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Dear Mr Curran

Recommendation for Temporary Anti-Terrorism Traffic Regulation Order (ATTRO)
AE LTC Championships 2021 – Wimbledon

Between Monday 28th June and Sunday 11th July 2021, the All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC) will host the annual Championships at their headquarters at Wimbledon. This is a significant sporting event in the UK and is considered a major international event bringing visitors, players and press from all over the world.

This is a high-profile event held at an iconic location. In 2019, the overall attendance was 500,397 (for 13 days), the second-highest in Wimbledon history. The event did not happen in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and this year is planned to be played in front of a reduced crowd of approximately 25% capacity – approximately 12,000 spectators per day. Although this reduces the numbers of persons present there is of course the fact that this event will be one of the first mass gatherings since the easing of lockdown restrictions and this may prove appealing to anyone planning an attack.

There will be a police deployment for this event and a number of counter terrorist measures will be deployed in order to protect those attending the event. One of those measures we consider necessary is the closing of various roads to vehicles and controlling the access by pedestrians to named roads, backed up by physical measures. Accordingly, police are recommending the following temporary order(s) (or notice(s) if time precludes) pursuant to s14 & s22(C) s22(D) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA). This is to place measures to allow for the closure of the following roads to vehicular traffic, passengers of such traffic and pedestrians except those vehicles or pedestrians allowed at the discretion of a police constable or appropriately 'designated person' or 'authorised agent', acting on behalf of a constable.

From 0600 hours on Monday 28th June 2021 until 2359 hours on Sunday 11th July 2021 for vehicles and pedestrians (as required)

- Church Road between j/w Bathgate Road and j/w Somerset Road
- Somerset Road between j/w Marryat Road and j/w Newstead Way
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Pedestrians, both resident and working within the closure area, will continue to be facilitated access on discretion of a constable. Persons attending the events with issues of mobility and some residents will be facilitated vehicular access again on the discretion of a constable.

It is likely that it may be possible to open roads to vehicles and pedestrians sooner with a phased opening. However, these timescales are our best estimate and we shall seek to return the area to normality as soon as is reasonably practicable in order to minimise disruption to the broader community.

The grounds for a [REDACTED] order would be for the purpose of avoiding or reducing the likelihood of, danger or damage connected with terrorism (Sec.22C & D RTRA). Associated signage and physical measures to effectively enforce the ATTRO(s) will be positioned in accordance with the powers under s.67 and s.94A RTRA and deployed in preparation for the enforcement of the ATTRO(s).

The ATTRO(s) being recommended would be only for the time absolutely required for this particular event. This is to prevent access to a defined area by a determined vehicle-borne attacker or an ambulant attacker, who could use any associated crowds, despite current Covid-19 restrictions, to launch an attack; physical measures are typically but not necessarily required. If the ATTRO(s) is made, the Metropolitan Police Service, Merton Council, and TfL will be working together to give effect to it. Specific training and awareness will be provided to police officers and event staff.

There is currently no specific terrorism related intelligence in relation to this event. However, with the threat to police officers and the threat to the UK from terrorism currently both at Substantial - an attack is likely - these are considered precautionary protective security measures and are proportionate and necessary for the safety and security plan for this national event.

The use of existing fixed measures and/or the temporary deployment of vehicle security barriers or fences, and barriers or fences also having the ability to control the risks presented by crowds of people on foot, is considered appropriate. This is to provide what is believed to be the most proportionate measure of standoff distance from the open space that is being used. This is to prevent either an encroachment or penetrative vehicle attack, or a person borne attack on the entire ceremonial footprint and its environs. The measures will also enhance the protective security stance of the site by nature of it being a visual deterrent.

Recognising the potential impact upon local residents and institutions should vehicle security barriers and barriers also having the ability to control the risks presented by crowds of people on foot be introduced, engagement with stakeholders has taken place and continues. The police will strive to work with interested parties to ensure disruption is kept to an acceptable level.

Recent security reviews have predominantly considered the potential vehicle threat as being VBIED. However, the Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure has always

recommended considering mitigating the threat from vehicles used as a weapon (VAW) against infrastructure and people.

On 22nd March 2017, a terrorist attack occurred on Westminster Bridge, in Parliament Square and within the grounds of the Palace of Westminster, in central London - six people died in the attack and at least 40 were injured. The attacker drove a vehicle into pedestrians on Westminster Bridge and a crowd of people near the palace gates, then fatally stabbed a police officer. Six people - four pedestrians on the bridge, the stabbed police officer and the assailant - were later confirmed dead.

On 3rd June 2017, three attackers used a rented Renault panel van to attack pedestrians on London Bridge prior to a bladed weapon attack in Borough Market. The attack resulted in eight fatalities and 48 injured. The attackers had attempted to hire a 7.5T lorry.

On 19th June 2017, a van was driven into pedestrians in Finsbury Park, causing one death and injuring at least nine people. This occurred near the Muslim Welfare House, 100 yards (90 m) from Finsbury Park Mosque. A man who had earlier collapsed and was receiving first aid died at the scene.

This use of vehicles as a weapon is not a new tactic. However, its increasing use, highlighting in [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], ease of deployment and low technical threshold for use by threat actors have caused us to review the security mitigation for this year's event, an iconic predictable event.

This request is proportionate and necessary for the safety and security plan in place for this nationally iconic event. If you have any questions relating to the security requirements detailed here, please contact the CT Security Coordinator Inspector [REDACTED] by email [REDACTED] or by telephone on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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Dear Ms Doody

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AELTC Championships 2022 – Wimbledon

Between Monday 27th June and Sunday 10th July 2022 the All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC) will host the annual Championships at their Headquarters at Wimbledon. Monday 11th is also reserved should poor weather adversely affect play across the two week period. This is a significant sporting event in the UK and is considered a major international event bringing visitors, players and press from all over the world.

This is a high-profile event held at an iconic location. In 2019, the overall attendance was 500,397 (for 13 days), the second-highest in Wimbledon history. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the event in 2021 was played in front of a reduced crowd of approximately 25% capacity – approximately 12,000 spectators per day. This year the intention is to return to the 2019 capacity and include an extra day's play on the middle Sunday, which could prove appealing to anyone planning an attack.

There will be a police deployment for this event and a number of counter terrorist measures will be deployed in order to protect those attending these events. One of those measures we consider necessary is the closing of various roads to vehicles and controlling the access by pedestrians to named roads, backed up by physical measures. This is for the purpose of avoiding or reducing, the likelihood of, danger or damage connected with terrorism. Accordingly, police are recommending the following temporary order(s) (or notice(s) if time precludes) pursuant to s14 & s22(C) s22(D) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA). Associated signage and physical measures to effectively enforce the ATTRO(s) will be positioned in accordance with the powers under s.94 RTRA and deployed in preparation for the enforcement of the

ATTRO(s) to allow for the closure of the following roads to vehicular traffic, passengers of such traffic and pedestrians except those vehicles or pedestrians allowed at the discretion of a police constable or appropriately 'designated person' or 'authorised agent', acting on behalf of a constable; a delegated authority granted under Section 22D(5)(d) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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See Appendix A – Map of Proposed Road Closures.

Those pedestrians seeking to attend the event and pedestrians, both resident and working within the closure area, will continue to be facilitated access on discretion of a constable, or appropriately 'designated person' or 'authorised agent', acting on behalf of a constable; giving due consideration to Article 8 of the Human Rights Act 1998: respect for private and family life. Persons attending the events with issues of mobility and some residents will be facilitated vehicular access again on the discretion of a constable, or appropriately 'designated person' or 'authorised agent', acting on behalf of a constable; and again giving due consideration to Article 8 of the Human Rights Act 1998: respect for private and family life.

It may be possible to open roads to vehicles sooner. However, these timescales are our best estimate and we shall seek to return the area to normality as soon as is reasonably practical in order to minimise disruption to the local community from these closures.

There is no specific terrorism related intelligence in relation to this event. However, with the threat to the UK from international terrorism currently at Substantial - an attack is likely - these are considered precautionary protective security measures and are proportionate and necessary for the safety and security plan for this national event.

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