

Bath City Centre Security Scheme

A key part of the Council's role is keeping the city's streets and spaces safe and secure from the threat of terrorism. Since 2016, the Council and Avon & Somerset Police have coordinated protection work designed to improve overall public safety and strengthen protection in areas of high footfall.

As the threat to the United Kingdom from terrorism remains, it is important that Bath & North East Somerset Council, with the help of its partners, continues to work hard to support the economy and community of Bath City Centre. The Council has been working closely with the Police on plans to further strengthen City Centre access restrictions and install new purpose-designed street furniture which will provide permanent enhanced safety for people in areas of high footfall.

We'd like your views on proposals to permanently strengthen on-street security within Bath City Centre's busiest streets and spaces.

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About City Centre Security Priority and Protection from Hostile Vehicles

There is an acknowledged threat to the United Kingdom from terrorism and past experience has demonstrated that this particular threat is acute in intensely crowded places. Avon & Somerset Police Counter Terrorism Security Advisors have worked with Bath and North East Somerset Council on ways to protect people in Bath's most crowded tourist and shopping streets from hostile vehicles by improved, permanent 24 hour, all-year round vehicle access restrictions enforced by robust CCTV controlled gateway points and bollards.

1. Vehicle access restrictions in the city centre's most crowded streets should be used to protect people from hostile vehicles

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

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About the protected streets

The streets covered within the City Centre Security scheme have been defined as those that are regularly sufficiently crowded to justify use of access restriction traffic regulation orders and protection from the risk of terrorist attack by robust street furniture.

Please see attached [link](#) to the streets included in the City Centre Security proposal.

2. Do you agree with the streets proposed to be included in the protected area?

- Yes
 No

3. If No, please provide any comments or suggestions

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About Proposed Daytime Security Access Restrictions

To increase security, between 10am and 6pm only pedestrians, cyclists, emergency and authorised vehicles can be allowed access into the protected area.

Please see attached [link](#) to the restrictions.

4. Do you agree with the limits on the use of the streets between 10am and 6pm?

Yes

No

5. If No, please provide any comments or suggestions that may help us refine or improve city centre security access restrictions between 10am and 6pm?

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About Proposed Night time Limited Vehicle Access

To maintain safety, between 6pm and 10am only business deliveries and services and home delivery of large items (e.g white goods) will be provided access within the restricted area.

Please see attached [link](#) to the restrictions.

6. Do you agree with the limits on the use of the streets between 6pm and 10am?

Yes

No

7. If No, please provide any comments or suggestions that may help us refine or improve city centre security access restrictions between 6pm and 10am?

Access for mobility scooter users will not be restricted. However, to maintain security and safety levels, no on-street car parking will be allowed within the protected area at any time. The Council recognises this reduces the current quality of parking for disabled and mobility impaired people. The Council is commissioning an independent pan-disability study in relation to the City Centre access restrictions currently proposed. This will engage with stakeholders to help identify a package of measures to mitigate the impacts on the disabled community and those with mobility issues.

8. Please provide any comments or suggestions that may help us refine or improve the quality of accessibility for all people and replacement car parking facilities for “blue badge” holders

Additional Comments

9. Please provide any other comments or suggestions below

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About you

10. What is your interest in the City Centre Security scheme (please select all that apply)

- Bath resident
- Local business
- Service provider
- Bath stakeholder / Community organisation
- Visitor
- Other (please specify)

11. What is your postcode?

12. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say