

outline draft to B&HCC from Trevor Scoble

Fire / Health & Safety Risk Assessment for the St James's Street Area

This is a draft assessment it records some of the conditions in the St James's Area looking at the high risk situations only and the possibility of resolving them.

What needs to be taken into consideration is the history of major public events and the results their risk to life and limb.

There is all so the situation of Well-being for all residents and business people. The general opinion is that *Not Again! to the PVP,*

do we have to suffer all this abuse.

Won't the Council do something about it?

What should also be noted is that St James's Street Area is ranked the worst out of the 21 Wards in the City under Health Data and second worst for high drinking and third worst for drink related call outs and second worst for Crime & Disorder. It is also a Cumulative Impact Area.

To report as follows

The Licensed Shop units

Over the years shops have been overstocked with liquor being store throughout the premises

It is considered a **High Risk** as it is not under control in the main it is a fire hazard as it should be stored in a fire proof cellar with alarms.

Restaurants and cafe bars

Under their risk assessment they should maintain their kitchen extract ducts and equipment. A great number of these premises have not cleaned their extract ducts, some of which have a high build up of grease and are therefore a **High Risk** what's more they terminate at roof level and very few of these roofs are fire resistant. There is therefore the possibility of spread of fire. Example Royal Albion Hotel & the restaurant fire in Manchester Street.

Streets & Pavements

Each and every year there are major cleaning problems, the mobile toilet facilities over flow, even before the Saturday PVP, the sewage is simple left to fester over the following days of the event, this represents a **MAJOR HIGH RISK** because any child or person falling suffering an open cut may well suffer infection contamination. Not only that but most of St James's Street shop units are food or restaurants, the on street contamination will be trod into these premisses and more important our homes.

Noise breakout into our homes

You have a noise report taken inside a residential property in the area this has resulted in a **High Risk** to any person living there. The values recorded are equivalent to a jet taking off! inside their homes

Street Barricades & 2 mete high site barricades

All of these present a **HIGH RISK** as;

Referring to **Street Barricades** Most residents last year had no information whatsoever, so they did not know how to react in any situation and outside the PVP party time how to escape.

There was a lack of control over these barricades. **HIGH RISK.**

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Referring to 2 meter high barricades

Again no information given last year to the residents and businesses so again how do we escape in any situation, from the Fridays erection to the late Sunday/ Monday morning dismantle.

These represent a **MAJOR HIGH RISK**, as should any situation accrue, causing a crowd surge, these 2 meter high barricades would not be able to stand the pressure, falling down with persons being trapped and the following crowd just simply walking over them.

Please NOTE that when an on duty police officer was asked *How do we get out of the area?* He did not know because he was unaccustomed to the area.

The only safe way to resolve this **MAJOR HIGH RISK** is to not have these barricades in place or medium risk to have each and every barricade manned at all times to enable removal in an emergency.

Road Bollards

These were only installed for 2018 and no information was given to the residents & businesses. **High Risk** as no information.

Drinking and Drugs

What all so needs to be given a great deal of thought is to the fact that most people, if not all of them that are attending the PVP are intoxicated and or have been taking / smoking drugs this presents a **MAJOR HIGH RISK**

Toilet facilities and results from.

Each and every year the toilet facilities cause problems, they are a **HIGH RISK** because they are often overflowing before the PVP starts, they can not cope with the required use for the numbers of persons attending the event, with the result that our home and properties are abused, people urinate and even defecate over our front door steps, front gardens and through our letter boxes and we are left to clean it all up, Pride PVP are simply not interested.

Rubbish bins

There are never enough rubbish bins with the result that they overflow into the adjacent residential front areas and gardens and we are left to clean up the mess, Pride PVP are simply not interested. There is a **HIGH RISK** to us when cleaning up because of broken glass and contaminated waste.

I would confirm that I have some 16 years experience of writing Fire, Health & Safety Reports all over the Country starting in Devon in 2002 dealing with the Senior Fire Officer Mr White.

I hope therefore that my above draft comments are responded to.

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