



STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR PHASE ONE CONSULTATION ON CITY COUNTER TERRORISM SECURITY MEASURES

In December 2017 Safer York Partnership established a Counter Terrorism Task Group to develop and oversee a programme of measures designed to improve awareness of counter terrorism and increase physical security in the city against a potential terrorist attack. The group operates within the guidelines of the PROTECT and PREPARE elements of the Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy CONTEST.

The group is comprised of the following members:

Head of Security York Minster
Head of Security York Racecourse
Make It York
York BID
Area Commander North Yorkshire Police
CYC Community Safety
CYC Transport & Highways
CYC Communications Team
North Yorkshire Police 'Project Servator'
North East Counter Terrorism Unit

The group meets monthly and has a detailed action plan outlining the agreed multi-agency response to Counter Terrorism for the City. Contained within that plan is the following priority:

PRIORITY 7: Oversee the delivery of a programme of counter terrorism security measures aimed at hostile vehicle mitigation for the city

On 23rd July 2018, the task group discussed the proposals for hostile vehicle mitigation put forward by the Consultants MFD. Within York the highest risk area is the City Centre. This is the area with the highest footfall, venue for the city's programme of street festivals and markets and contains the highest risk locations in terms of 'crowded places'.

City of York Council have proposed that the programme of counter terrorism security measures be phased in order to streamline the consultation process and ensure that the highest risk area is protected first. It is recognised that the area on the attached map should be considered first given this is the busiest shopping and event area within the city centre that attracts the highest footfall.