

## Bath City Centre Security

Project Progress Meeting, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021

<b>Attendees</b>	
Simon Thomas	Anne-Marie Strong
Lynda Deane	Paul Garrod
Steve Froggatt	Daniel Noad
Gary Peacock	Alison Bethall
Wendy Maden	Vaughan Thompson

### Notes

- **Actions from Previous Meeting**
  - York St/ Archway Project - Felt that a further piece of work in relation to assessment of the weak structure is now required together with an assessment of risk to users within the vaults - **Outstanding**.
  - York St – User risk assessment required for the street, together with an assessment of weak structure and users within the vaults to justify the TRO and provision of permanent bollards from 9 York St westwards, as well as proposed bollards in Swallow St. Remainder of York to subject to ATTRO/ TRO for the rest of the project.
  - Approach speeds consideration for minor streets e.g. The Corridor/ N'umberland Passage – **Outstanding**.
  - The Design Team asks the steering groups whether it would consider a downgrade in rating for static bollards from 50mph to 40mph if the aesthetic properties could be achieved? Essentially the bollard would still disable both vehicle and occupant (fatally), but possibility of greater penetration distance. Sliding bollards should remain the same as the intended approach speed. Risk assessment of VDA's v lower bollard rating req'd and agreement by CTSA's and senior management to procure on this basis - **Outstanding**
  - Proposed form of signage and internal TRO within the pedestrian zones - advice from DfT as it is felt that proposal will require a departure from TSRGD 2016. **Outstanding**
- **Stakeholder Consultation**
  - Initial round of consultation with internal B&NES Teams now complete. Further consideration required in some areas e.g. Planning & Heritage
  - Presentation to Independent Equality Advisory Group – 26/1/21
  - Meeting with AgeUK re: St Michaels Day Centre 11/1/21 regarding potential for Community Asset Transfer of day care centre. Potential for move out of the city centre, as buildings in Hot Bath St and Kingsmead Sq will require a lot of work to bring up to the required accessibility standards.
  - VT/ AB – managing stakeholder consultation, ST/ SF fielding questions where required
  - Pan-disability study currently being managed for this project through VT, including Kingsmead Sq and Milsom St.
  - Consultation extended from 15<sup>th</sup> Jan to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan to give stakeholders further opportunity to consider proposals in light of latest Covid-19 lockdown.
  - GP explains that a 'Top of Town' study has been commissioned, which includes transport initiatives.
  - GP explains that the Bath Transport Delivery Action Plan went live w/c 18/1/21.
  - SF outlines some of the suggestions for mitigation for accessibility proposed by the accessibility consultant. The Steering Group agreed that at this stage a permit system for BBH's should not be considered, as we could lose support of the police. It was felt that we need to show that the final report has been considered and mitigations have been provided. Potential for additional capital funding for accessibility improvements that are out of scope of the security project.
  - What are other cities doing? ST to investigate.
  - Felt that the 20 days noticing period outlined on the 'application for access' forms is too long and will be disputed.
  - Discussions with access consultant on mitigations to continue.

- **Design Update (General)**
  - Extensive engagement with Heritage Team through a series of workshops and on-site meeting. ST/SF and WM leading.
  - GP asks why Planning Application req'd? Permitted Development? SF - it's the only way that we can start engagement process with Planning Team. ST explains that it is an iterative process for design of each location.
  - Acknowledged that sliding bollard design by Heald cannot be changed, but colour can be black, which is acceptable.
  - Preference for black 'Manchester' style bollards for statics. In discussion with the industry potential for similar profile and dimensions but only at 40mph approach speed, otherwise scales increases.
  - Brief put out to industry on above – SafetyFlex, scale still unmanageable. Marshalls sleeve option could be okay. Awaiting ATG response.
  - Cheap St options being discussed with Heritage Team.
  - Site investigation in February 2020 for Cheap St/ UBW and dropping back on to York St after Great Drain Works. Hot Bath St and Lower Borough thereafter. All static bollard sites to follow.
  - Require further work on loading outside of pedestrian zones e.g. Westgate Buildings and impact of loading on Terrace Walk.
  - Separate programme for the design element to chart against the consultation programme. **ST**
- **Design Update (Cheap St)**
  - Meeting with Heritage/ Planning Team 13/1/21 and presentation of Cheap St option 2 and its pro's and con's
  - Key to get location for HVM agreed before TH's in February.
  - Currently planning TH's for start early February in Cheap St and Upper Borough Walls.
  - LD suggests discussion with Nathan Ward as to when the hoarding around the Abbey will be dismantled. Is there any possibility of undertaking trial holes within their construction extent, whilst slabs are still up?
  - LD asks whether Kingston Buildings (area between Abbey and buildings on Orange Grove) has been considered for protection? ST explained it will include a solution for retractable or removeable bollards for emergency access.
  - Discussion on option 2 for Cheap St, with aesthetical tweaks and potential for futureproof protection for events in front of the Abbey. Further discussion with Mick Heath on this idea and whether to consider funding through business case. Also consider asking the Abbey as it could be considered a "National Asset"
  - ST to chase Historic England's response for Cheap St and requirement for archaeological watching brief for trial holes.
- **Design Update (Upper Borough Walls)**
  - Location agreed in advance of TH's.
  - Provision of information to Heald to work design amend to longitudinal section
  - Location and tracking considered okay for current vehicle sizes.
- **Design Update (Hot Bath St)**
  - Tracking of large delivery vehicles for the Hot Bath St location an issue against known vehicle sizes.
  - Currently investigating options of HVM location, potential change in vehicle size and alternative equipment to provide the same security levels as proposed.
- **Project Costs (Capital & Revenue) & Financial Governance**
  - Capital cost (phases 1-4) – circa £2.8M
  - Revenue costs – circa £110k/ annum.
  - 2019/20 Financial headlines – Budget £673,884; Spend – £170,478 (£61,992 transaction???)
  - £550,000 c/f into 2020/21 less £46,593 spend above budget leaving £503,407
  - £385,000 was then rephased into 2021/22, leaving £118,406
  - 2020/21 Financial headlines – Budget £118,406; Spend (to date) - £159,851
  - Draft amended "Project Plan" gateway to include various approvals, particularly those around HVM design and designer's risk assessments.
- **Programme**
  - Indicative programme in place for workstreams up to construction stage - [..\01 Project Management\City Centre Programme Rev F 240920.xlsx](#)

- Other Project Priorities
  - York St/ Archway Project
- A.O.B
  - Application for Access administrative role. ST maintain role whilst undertaking TH's, enabling management of access requests.
  - WM to speak to businesses regarding York St TH's after Great Drain works early March.
  - GP confirms full project funding of £2.3M until 2021/22.
- Date of next meeting
  - 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021 @ 2.30pm