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Sent via email to:
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Dear Chief Constable

I refer to your letter dated 10 November 2020, and would like to thank your Counter Terrorism Policing South West CTSA's for their assistance in the City Centre Security consultation and engagement processes.

The Council has now completed its informal consultation into the City Centre Security proposals to advertise an ATTRO (between 10.00am and 6.00pm) and a TRO (between 6.00pm and 10.00am) that would restrict vehicular access into the streets indicated in the plan marked as Board 12 (attached).

During the consultation, the Council received many requests from the disabled community for blue badge holders to be permitted access to the restricted streets at all times.

In considering options as to how best to proceed, the Council has been mindful of:

- (i) The need for the proposed solution to be proportionate to the security risk.
- (ii) The legal obligation of public bodies to comply with the public sector equality duty under the Equality Act 2010.

Options that Council officers have considered are included in Appendix A.

In summary we are recommending:

- Not progressing the TRO 6.00pm to 10.00am; as this would not appear to be proportionate to risk
- Progressing ATTRO (Option 4); this accords with your recommendation for an ATTRO during the hours of 10.00am to 6.00pm as set out in your letter of 10 November 2020.

In consideration of public sector equality duties, Option 4 would also include for blue badge holders to have access to the restricted streets during the hours of 10.00am to 6.00pm. In order to maintain security, the following additional protocol measures are proposed:

Appendix A

Options Under Consideration for City Centre Security Scheme

1. **Option 1 – To advertise the ATTRO and TRO without modifications, but to provide significant mitigation measures (eg substantial blue badge holder parking in adjacent and nearby streets to the restricted streets). Council officers are concerned with this option that the TRO is not proportionate to the security risk.**

2. **Option 2 – To modify the ATTRO hours to 10.30am to 6.00pm; to modify the TRO to permit blue badge holder access into the restricted streets during the hours of 6.00pm and 10.30am; and to advertise the ATTRO and TRO on this revised basis. Parking during the hours of 6.00pm to 10.30am would be restricted to blue badge and loading bays only.
Council officers are concerned with this option that the TRO is not proportionate to the security risk.**

3. **Option 3 – To modify the ATTRO hours to 10.30am to 6.00pm and to advertise an ATTRO only. No TRO would be advertised, and the restricted streets would be open to all traffic during the hours 6.00pm to 10.30am. Parking during the hours of 6.00pm to 10.30am would be restricted to blue badge and loading bays only.
This option would give greater access to shops and amenities for blue badge holders at the start of the day.**

4. **Option 4 – To retain the ATTRO hours of 10.00am to 6.00pm, but to modify the ATTRO to permit blue badge holders into the restricted streets during these hours. The ATTRO would be advertised on this basis, but no TRO would be advertised, with the restricted streets being open to all traffic during the hours of 6.00pm to 10.00am. Parking during the hours of 6.00pm to 10.00am would be restricted to blue badge and loading bays only.
This option would give access for blue badge holders throughout the daytime and night time.**

