

Lynda Deane

From: Chris Major
Sent: 03 February 2022 13:55
To: Lynda Deane
Subject: FW: City Centre Security Anti Terrorism Traffic Regulation Order Objection

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From: Hannah Downey
Sent: 03 December 2021 16:51
To: Chris Major <Chris_major@bathnes.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: City Centre Security Anti Terrorism Traffic Regulation Order Objection

Dear Chris,

I have considered all the information you have sent to me and listened to what you and all your other officers have had to say during our meetings and phone calls this week.

I was not expecting to end up with such a weight on my shoulders and felt the pressure to withdraw my objection and because of this I have had to spend time considering my stance on this matter.

As I said in my original objection the access to our property has slowly been eroded away over the past 25 years and this is the last chance to save it from being cut off entirely to any reasonable access. If this scheme is implemented the easy accessibility of the city centre will be lost for good, not just for myself but for all the trades, business deliveries, residents and disabled people. I know you have said that the council will review the Terrace Walk area as a compromise but I have no guarantee that this will be done and certainly no confidence, after past history, that following this consultation it will even be looked at any time soon.

This week has been interesting to say the least. I don't think, reading the letter from the Chief Constable to Mr. Will Godfrey that the police did recommend a permanent closure of the city centre. The way I see it, the police had identified Bath as a high security risk and recommended security measures but not permanent closure. This is something the council wanted and the police were asked to support the council's proposal.

The fact that this week the leader of the council, Cllr Kevin Guy, has publicly in the press said that he does not support this 'ring of steel' is worrying.

To add to this we are being told that there is a wider security ring being proposed that has not been discussed in conjunction with the inner security ring makes no sense and just appears to be a rather shambolic to engage the public on a subject when we have not been given the whole picture.

On that basis I and the residents of Bath have a right to know exactly what the council are trying to achieve and we should be given ALL the facts before we are asked to make a judgement. Our security is a serious matter and if the leader of the council is saying that the proposal on the table is "Poor at best" then I can only draw to the conclusion that this must go to Public Inquiry. I will therefore NOT be withdrawing my objection.

Regards

Hannah Downey

Sent from my iPhone

On 3 Dec 2021, at 12:36, Chris Major <Chris_major@bathnes.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Hannah

Myself and my officers have given you all of the information you have requested. However, at this time due to the statutory restraints placed on the Council for the implementation of traffic regulation orders, we do need to request that you confirm to us by **10 am on Monday 6 December** your decision, in respect of your objection.

Whilst we do not seek to influence you in any way, if the objection remains outstanding the Council will have no alternative under the statute but to instigate a public inquiry.

Thank you for working with us and we look forward to your response.

Regards

Chris

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