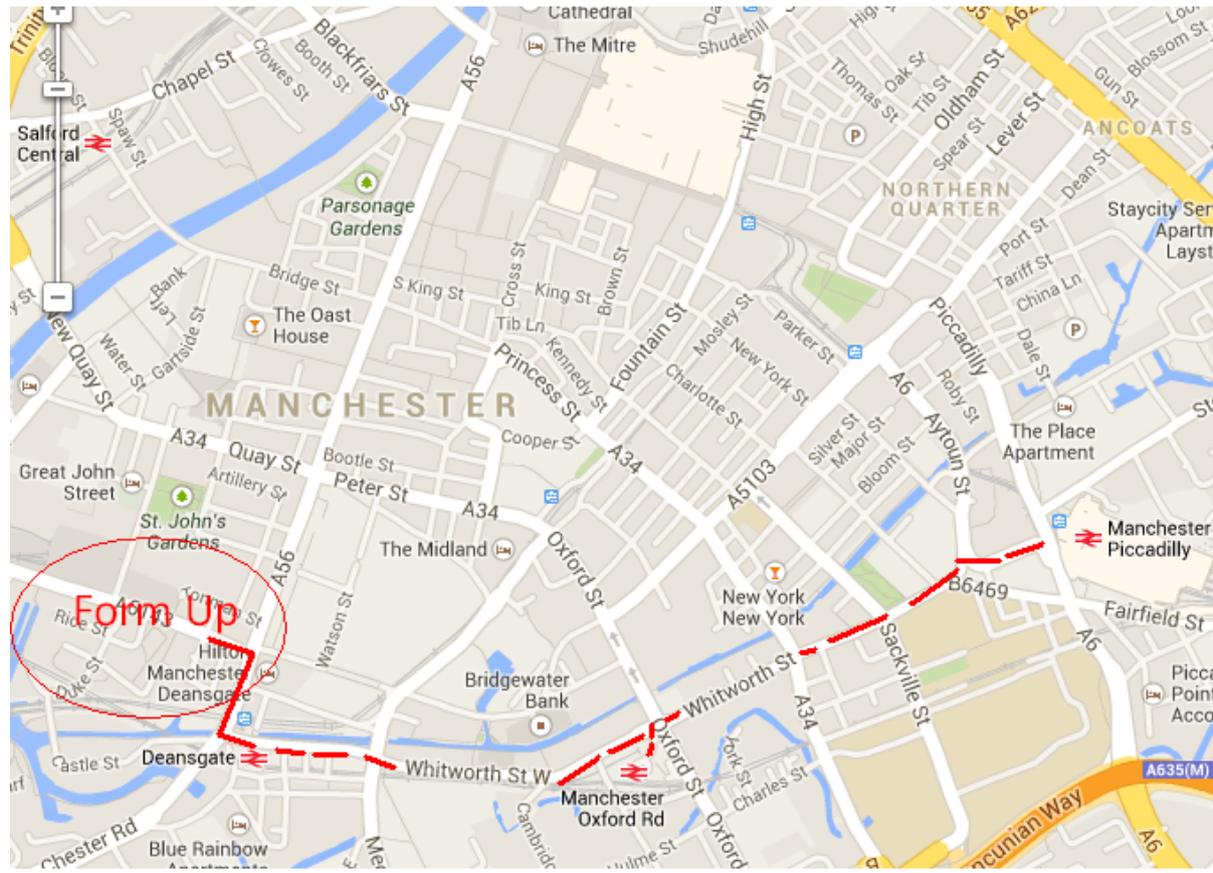
For those looking to advertise their coaches and ensure they are full, the False Economy has a section dedicated to 29th September. This can be found here <http://falseeconomy.org.uk/nhs299>

ACTION - We are asking all those running coaches to Manchester to register their coach details with us. You can do this via the False Economy website, adding coach details here <http://falseeconomy.org.uk/travel/add> . Alternatively, you can email Jay McKenna in the North West TUC office at jmckenna@tuc.org.uk with coach details and he will add these. If doing this, you must include:

- Coach Organiser (E.g Union name and Branch, Trades Council, Campaign Group)**
- Contact Name**
- Contact number/email**
- Description (who it's for – members, community, anyone)**
- Departure address (including postcode)**
- Departure time**
- Cost**

Trains

The nearest train station to the form up point is Deansgate Train Station. For those travelling to Manchester Oxford Road or Manchester Piccadilly, there will be police officers on duty on the day who will be able to point you in the direction of Liverpool Road and the march.



Buses

Buses will be running on the day, however there will be some alterations due to road closures. These will be published shortly on the Transport for Greater Manchester website www.tfgm.com.

Form Up

The form up order for the march has been agreed and is as follows:

UNISON
UNITE
GMB
Other health unions
Teaching Unions including UCU
PCS
CWU
FBU
Rail Unions
Students
Entertainment Unions
Trades Council and community groups

The form up area will be signposted and this information will be circulated prior to the march.

Along the form up area, there are a number of podiums, with PA systems, designated to specific sections of the march. We will be contacting those responsible for the podiums to ensure they have an identified person in charge of the podium. The purpose of these is for speakers to address the march as it gathers and also allow for stewards and police to convey safety information.

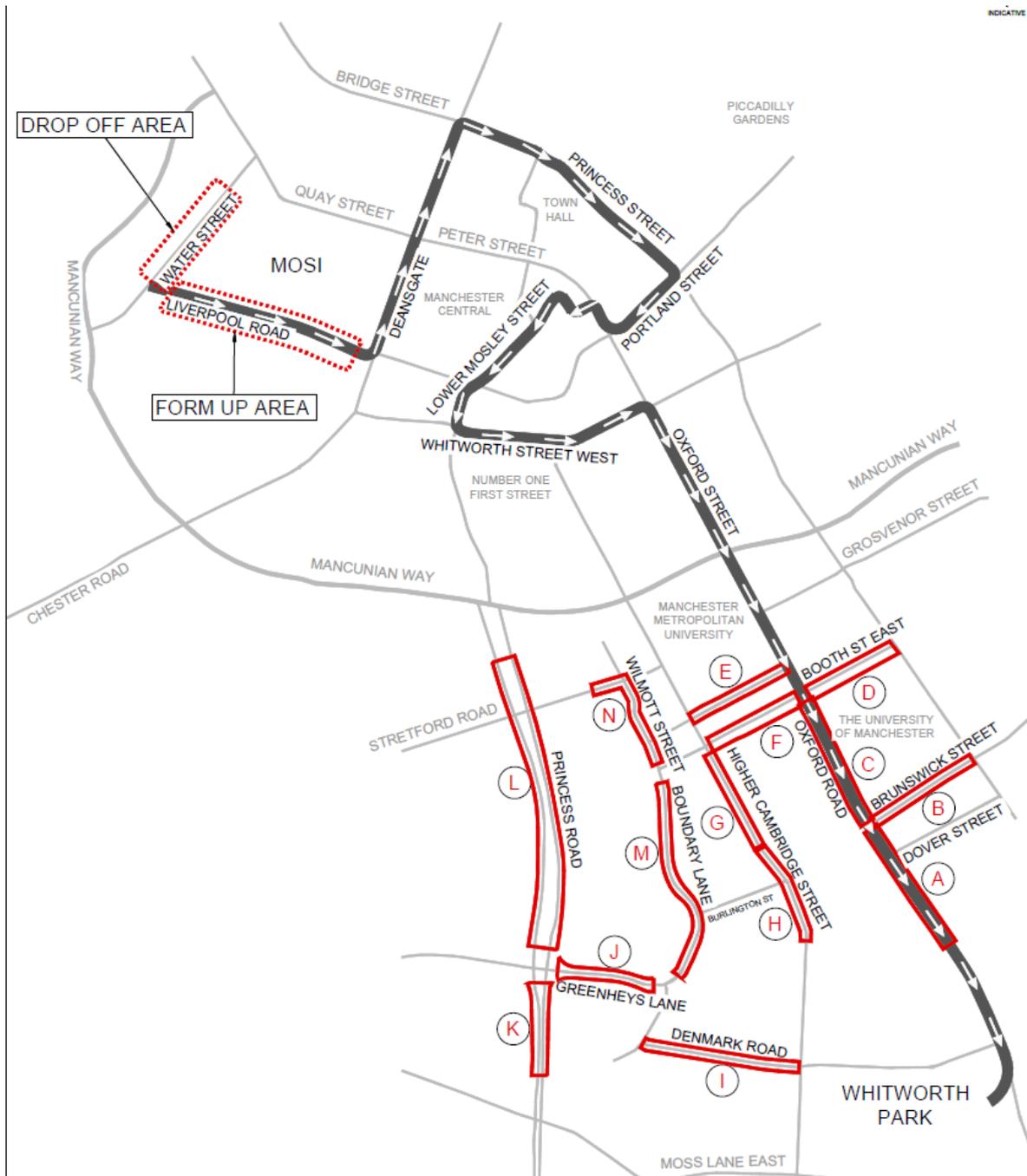
We are asking all those marching to form up from 11am onwards.

ACTION – The delivery of placards and materials for marchers is available on the day between 8am and 10am. If unions require access for delivery, please contact Jay McKenna on jmckenna@tuc.org.uk

March

The march is expected to move off at 12:15 and the route has been confirmed with police and agency partners. It is:

Depart Liverpool Road
Turn Left onto Deansgate
Turn right onto John Dalton Street
Continue over onto Princess Street
Turn right onto Portland Street
Turn right onto Oxford Street
Left into Hall Street
Continue round to Bale Street
Turn left onto Lower Mosley Street
Continue down onto Albion Street
Turn left onto Whitworth Street
Turn right onto Oxford Street
Continue down onto Oxford Road
Finish at Whitworth Park



Note - The TUC is not organising or supporting any feeder marches or other events on the day. The intention is for there to be one united show of strength, bringing together trade unions, campaign groups and members of the community to speak with one, defiant voice

Access to the route along the way will be restricted due to road closures and barriers in place for the conference. It is expected such closures will still allow for individuals and late comers to filter in to the march but this will be policed and stewarded.

Stewards will be placed at key points around the route to assist with march flow. It is important that marchers listen to stewards at these key points to avoid problems. This will include the march

passing under tramlines. Those with large banners and balloons will be advised about lowering this, however please ask those bringing them to be aware.

Short March/Static Demonstration

For those who require it, there will be two points for the shorter march. These will be at:

Barbirolli Square (outside of the Bridgwater Hall) – This allows for those who wish to join the march to pass the conference centre and continue onto the rally

All Saints Park (off Oxford Road) – This allows for those who just wish to attend the rally to join the march to its conclusion

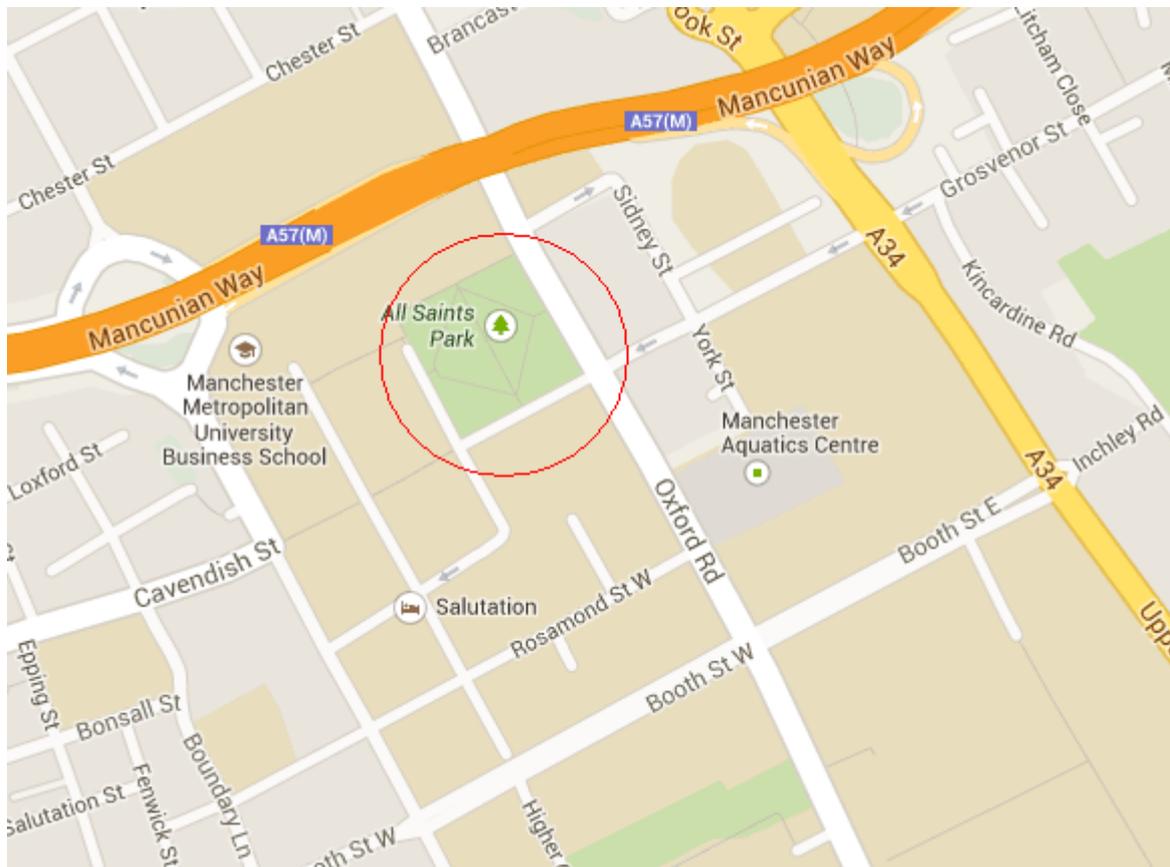
Both Barbirolli Square and All Saints Park will be stewarded and policed to ensure that those with mobility requirements will have safe and easy passage in the march. All marchers are asked to respect this.

Access and Drop Off

Barbirolli Square – This site is within the cordon for the Conference and as a result the nearest drop off point will be Chepstow and Great Bridgwater Street. The nearest car parks are at Oxford Street NCP, Great Bridgwater Street and NCP Great Northern.



All Saints Park – This site will allow drop off up until 1pm at which point Oxford Road will be closed. The best route to access this point will be along Grosvenor Street or Princess Street. There is on street parking available.



Rally

The rally will start at 14:15 or when the march reaches Whitworth Park, whichever is the later. It is expected to last for approximately 2 hours with speakers and music.

Accessible Viewing Area/Sign Language

A disability viewing area will be provided near to the stage to enable clear sight lines to the stage. There will also be sign language provided on the day. This area will be signposted and stewards will direct individuals to this area if required.

ACTION - Space for any stalls within Whitworth Park is limited is extremely limited. The number of spaces is to be confirmed. In the meantime, if any Union or organisation wishes to have a stall at the rally, they must first email Kara Stevens on kstevens@tuc.org.uk with:

Name of Union/Organisation

Contact Name

Contact Number

Contact Email Address

Use for the stall

Please be aware that there is no electrical supply available for the stalls and any stalls must have suitable risk assessments completed along with public liability insurance.

Departure

At the end of the rally, coach pick up points and the direction of travel to train stations will be advertised on the large screen. These pick up points will be those that coach passengers were advised off on their drop off. Stewards and police will be on hand to assist with dispersal from the park and signposting individuals to coach parking.

Promotion

Leaflets

An A5 single sided leaflet and an A4 poster have been designed to advertise the March and Rally. These are attached but can also be found following the below links:

A5 Leaflet

http://www.tuc.org.uk/tucfiles/628/Save_Our_NHS_Tory_Party_Conference_2013_A5_Flyer.pdf

A4 Poster

http://www.tuc.org.uk/tucfiles/627/Save_Our_NHS_Tory_Party_Conference_2013_A4_Poster.pdf

Stewarding

ACTION - The safety and success of the event will not only depend on the numbers attending but ensuring we have an adequate number of stewards to cover the march and rally. If you can provide stewards for the march and rally, or wish to volunteer can you please email Kara Stevens on kstevens@tuc.org.uk with:

Name

Union

Email Address

Mobile Number