

Bath City Centre Security

Project Progress Meeting, Wednesday 11th December 2019

Attendees	Organisation
Simon Thomas	B&NES
Lynda Deane	B&NES
Steve Froggatt	B&NES
Gary Peacock	B&NES
Wendy Maden	B&NES

Notes

1. Actions from Previous Meeting

- Footfall figures – Meeting with WM regarding footfall data, determined that we have sufficient data coverage. WM to request data from BID.
- York St/ Archway Project – Turning circle option at Swallow St now unlikely due to weakness of structure beneath highway and difficulty/ cost for remediation to full highway loading. Further investigation on the Abbey Chambers turning location option, but issue with weakness of structure beneath and adjacent safety risk. Option to allow vehicles to reverse out of York St 60m from proposed restriction point is not considered acceptable. Best option to close York St permanently, with access to emergency services only.
- Bath Quays North & South – Resilience considerations required. Master plans now received from Dev. Control Team. Details on HVM and other highway elements to emerge once the reserved matters application has been received. WM to visit public exhibition for the project and update at next meeting.
- Having spoken with Mark Coates of D J Goode and author of the report, he explained that the approach speeds are modelled using a piece of software that is a bolt-on to AutoCAD. The vehicle route is tracked into the vulnerable area on the OS base plan provided, but doesn't take account of obstructions such as street furniture, waiting traffic, parked vehicle or changes in level. The figures are therefore worst case scenarios. They give a basis for risk, but the reality is often a lower level given a number of obstructions in the locality. Where such instances occur, a risk based approach undertaken by suitable consultants can be undertaken to determine actual risk, allowing a more realistic level of protection to be applied. This should not be confused with ability to reduce cost, although this may be the reality. Steering group remains disappointed that full consideration hasn't been made to street furniture etc, but accepts that this seems to be the industry process. Individual sites now require individual designs and possible risk assessments applied at each site (ST to consider further).

2. Progress Update

- Further discussion regarding future ATTRO proposals early New Year. Consideration of 2 schedules – 1st for permanent scheme and 2nd for events. Need to include parking suspension and consider advertising separately to ensure they don't affect the others, which could delay delivery. Further meeting with Police in early January, including Legal Team representative.
- Internal engagement already started and meetings set up till mid-December – on-going.
- Following meeting with Roman Baths, SF noted return comments regarding booking for events in 2020/21 and what affect this will have on customers. An appropriately worded letter/ statement required to advise customers of the potential changes.
- Communications Officer now appointed.
- Following recent meeting with CPNI for Senior Management roles and subsequent discussion with Cabinet, it is understood that Mandy Bishop is satisfied with the use of the word "**Security**" as part of the project description.

- Discussion with Volker regarding a start on the site investigation works in February/ March. Also require condition surveys in advance through REXSON Day.

3. Project Costs (Capital & Revenue)

- Capital cost (phases 1-4) – circa £2.8M
- Revenue costs – circa £110k/ annum.

4. Programme

- Indicative programme in place for workstreams up to construction stage - [..\01 Project Management\191017 Scheme Programme \(INDICATIVE\).xlsx](#)
- **ST to consider lead-in period for equipment.**

5. Other Project Priorities

- Bath Rugby – Update meeting with Bath Rugby 11th November.
- **York St/ Archway Project/ Highway Deterioration – Draft optioneering report discussed. ST to complete and provide to project teams.**
- Bath Quays North & South – Awaiting details from reserve matters application.

6. Access Restrictions

- ATTRO's - Meeting with CTSA's on 11th November identified potential for an ATTRO extent.
- Draft protocol/ mitigation document in place and to be considered further as we obtain information from internal and external consultation process. Challenges with street traders/ Roman Baths/ Cleansing & Waste.
- Have spoken with Emergency management Officer, Leeds CC, to discuss their policies and protocols.
- 1st tranche of traffic surveys for Cheap St/ Westgate/ Upper Borough Walls undertaken 1-8 December. Further traffic surveys in January.

7. Stakeholder Consultation

- Initial stakeholder consultation meetings with Comms Team held last week. Currently preparing form of words for start of consultation and consideration of who the "Trusted Partners" are. Likely these would be BID/ Visit Bath/ Bath Abbey/ Dial-a-ride for St Michaels/ St Johns/ Age UK/ ATAF/ Independent Quality Advisory Group/ Independent Retailers Association.
- Need to add in benefits the project derives into the overall consultation message.
- Strategy on form of consultation for remaining stakeholders e.g. exhibitions/ drop-ins to be agreed.
- Internal consultation has thrown up various challenges with street traders/ Roman Baths/ Cleansing & Waste/ World Heritage.
- Discussion with Cllr Sue Craig – very positive. Some businesses already asking about road closures and potential to provide table and chairs on street.
- Discussion with World Heritage outlined the careful consideration of aesthetics for bollards. Preference for black 'Manchester' bollard type, but require further discussion with Bath Preservation Trust. **WM to speak to Paula Freeland** and request attendance at first meeting with BPT. **WM/ ST to speak to industry regarding bollard shroud availability.**
- Consideration of holding events during road closure for investigation works, to provide positive message to traders in the area.

8. Finance & Project Governance

- Spend to date – circa £50k
- Draft amended "Project Plan" gateway to include various approvals, particularly those around HVM design and designer's risk assessments.

9. A.O.B

- Does the Highway Authority want to consider the use of weight limits? Difficult to enforce.

- Consider counter-terrorism training for taxi and street traders. Steering Group members also.

10. Date of next meeting

- 31st January 1300-1430 (Lewis House, Rm 1.2)