

Camden Community Security Zone

Meeting Notes:

Date: 21ST January 2021

Time: 1100

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendees:

Dan Sandford (DS) – The Fitzrovia Partnership

Nancy Rogers (NR) – The Fitzrovia Partnership

Nick Mountain (NM) – MPS

David Gregory (DG) – Facebook

Justyna Wojech (JW) – Facebook

Darren Carter (DC) – Edwardian Group

Donovan McClarty (DM) -Wellcome Trust

Muhammed Khan (MK) -Arup

Jaimie DeStaines (JS) - Santander

Ziggy Szyajder (ZS) – Fremantle

Kris Sosnowski (KS) -Derwent I Stephen Street

Tony Nash (TN) – MyLocalBobby

Ahmet Izzet (AI) – MyLocalBobby

Hakan Kagen (HK) – Regents Place

Rod Townley (RT) - UCLH

Apologies/Minutes of previous meeting

- DS thanked all those attending the meeting. No actions raised from the previous meeting.

Partner Updates

Counter Terrorism/Local Crime Update

- The current threat level from international terrorism for the UK is assessed as SEVERE.
- The threat level for Northern Ireland-related terrorism is SEVERE.
- SEVERE means an attack is highly likely.
- At least thirty attacks **in last 3 and a half to 4 years have been stopped**. Possible targets have shifted from usual crowded sites to vaccine sites, post-lockdown events and open spaces. Self-radicalisation remains a concern.
- Currently the uptake of CT presentations is low.
- TN asked how the MPS will respond to recommendations from the Public Enquiry into the Manchester Arena terrorist attack and what will be the impact for businesses and event planning. NK advised that the MPS is waiting for the Enquiry to finish but it is felt that it will be for the Police to give advice via CT presentations before major events, the advice will focus on the need for vigilance and to be aware of hostile reconnaissance. NM will share recommendations with the group once they are published. DC advised that NCTSO already share valuable advice via the NCTSO website. RT asked whether the MPS were aware of mass gathering sites which have remained open during current COVID restrictions, NM advised that Servitor Teams were aware of local sites, RT advised that other sites were on-going and would update NM outside of the meeting.

Business Update

- DC (Edwardian Group) - The Grafton (TCR) has opened respite/recreational space within the property for use of UCLH staff (RT thanked DC for this facility). Other London hotels remain open, occupancy is low however some hotels are being used by the film industry. Street drinking remains an issue around the properties, a recent large gathering of youths in Fitzroy Court was dealt with by the MyLocalBobby team and Camden Council were quick to clean the area.
- JDS (Santander) – Critical staff only attending offices, TCR branch open for business. Currently updating security procedures and training of staff.
- DM (Wellcome Trust) – Site and Museum closed but with a skeleton crew in attendance. Problems with rough sleepers using vents for heat, staff do not engage with the rough sleepers but are in contact with local policing teams and Camden Council. DS (TFP) will contact DM outside of the meeting to give advice re the problem.
- HK (Regents Place) – All buildings on the site are open but with %% occupancy, two retail businesses are open. Large decrease re loitering but has seen a recent increase in moped/cycle enabled personal thefts on Euston Road. Regents Place operate a COVID Test Centre.
- JW (Facebook) – Aiming to deploy Kings Cross site by June/July, Brook Street development ongoing. Only essential workers are attending sites. Staff are vigilant for protest activity. Most café now closed at the Rathbone Square site although the gym remains open.
- KS (Derwent/Stephen St) – Building open with 3-5% occupancy. Two retail units operating, low rough sleeping problems. Noticeable increase in police presence in area.
- MK (Arup) – Most staff currently working from home, security team on site. TFP street Team check the perimeter of the buildings and engage with security staff regularly.
- RT (UCLH) – Sites open, NM has been advised of these. Concern re anti-vaccine protesters and the security of the vaccine on sit. Current vaccine sessions orderly but there may be problems when a younger group become eligible for the vaccine. Increase in internal personal property thefts. Increase in rough sleepers within UCLH premises also an Increase in moped/cycle enabled street thefts, also seeing an increase in mental health issues which are adding pressure to UCLH services. Grafton Way/Huntley Street site due to open early February.
- ZS (Fremantle) – Site closed, work with Derwent regarding street problems.

TFP Update

- DS - Review of contract and since September 2020 have been working with MyLocalBobby to provide Street Wardens service.
- TN(MLB) – Outline of MYLocalBobby. Working with Camden and Safer Neighbourhood Teams rough sleeper issues/drug problems, the TFP Street Team have had good results regarding these problems. Two private prosecutions for shoplifting, businesses are encouraged to report all shoplifting incidents to the Police. Teams also conduct Public Realm patrols to check security of buildings and work with building security teams. Queries to be directed to DS (TFP) and the MLB team will respond.

AOB

- DS (TFP) - working with Partners to coordinate weekly deliveries of snacks/treats/well-being items for UCLH front-line staff.
- JW (Facebook)/TN (MLB) – Westminster Council currently conducting trials re the use of electric scooters although concerns have been expressed regarding this type of transport being used in conjunction with street robberies.
- NM (MPS) – new member to their team, NM will circulate contact details.
- **Date of next meeting** - to be arranged.