



Bee in the City Farewell Weekend: 12 - 14 October 2018

HSBC UK National Cycling Centre, Stuart Street, Manchester M11 4DQ

Important travel and venue advice for ticket holders

1. Getting to the HSBC UK National Cycling Centre by public transport

If you are able to, it is strongly recommended that you travel to the Farewell Weekend by public transport. For most people it will be the easiest and most convenient way to get to the event.

Metrolink:

Metrolink is a fast and frequent modern tram network providing regular connections from Manchester city centre and across the Greater Manchester region. The National Cycling Centre has its own dedicated tram stop at Velopark, which is about a 5 minute walk, with trams running between Manchester and Ashton every 12 minutes.

The Metrolink network also provides free park and ride facilities with thousands of spaces across the network. Full details available [here](#). The nearest park and ride sites are at Ashton Moss and Ashton West which are both close to Junction 23 of the M60 motorway.

All Metrolink trams and stops are accessible for wheelchair users and provide step-free access. Mobility scooter users must have a valid permit to take their scooter onboard. Every tram has free wifi and dedicated accessible spaces for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Metrolink also support the 'Please offer me a Seat' badge campaign, providing customers who struggle to stand with a discreet way of requesting a seat. Applications for the blue badge can be made [here](#).

Tickets for Metrolink can be purchased on platforms or via www.getmethere.com. If you want to make the most of your day, why not buy a Metrolink Family Travel Card from just £6.70 (allows group travel for one or two adults with up to three children aged up to 16

years). Please note that you must purchase a ticket or hold a valid pass before boarding a Metrolink service.

Visit www.tfgm.com to plan your route to Velopark.

Bus:

The 216 and 231 bus services run every ten minutes from Piccadilly Gardens (Stand D) and customers should alight at Stop E or Stop G on Ashton New Road by the Velopark tram stop.

Cycling:

The Ashton Canal provides a traffic-free route for cyclists from Manchester city centre and Ashton to the Velopark. There are covered bike sheds close to reception for visitors, but you need to bring your own high security lock. If you are just visiting the cafe, bikes can be parked for short periods in our lobby area, but still needs locking securely. If you are here for a few hours, why not book your bike into Evans Cycles, the pro bike shop next door to the Velopark cafe for a service or upgrade? Phone them in advance for availability on 0161 223 6589.

The new footbridge crosses the Ashton canal, which is National Route 60, so there are a number of off road routes you can use, some of them only suitable in daylight hours.

2. Event parking

Event Parking will be located at **Car Park G Etihad Stadium Alan Turing Way, Manchester M11 3FF.**

A map showing the location of spectator parking is attached. This is a ten minute walk from the National Cycle Centre, which will be signposted from the car park.

There will be no parking at the venue except for **Blue Badge Holders**. However, there is a **designated drop-off point adjacent to the event site on Gibbon Street.**

Blue Badge holders:

Blue badge car parking spaces have been allocated at the venue. These are accessed through the car park at the front of the **National Cycle Centre, M11 4DQ**. Stewards will direct vehicles to the designated area which is a short walk from the entrance of the event. Please note that the Blue Badge holder entrance is in a different location to the main event entrance.

Please do not park in the ASDA car park next to the National Cycling Centre; this is for ASDA patrons only.

3. The venue

The majority of the event is located outside in a car park area. Please dress appropriately for the weather and for walking/moving around the site. *Mobility-aid walking frames will be allowed, as will pushchairs for young children.*

The Farewell Weekend may be busy at times but if you experience any issues please speak to one of the volunteers or stewards.

It is likely that some queuing will be required during your visit. Every effort will be made to make this as short and as comfortable as possible.

Access:

The majority of the Bees will be displayed on a flat space; however some of the Bees will be positioned on the concourse level of the National Cycle Centre. This level is accessible by lifts inside the venue; please give priority use to those who cannot use the stairs.

Our team of volunteer stewards will be on site and happy to help direct you around the event so that you don't miss out on all the fun and entertainment.

Toilets:

Toilets are located on the Velodrome upper concourse of the National Cycling Centre, including accessible toilets and baby changing facilities.

There will also be additional temporary toilets outside, next to the event entrance.

4. Conditions of venue entry and bag searches:

You are allowed to bring your own food and drink to the event.

No glass is allowed on site.

No alcohol is permitted.

No smoking or vaping please.

Please note that you may be filmed or photographed at the event.

Bag searches will be in operation at the venue. Please leave large bags at home to minimise delays.

5. Tickets:

To gain admittance to the event you must present a **pdf of your Farewell Weekend e-ticket please.**

We recommend that you download this in advance to show at the entrance to the site.

Just showing the email will not be acceptable as we need to scan the QR code on your actual ticket.

Thank you for your cooperation.

We hope that you enjoy your visit and have fun saying goodbye to the Bees at the Farewell Weekend.

