

Bath City Centre Security

Meeting with CTSA (Avon & Somerset Police), Tues 14th May 2019

Attendees	Organisation
Simon Thomas	B&NES
Lynda Deane	B&NES
Pete Naish	Avon & Somerset Police - CTSA
Jo-Ann Johnson-Taylor	Avon & Somerset Police - CTSA

Agenda

1. Current plan and priorities
 - Highlighted the Council's current proposals and priorities for the delivery of HVM to protect crowded spaces in Bath.
 - Avon & Somerset CTSA's acknowledged these and supported the work completed to date and suggested proposals, including the provision of access restrictions and HVM for Cheap St/ Westgate St/ Saw Close and Upper Borough Walls, given the footfall, particularly crossing Stall St and Union St.
2. HVM types considered
 - Explained that we have been meeting with suppliers recommended by CPNI to determine product specifications that could fit around the constraints of Georgian Bath i.e. shallow services and cellars.
 - Gated options are unlikely to be considered for the access restrictions as they restrict pedestrian flow through narrow streets and could impede flow during an evacuation incident.
 - Gated options have not been excluded from the thought process for event management as part of Bath Rugby match days.
3. Security protection period
 - ASP supported the proposal for access restriction bollards to be in place 24hrs/ 7 days a week to create a secure sterile area, with exemptions for deliveries etc during certain periods (to be determined).
 - They recognised the difficulty of blue badge holders and accommodating businesses within each security zone.
4. Proposed monitoring and operation
 - Highlighted our preferred solution to have an electronic system to operate and monitor each access point, together with layered CCTV and intercom system, similar to that in Cardiff.
 - Further discussion required with Cabinet members and director group regarding revenue funding.
5. Next steps and estimated programme
 - Design solutions and costs required for presentation to directors group early September. Needs to include both capital installation and revenue operational and maintenance costs.
 - For justification purposes, LD asks about typical cost of an attack. PN/ JJT explained that typical cost of the Borough Market attack was

£1.4M, which was largely borne by local businesses and took 6-9 months for the area to recover.

6. Required CTSA advice

- Likely that we would require CTSA advice and support whilst promoting access restrictions for York St and Cheap St.

7. A.O.B

- Need to consider justification criteria for road closure for protection of crowded spaces.
- CNJ to invite ST to meet York St co-ordination to discuss potential collaborative approach to deliver HVM around the Abbey during final footway reinstatement.