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Andy Marsh QPM Chief Constable Avon and Somerset Constabulary

Sent via email to: Georgina.Meech@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Dear Chief Constable

Thank you for your letter dated 4 March 2020 in support of and recommending that Bath and North East Somerset Council introduce an Anti-Terrorism Traffic Order ("ATTRO") in respect of the roads in the inner core of the city which are identified as high footfall/ crowd density areas, and are shown on the attached map as "Appendix B".

As you will be aware, working with your CTSA's the Council has introduced temporary security gates at several streets within the inner core of the city as part of the Council's Covid-19 measures for reopening and renewing Bath city centre. These temporary access restrictions operate essentially between 10.00am and 6.00pm.

In order to strengthen city centre security on a permanent basis, the Council is now able to progress consultation on a series of physical HVM barriers in the inner core of the City, and it is our intention to carry out this consultation between November 2020 and the start of January 2021.

In our previous correspondence with you dated 26 February 2020, we had suggested that the prohibition of vehicles for Counter-Terrorism reasons in the inner core of the city would be during the period 0900 hours to 1900 hours. However, following the successful implementation of the temporary access restriction measures and recognising the many changes that traders and residents have made as a result of their implementation, we would seek your recommendation to advertise the inner core ATTRO (outlined at Appendix B) for the period 1000 to 1800 hours.

As previously agreed with you, the Council will also advertise a TRO for public realm and environmental purposes which will operate for the period outside of the inner core ATTRO hours, thus putting access restrictions in place in the inner core of the city 24/7.

The Council's current focus is to progress consultation on the inner core ATTRO and associated TRO as described above, but I confirm that the Council will continue to proceed with the outer ATTRO in respect of all roads within the area defined within the map attached as "Appendix A", and as set out in your letter dated 21 February 2020.

I would also like to thank you for providing the opportunity for one of our Officers to be included within your recent case study video for Problem Oriented Policing, as this

demonstrates the close working relationship between Bath & North East Somerset Council and Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

In a similar vein for our consultation on the inner core ATTRO/ TRO, the Council will be producing a short film and holding a webinar to describe the proposals, and would be grateful if a representative of the Police was able to be included within the film and webinar.

In order for my Officers to commence consultation on 16th November 2020 and to prepare the pre-communications and marketing materials in advance, I would welcome a response at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the matter.

Yours sincerely

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Will Godfrey Chief Executive Bath & North East Somerset Council

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