

COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET

Committee	West/Central Area Committee
Date	12/09/19
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Meeting of 5th December 2019 has been cancelled

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIMESCALE	PROGRESS
19/18/WCAC Councillor Chadwick to liaise with Inspector Rogerson about safety concerns relating to zebra crossing on Huntingdon Road.	Councillor Chadwick		12/9/19 Councillor Chadwick would report on this matter at the next meeting. An LHI bid was in the pipeline.
19/18/WCAC Joel Carre to liaise with Inspector Rogerson about the granting of a Peddler Licence to a tattoo bar on King's Parade: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a licence been granted? • By which organisation, if any? • Type of licence granted/required? (May be two separate 	Councillor Martinelli Joel Carre		12/09/19 See published briefing note. Situation remains unresolved and this item would be retained in the action sheet

issues).			
19/18/WCAC Inspector Rogerson to advise Councillor Chadwick of measures taken to address Illegal and anti-social moped driving, specifically through bus gates.	Councillor Chadwick Harrison		12/09/19 Councillor Harrison Had been in discussions with interested parties and hoped to meet with County Councillors and representatives of the bus companies shortly. Councillor Harrison will feed back on progress at the next meeting.
19/25/WCAC Q1 Anti-terrorist barriers in City Centre	Councillor Martinelli		To write to Chair of CJAC and / or the Chief Executive of the City Council requesting a detailed update/report See replies attached as supplements to action sheet.
19/25/WCAC Q3 Cycle theft from Rail Station	Councillor Martinelli		To discuss the matter with Cambridge Cycling Campaign, Greater Anglia and the Police. A motion went to Council, which was passed, requesting action from greater Anglia and the police. Councillor Martinelli has been in contact with the police and cycle campaign directly and will discuss at committee.
19/27/WCAC Q2 Customer satisfaction with complaint resolution	Nick Kester		The Environmental Health records were limited as the level of detail and how much it was appropriate to share in the report. The Officer undertook to investigate satisfaction levels if possible. Update: Waiting for report from customer services which will break down the figures to complaints resolved stage1, resolved stage2, or were escalated

			further, customer satisfaction levels are currently recorded.
19/27/WCAC Q3 Afternoon litter accumulation in Fitzroy Street	Nick Kester		To investigate the possibility of a second daily cleaning round for the area. Update: Issue reported to Don Blair & Paul Jones who said that they will ensure that the litter picking teams will attend each afternoon (in addition to morning litter pick/sweep)

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Cllr Anthony Martinelli
Chair
West Central Area Committee

30 October 2019

Dear Cllr Martinelli

Barrier on King's Parade

Thank you for your letter, expressing your concerns about the proposed barrier on King's Parade, and the views expressed at CJAC. I apologise for the delay in sending a written response.

As you are aware, CJAC supported the proposal to close King's Parade in the interests of public safety (acting on advice from the police counter-terrorism team). Whilst the scheme has been delayed by technical issues, the need to close the road has not changed and the advice from the police remains as it was in March.

Officers have engaged with local businesses individually and, at a meeting in late August, on their needs for deliveries, and their real concerns for safety in King's Parade. The briefing was arranged by Bidwells and officers were invited. I am sorry that ward councillors were not invited and that officers did not arrange an alternative meeting at that time. This was an oversight and should not have happened.

The project team of City and County officers is now in a position to update all stakeholders. Ward members, together with relevant county members, were briefed on Tuesday, 29 October and businesses will be briefed tomorrow, and written information shared with any stakeholders not at briefings.

In terms of your specific concerns about the barrier, CJAC shared those concerns for cycle safety and disabled access, and therefore officers have worked to ensure that these matters are addressed:

- **Cycle safety:** there will a single two-way opening which can allow two-way flow, but in order to reduce pressure, the barrier will not be closed until 9:30 to allow the morning peak flow through. At all times, there is no need for cyclists to mount the pavement and there would be no advantage in doing so.
- **Disabled parking lost in King's Parade** will be replaced on Trumpington Street. Depending on their destinations, some drivers may prefer to use the parking that already exists in Market Square, Peas Hill and in the Grand Arcade.

Data on footfall has been used to inform the initial operating hours.

Once the barrier is installed, city, county and police will work together to monitor the impact and to review it when the barrier has been in operation for some months. We will plan and carry out public engagement around the form and design of a permanent solution because, as you say, the temporary barrier will not be attractive. This iconic location deserves a bespoke solution but the design and manufacture of this will take some time.

I hope that you were able to attend the councillor briefing this week or, if you were unable to do so, that you take up Suzanne Hemingway's offer of a separate conversation at a time to suit you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antoinette'.

Antoinette Jackson
Chief Executive

cc: Cllr Richard Robertson
Chair of CJAC

Suzanne Hemingway

Dear Anthony

In response to your letter, the city council has the role of being aware of possible threats to our residents and visitors and taking appropriate action. Earlier this year we were made aware by the police that their assessment was that the frequently crowded area on Kings Parade could be targeted by terrorists in the same way as has happened in London ie by vehicles driven at pedestrians.

In response it was decided to install a vehicle barrier at the southern end of Kings Parade (the northern end being already blocked). Other cities on the UK with similarly busy pedestrian areas have already installed such barriers. Birmingham for example.

Unfortunately the road is not wide enough to allow for a barrier which can be opened to allow vehicles through, and for gaps on either side for cyclists. So there will be just one such gap - in the same way as there is just one gap for cyclists to enter Sidney St from St Andrews St.

Because of this it is planned to keep the vehicle barrier open during the morning peak time for cyclists. At this time the threat is much lower because there are far fewer pedestrians in the area.

The barriers to be installed will be a temporary facility to see how well it works without digging holes and erecting bollards. However this means the equipment has to be capable of stopping a moving vehicle. Other cities have followed the same process of going for temporary, moveable equipment so the effect can be assessed and amendments made if necessary.

The installation will mean that disabled parking on Kings Parade will no longer be accessible. However we have taken care to identify replacement parking spaces near by for disabled drivers.

I hope this explains the importance of the issue. The barrier will inconvenience some people but having been advised of the threat we are taking appropriate action.

best regards

Richard
Cllr Richard Robertson

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