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2. I still haven't been told how I add to the objections regarding York St closures to BBH & other discriminatory aspects of the Security Zone. For instance asking to see a BB on entry and exit? I still haven't been given any realistic justification for having to see someone's BB twice. Treating disabled people like criminals or like fraudsters for no apparent reason is not acceptable. Similarly having an much celebrated new accessible toilet in Sydney Gardens that isn't actually accessible by anyone who can't phone for a code is nit accessibility or equality. How do I contact the independent inspector who is undertaking the public enquiry so I can ask them how to get my experiences added to the evidence? If you don't know perhaps you could ask the legal team or anyone else who can facilitate this to contact me asap.

All members of the public where free to object at the time the TRO was consulted on and again when it was advertised in accordance with the statutory requirements. York Street will now go to a public inquiry but until we hear back from the DFT and an inspector is appointed no formal notice will be advertised and therefore until such time no one is able to raise any further objection / comment or seek to participate in the PI. Once we know who the inspector is there is a statutory process for advertising the PI and for those who wish to be joined as an objector or supporter.

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2. Still no response regarding me asking to make a formal objection to processes & policy that are exclusionary/ discriminatory. When will I be told how to do this? I don't mean respond to another skewed questionnaire either. I mean have a formal objection logged & responded to separately to the public engagement or general complaint procedure. Can someone say when this will happens& outline the official method for processing a formal objection. I have been asking for many weeks now.

2: City Centre Security - Public Inquiry

You have asked how you are able to make your representations to the public inquiry. It is important to explain this process will be run entirely independently from the council. The arrangements for the inquiry are still being made. The running of the inquiry will be entirely at the discretion of the independent inspector so I am not able at this time to give you details about how you will be able to make your complaint.

I have been told by Cllr Sarah Moore that here is where I need to request the Braille version of the Security zone consultation document. I would like this sent to my address so I can use it in my role as a care worker with deaf and blind people.

Response to consultation

There has also been some confusion about BBH accessing Westgate St for essential services, could you send me the outline of how access is gained while we wait for the outcome of the consultation and any automated barriers to be fitted. I am very concerned about the people I support at work and loved ones with disabilities being able to access Westgate St, Milsom St & other areas on an equal footing with non disabled people ole. This isn't possible at the moment. Disabled people need to have clear information so they can plan accessing shops, services & leisure especially after shielding for much of the last 18 months. Disabled people also want to plan for the festive season, go out to lunch or the theatre, meet friends, buy Xmas food ans presents. At the moment disabled

people are still actively excluded from streets that non disabled people can walk too. Please send me any plans, meeting notes & maps so I can explain to disabled people what's going to happen in a way that they can access.

- This was considered as part of the decision making for the scheme.
- She was provided with a braille version of the consultation.

The following response was provided on the 29.09.2021:

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

We are in the process of getting the Braille version posted to you.

We are requesting that disabled people or their carers contact us directly with their requests for accessible formats so we can ensure we find the most appropriate solution/adjustment for them to access the consultation. Also, due to the tight timescales we will need to send copies directly to the person who needs the format. For any future requests please could you ask people to contact us with their requests directly, or alternatively, with their permission, pass on their contact details to us and we will get in touch with them by their preferred method. We are prioritising these requests via our city centre security mailbox.

Information about this consultation is available on request in other languages, audio, Braille, large print or other formats. If people don't have internet access, they can request printed copies of the consultation and survey. We also have an Easy Read version on our consultation webpage and we have advocates available to assist anyone with accessing or understanding the information. These requests can be made to this email address or calling Council Connect on 01225 394041.

We have also been holding information sessions for people who wish to discuss the orders. By speaking directly to the public, including disabled persons, we can explain in detail the scheme, the rationale, understand their concerns and work with them to address these where possible. There are two remaining information sessions on October 4 and October 12 at the Commercial Hub at 15 New Bond St in Bath. To make a booking sign up here. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bath-city-centre-security-tro-consultation-tickets-176351872197>

If the decision is made to approve the City Centre Security TROs, we will engage further with disability user groups on the access operation and management, to ensure it is safe but simple to access. We intend to bring the TROs into effect as soon as possible, which would give Blue Badge holders access under a temporary managed arrangement. For now Westgate Street remains closed for social distancing and this will remain in place until December. Alternative disabled parking is available and is shown on this map.

[https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/temporary\\_disabled\\_bays\\_0.pdf](https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/temporary_disabled_bays_0.pdf)

We trust that this is helpful.