

On 25 Nov 2021, at 12:32, Hannah Downey > wrote:

Dear Lynda,

Thank you for arranging this meeting.

I am free at 1pm and I don't mind where we meet. Terrace Walk and the Abbey quarter are the areas of immediate concern but whatever happens here needs to be looked at as part of a whole city plan. So I can meet there if at your offices or at my home in Widcombe, wherever is appropriate and easy for you.

Regards

Hannah

Sent from my iPhone

On 25 Nov 2021, at 12:20, Lynda Deane <Lynda_Deane@bathnes.gov.uk> wrote:

Good afternoon Hannah

I understand my colleague, Simon has emailed you and that you wish to meet with our Director of Place Management, before you make any further comment on the TRO objection in relation to the City Centre security.

Our Director of Place Management, Chris Major, along with our Cabinet Member for Transport, Cllr Manda Rigby, would be happy to meet with you tomorrow (Friday) afternoon – anytime between 1 pm and 3.30 pm. Would this time suit you, and if so, if you would kindly confirm time and location it would be appreciated.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Lynda

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On 26 Nov 2021, at 18:33, Chris Major <chris_major@bathnes.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Hannah,

Thank you for your time today to discuss the issues that form the basis of your objection to the Anti Terrorism Traffic Regulation Order. I found it really helpful and very wide ranging in subject matter.

As explained, if we cannot find a way forward, we are required under legislation to instruct a public inquiry which will generate significant costs to the authority and further delay the critical public safety infrastructure being implemented if the outcome finds in favour of the scheme. This will be conducted in public with all evidence and objections being considered fully by the inspector which may require your attendance.

We explained that the evidence we will use for any public inquiry is as set out within the consultation, including the requests from the Police and their Counter Terrorism Advisors who have been fully included within the development of the scheme. Whilst challenging for the city as a whole, we are advised by the Police that the actions proposed are proportionate to the potential risks being we are unfortunately facing in the current climate.

However, we acknowledge the challenges this scheme present to you as a business owner and resident of Bath. We cannot commit to resolving all of the issues you have raised, but I again assure you that they have been noted and we are committed to continue to look for solutions that work for you personally as well as the wider community. The local knowledge and intelligence we gain from residents such as yourself help us to shape the future direction of the city and without you we cannot ever get this right.

Therefore I am able to commit to continuing to work with you to understand the issues, and consider the longer term plans. I am also able to confirm that as discussed the funding window for the master planning and regeneration of Manvers Street is within the latest Central Government funding package and will be taken forward within this funding window. This would take into consideration the opportunities to remove coaches completely from Terrace Walk. As part of this, we will be constituting a formal stakeholder panel, and I would value someone with your knowledge and understanding of the issues to play a crucial part in ensuring that the outcomes are in line with your aspirations for the city as a whole.

However, as discussed we do need to consider how the city works for all stakeholders and understand the needs of all groups, particularly those with additional needs is a legal requirement of all public bodies. Therefore any decisions taken have to legally consider equality issues as part of the statutory processes.

We will also continue with the review of the Traffic Regulation Condition that is in place and allows the Tour Bus to use Terrace Walk to allow us to develop, with the Operator, any potential changes that may or may not bring forward solutions for Terrace Walk.

I have also asked for a further safety review of Terrace Walk to be conducted to ensure that we have an update view of the area. The outcomes from this review will need to be assessed technically and then will feed into any further changes to the area.

As we discussed, the deadline for this scheme to move forward has now been reached and I would request confirmation, one way or the other by close of business Monday. I appreciate we are down to the wire on this but hope that the ongoing engagement we have had reassures you to how seriously we take the safety and needs of the business community.

I look forward to hearing from you on Monday. Feel free to give me a call if you would like to discuss further on the number below but I do need confirmation in writing.

Kind regards

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