

## Camden Community Security Zone

### Steering Group

#### Meeting Notes:

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Time:** 10:00am

**Location:** The British Library

#### **Attendees:**

Dave Fereday (DF) – The Fitzrovia Partnership  
Nancy Rogers (NR) – The Fitzrovia Partnership  
Nick Mountain (NM) – MPS  
Dan Sandford – The Fitzrovia Partnership  
David Gregory (DG) – Facebook  
Hakan Kagan (HK) – Regent's Place  
Mario Kyprianou (MK) – Regent's Place  
Duncan Parsons (DP) – (Dentsu Aegis)  
Darren Carter (DC) - (Edwardian Hotels)  
Ian Wade (IW) – British Medical Association  
Scott Piper (SP) – British Medical Association  
Sean Hamilton (SH) – Arup  
Jaimie Taylor (JT) – Arup  
Nicholas Licardo (NL) – British Library

#### **Apologies:**

Alexandra Harrison - Capital Arches (McDonalds)  
Lloyd Evans – Capital Arches (McDonalds)  
Justyna Wojech – Facebook  
Maria Campbell-White - Santander

#### **Apologies/Introduction**

- Apologies as above. Attendees introduced themselves, DF thanked all those who attended the meeting and the British Library for hosting the meeting.

#### **Counter Terrorism/Local Crime Update**

- The current national threat level to the UK from terrorism is SEVERE
- The threat level to Northern Ireland from Northern Ireland -related terrorism is SEVERE
- Twenty-two terrorist attacks have been stopped in the past two years, seventeen of these were from international terrorist groups, five from extreme right-wing groups. Extreme right-wing groups are becoming more vocal and are targeting religious groups who they see as a threat. The MPS continues to prepare for a no-deal Brexit and businesses are encouraged to have plans in place should there be public disorder or fuel disruption following Brexit.
- The Fitzrovia Partnership are holding ACT Training on 28/10/2019 which will be available to all members, registration will be via Eventbrite and the link will be available soon. NM is happy to present ACT Awareness Training to individual businesses if this is required. The MPS continue to provide Document Awareness Training for HR staff.
- Bloomsbury/Fitzrovia area remain a high theft area and is in the top ten for personal theft. Table surfing, anti-social behavior and drug dealing/taking continues to be a problem around Warren Street and Hanway Place. Bloomsbury Safer Neighbourhood Team now comprises one Sgt, five PC's and one PCSO. The Sgt will be invited to future meetings.

### **Business Update**

- NL advised that there had been an increase in rough sleepers/beggars around the British Library and that security staff had been threatened. DC reported an increase in the numbers of Roma congregating around Warren Street and drug dealing at Whitfield Place, to the extent that the business is considering employing security to patrol the area. DG advised that Facebook had seen an increase of staff being victims to phone snatching and they now provide staff with an escort to walk to the nearest underground station and also use plain clothed observers to identify drugs dealers in the local vicinity of their buildings. IW advised that the BMA had experienced theft of AV equipment by people accessing the building by 'tail-gating'. Arup advise that they encourage staff to report crimes to the Police. The message to colleagues continues to be aware of your personal property and surroundings and to report any incidents to the MPS. Members discussed the various communication measures they use to highlight the problems to staff within their businesses.
- Businesses are encouraged to carry out penetration testing and to have businesses resilience plans in place.

### **AOB**

- As part of the West End Project, Tottenham Court Road is now operating as two-way traffic. Businesses are asked to remind their staff to take care when crossing the road as there have been several collisions involving pedestrians since the traffic system came into operation.
- NM advised that on 19/09/2019 a group of Royal Marines will be abseiling from the BT Tower in aid of charity.
- DF advised that he is leaving The Fitzrovia Partnership from 26/09/2019 and his replacement is Dan Sandford.
- Contact details for the Bloomsbury Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team  
[Bloomsbury.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:Bloomsbury.snt@met.police.uk). T: 020 8721 2693

### **Date of next meeting**

- 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Venue to be confirmed.