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Last entry and the people outside

Plan last entry, temporary gate holds and the overflow of people without tickets for a New Year street gathering, about seven weeks out

Correct as of 10 November 2026

SUMMARY

Call last entry first.

23 Oct official London tickets went on sale [1]



An all standing New Year crowd is still a crowd plan, even when the street is familiar. OTAS style image, generated from real photography. Not a record of a specific event.

The facts, as reported

23 Oct

official London tickets went on sale [1]

23:00

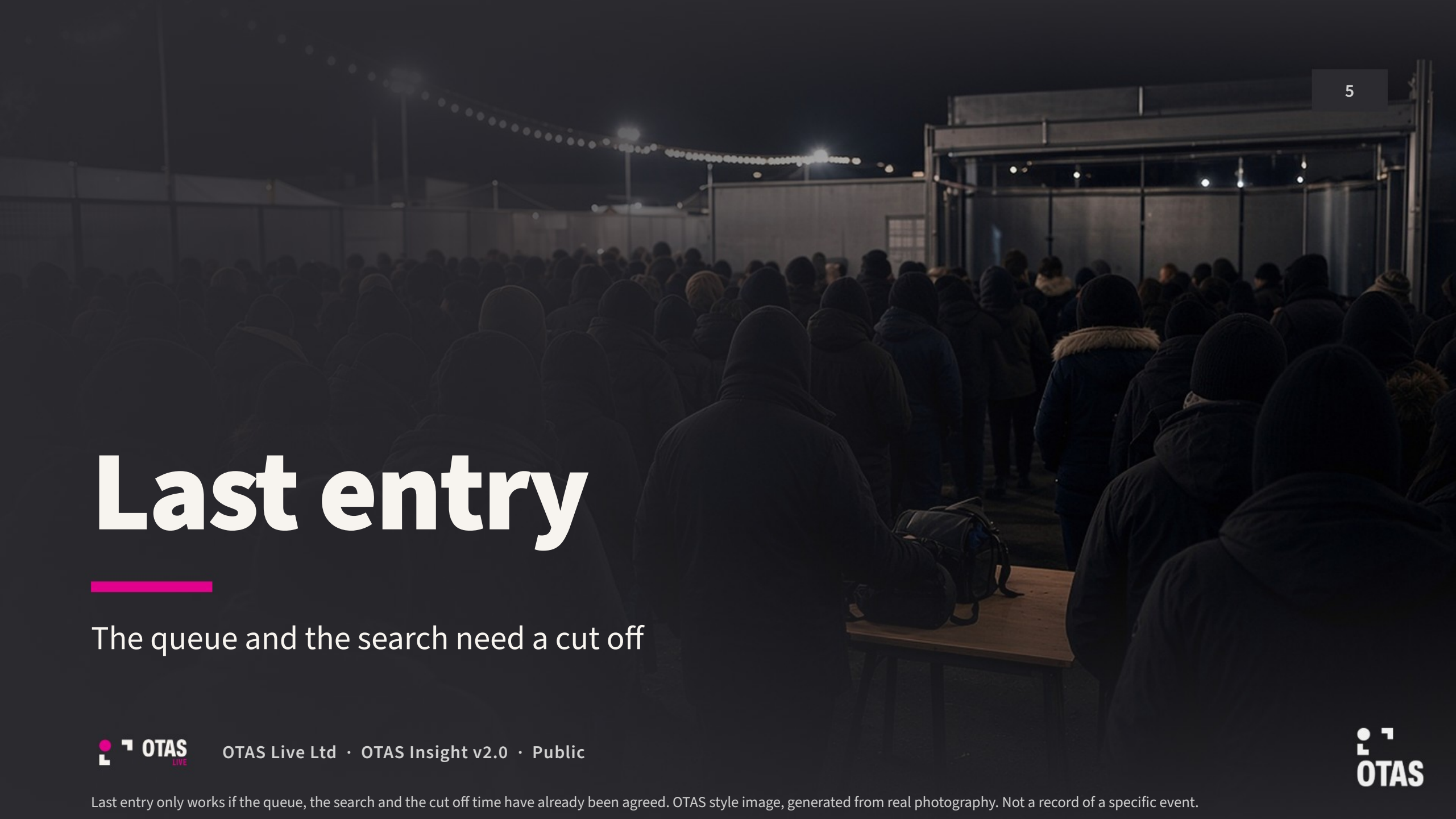
published last entry in Edinburgh [2]

00:50

published end time for that street party [2]

What was published

A TICKETED VIEWING	AN ALL STANDING STREET PARTY
Tickets on sale 23 October [1]	Gates 20:00, last entry 23:00 [2]
About 100,000 people [1]	Temporary gate holds for safety [2]
Official outlet only [1]	Ends about 00:50, no reentry [2]



Last entry

The queue and the search need a cut off

Last entry only works if the queue, the search and the cut off time have already been agreed. OTAS style image, generated from real photography. Not a record of a specific event.

What the guidance says

YOUR DUTY

Duty to people who are not employees [16]

That includes people just outside the line

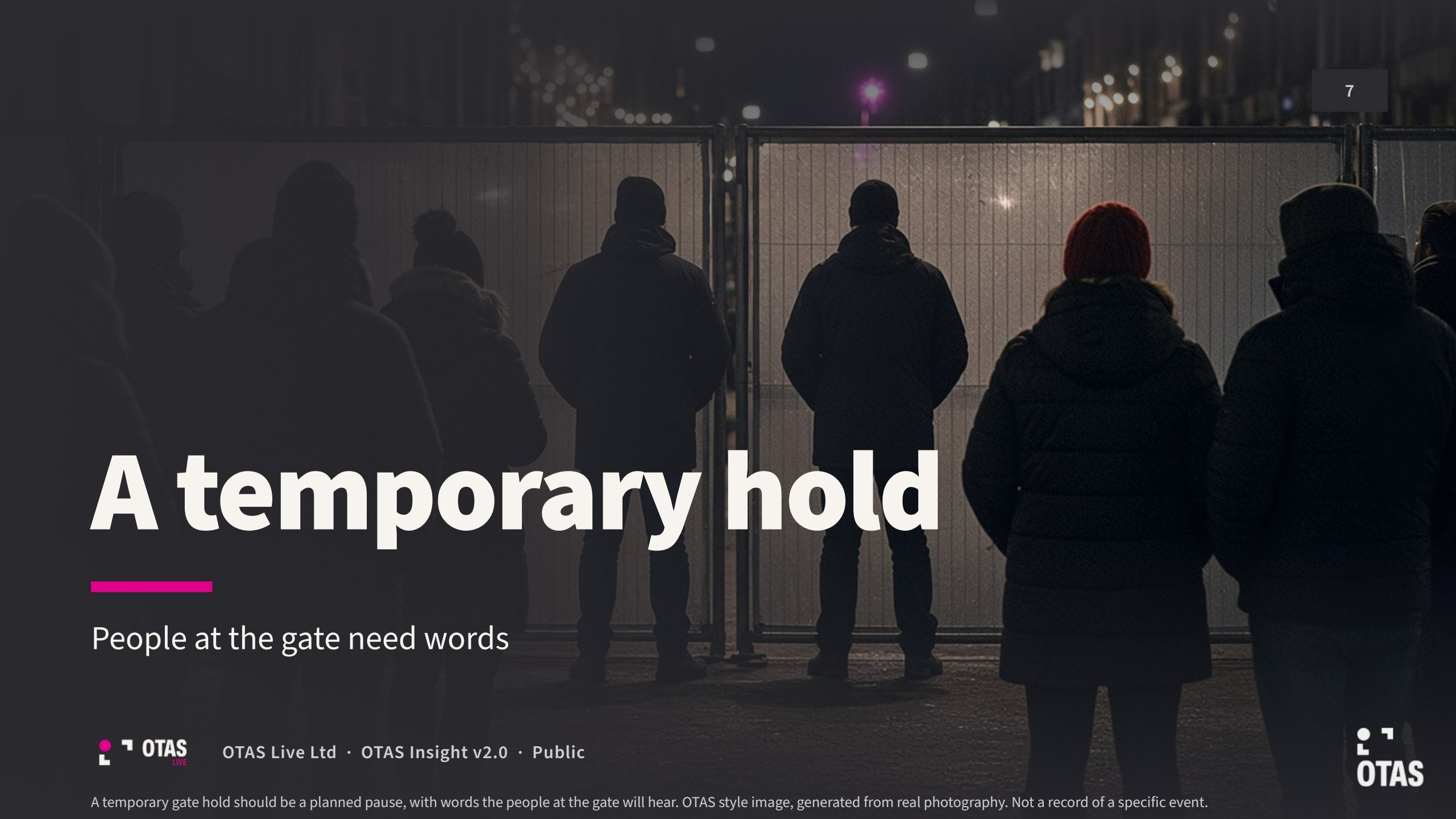
HSE crowd and incident guidance [3][14]

OTHER OTAS INSIGHTS

Sky: fireworks and effects

Late night evacuation: emptying the site

Gate rush: when everyone is told to come in



A temporary hold

People at the gate need words

A temporary gate hold should be a planned pause, with words the people at the gate will hear. OTAS style image, generated from real photography. Not a record of a specific event.

In practice

LAST ENTRY	OUTSIDE
A process, not only a clock	People without tickets
Staff the last 30 minutes	A route along the street
Finish the people already in the queue	A message and welfare

Call last entry before the queue decides it

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Gates open

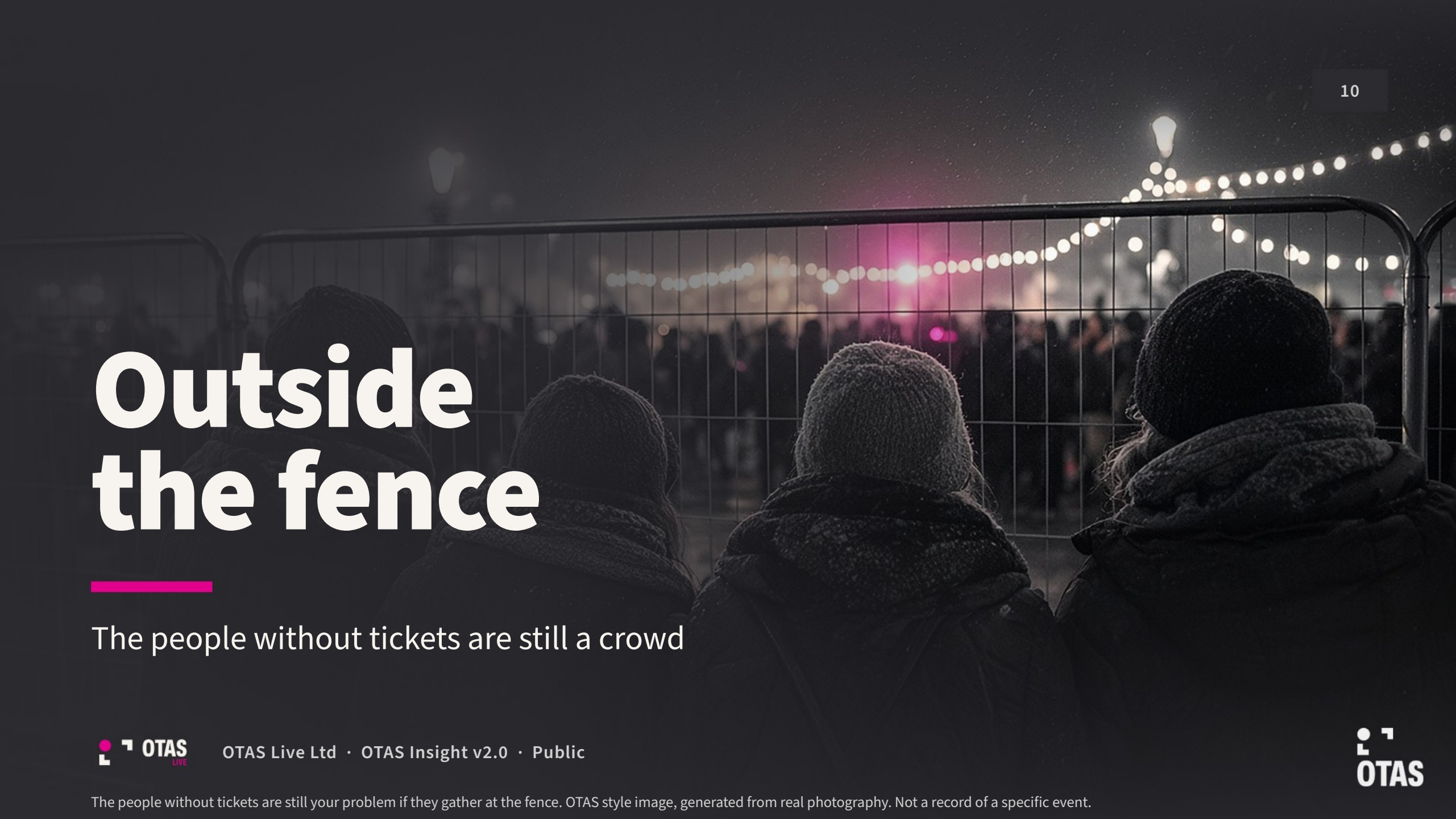
2
Queue builds

3
Last entry is called

4
Hold or turn away

5
People leave

OTAS guidance.



Outside the fence

The people without tickets are still a crowd

The people without tickets are still your problem if they gather at the fence. OTAS style image, generated from real photography. Not a record of a specific event.

Five things to agree

THE CUT OFF	THE NIGHT
The rules	The overflow plan
The last entry process	The first leaving message
The hold words	The cold plan

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Signs your New Year plan will not hold

OTAS guidance, drawn from published rules and HSE guidance.

01 A time with no process

02 No words for a hold

03 No plan outside the fence

04 Search queues eat the cut off

05 Midnight has no winter leaving plan

Five stages, from the rules to after midnight



STAGE 1

The rules

Tickets, times, who may come

STAGE 2

Last entry

A process, not only a clock

STAGE 3

The hold

Words, an owner, an update

STAGE 4

Outside

The people without tickets

STAGE 5

Midnight

The first leaving message

From the plan in this Insight. OTAS guidance.

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The night chart

WATCH AND ACT	HOLD OR CLOSE
Queue still growing at 22:40	Close the back of the queue
A gate needs to hold [2]	Give the hold words and an update
People gather at the fence	Open the overflow route

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After midnight

THE FIRST MOVE

Give the leaving message

Show the first route

Keep people moving in the cold

THEN THE FULL EMPTY

Use the late night evacuation Insight

Do not retell that plan here

What to do at each level

Operational

- Know the cut off
- Use the hold words
- Watch outside too

Tactical

- Staff the last 30 minutes
- Call the hold in time
- Start the leaving message

Strategic

- Set the rules
- Plan the overflow
- Agree the first leaving plan

The checklist

SEVEN WEEKS OUT

- Rules written
- Process agreed
- Hold words ready
- Overflow planned

ON THE NIGHT

- Call last entry
- Explain every hold

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Specific entry gates may be closed temporarily throughout the event for safety reasons.

Edinburgh's Hogmanay, Street Party information,
on temporary gate closures [2]

Where the facts come from

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7	**NHS, hypothermia**	nhs.uk

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9	**HSE, event safety, worker landing page**	hse.gov.uk
10	**HSE, first aid at work, the health and safety (first aid) regulations**	hse.gov.uk
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13	**HSE, event safety, managing an event**	hse.gov.uk
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18	**The Purple Guide (subscription)**	thepurpleguide.co.uk
19	**NHS, head injury and concussion**	nhs.uk
20	**UKHSA, Weather Health Alerting System**	gov.uk
21	**OTAS Insight, Evacuating a venue late at night**	otas.live

Where the facts come from

22 **OTAS Insight, When everyone is told to come in at once** otas.live

Web sources opened 10 November 2026 and labelled by source type. Links are for checking only. Listing a source does not mean it endorses OTAS or has worked with us.

OVER TO YOU

At your last entry time, what will you do with the people still in the queue, and with the people who have just arrived outside?

If you need support setting last entry, a gate hold and an overflow plan for a New Year street gathering, reach out to us to see how we can support you.

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