

### PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

#### INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR FINANCE

#### TOPIC - WINCHESTER HIGH ST SECURITY BARRIERS

#### **PROCEDURAL INFORMATION**

The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 4, Section 22 of the Council's Constitution provides for a decision to be made by an individual member of Cabinet.

In accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Head of Legal Services (Interim), the Chief Executive and the Strategic Director: Resources are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any other relevant overview and scrutiny committee. In addition, all Members are notified.

If five or more Members from those informed so request, the Leader may require the matter to be referred to Cabinet for determination.

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#### **SUMMARY**

Temporary security barriers were installed in the Winchester City Centre in late 2017 to mitigate against the potential threat of terrorist attack by a high speed vehicle.

It was intended to replace the temporary barriers earlier this year with furniture more appropriate to the city centre whilst still conforming with BSi PAS68. BSi PAS68 is the Publicly Available Specification for vehicle security fencing, gates, blockers, bollards and barriers. It has become the standard and benchmark for all Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (HVM) products. It is against this specification that all physical perimeter security equipment is tested to prevent vehicle borne attacks.

Hampshire County Council's Emergency Planning Unit and Highways Engineers have led on the location of the barriers so they can allow for low speed vehicle access. However, the proliferation of cables and services running through the City Centre and High St at a shallow depth as well as potential archaeology implications has resulted in many products being determined as unsuitable for installation.

Whilst options are very limited, planters and seating supplied by Townscape Ltd, which combine block construction with wooden planters above and seating have

been identified. The dark granite clad planters combined with hard wood seating is one of the more elegant designs for Winchester High Street within the restrictions of a limited PAS68-standard choice and complex subterranean conditions. The blocks require only 100mm deep foundations which can be installed in the City Centre. No other appropriate product has been identified as being suitable and it is therefore recommended that authority be given to purchase these items directly from Townscape Products Ltd as a single supplier, rather than seek competitive quotes as otherwise required under the Council's contract procedure rules.

The design also includes 18 bollards which to comply with Highway standards and the PAS68 requirements (again with a shallow installation depth due to City Centre restrictions) will need to be procured from a single supplier, Marshalls Ltd. The individual black bollards will be suitable for bespoke design and painting in the future (similar to painted bollards in the Square).

The layout and design of the barriers, bollards and associated street furniture has been determined to ensure access for vehicles is maintained whilst ensuring speed can be properly controlled. The design is included as Appendix 1 to this notice.

Now that an appropriate product has been identified, it is possible to install ahead of the Christmas period. To achieve this, it recommended that approval is given to work with a single contractor with experience and knowledge of the City Centre and Highway/ Hampshire County Council requirements to arrange appropriate survey work and for the installation of the furniture.

The Townscape furniture costs a total of £48,600. Additional Marshalls' bollards total £36,000 and total project costs are projected at:

PAS68 Barriers/Bollards/Street Furniture: Installation Total: Funded by:	£ 95,000 £ 30,000 £125,000
Winchester City Council contribution:	£ 75,000
Hampshire County Council contribution:	£ 50,000
Total:	£125,000

#### DECISION

That the Strategic Director – Services (Interim) be given authority in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance to negotiate and agree terms with Townscape Products Ltd and Marshalls Ltd for the supply of PAS68 street furniture, with a Hampshire County Council approved Highways contractor to arrange installation and that a Direction be made under Contracts Procedure Rule 2.4 a) accordingly.

#### REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Officers have considered the limited range of PAS68 compliant products on the market that meet the requirements of the design for the City Centre.

Many products used in other areas have significant foundations (up to 1m2) and surveys have identified insufficient capacity in the High Street to accommodate such products.

It is possible to clad the existing blocks. However, costs are estimated in excess of  $\pm 30-40,000$  for what will only ever be a temporary measure and therefore this is not recommended.

The option of the existing blocks remaining in the High St for an extended period to allow time for more bespoke products to be designed has also been considered. However, no supplier has yet been in a position to produce designs that take account of the shallow installation requirements whilst conforming to BSiPAS68 that could provide furniture more suitable than that already identified.

#### **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The resource implications are set out in the summary above. The £75,000 City Council provision has been approved by Cabinet. Hampshire County Council has also formally approved the £50,000 contribution to the project. Formal approval to spend the County Council contribution will be considered by Cabinet as part of report CAB3070 at its meeting on 19 September 2018.

#### DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

None required

#### CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE DECISION

The proposed option is supported by Hampshire County Council and is currently subject to their usual asset management and safety check process. With the importance of the need for appropriate hostile vehicle mitigation measures to be in place and with options for replacing the existing barriers being limited, formal public consultation is not proposed. Briefings for local members, the Winchester BID and the Winchester Preservation Trust have been completed.

#### FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

No Representations From Members Were Made Following Publication Of The Draft Notice.

#### DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR OFFICER CONSULTED

Not Applicable

#### **DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Not Applicable

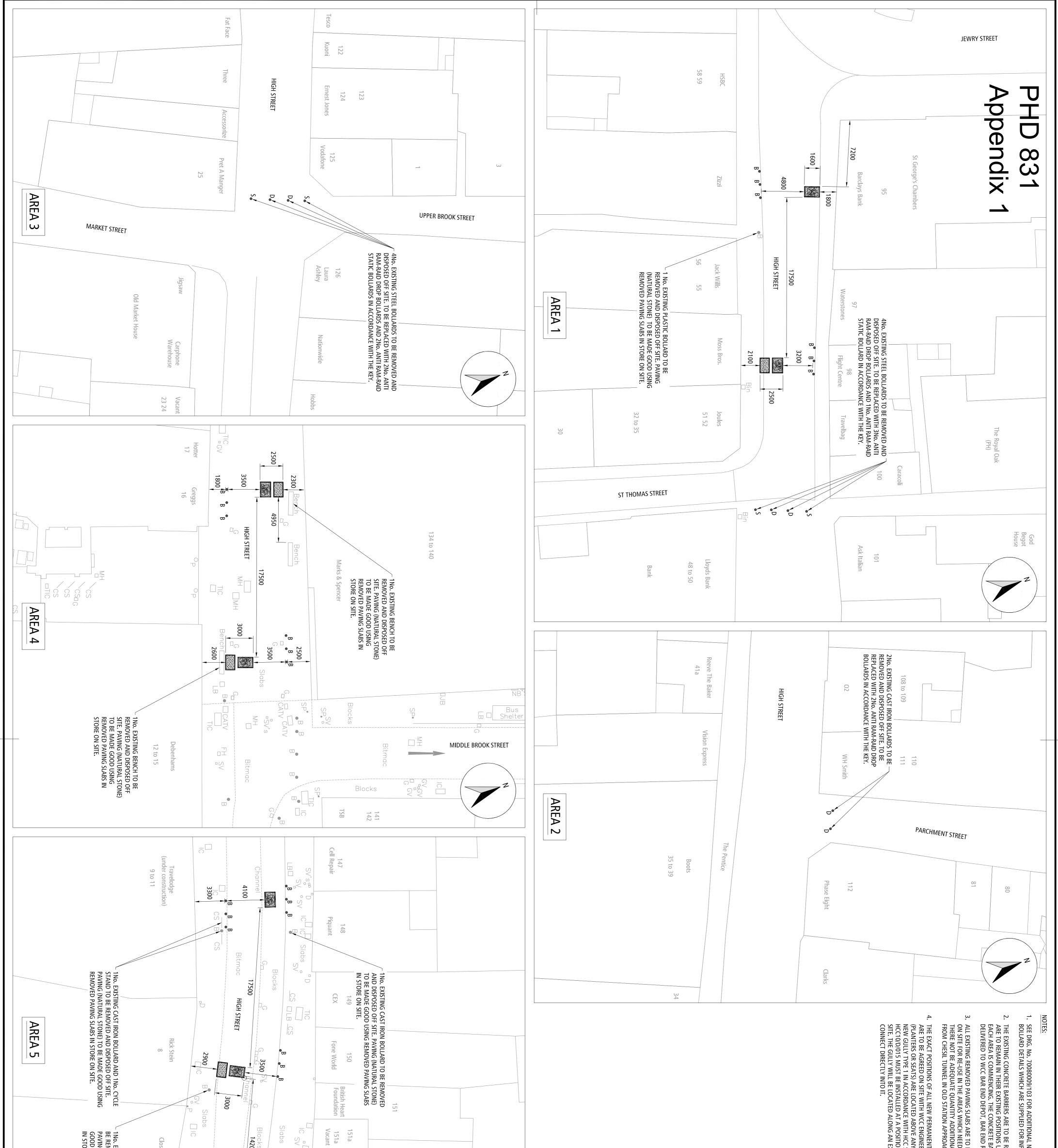
Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision

#### **Councillor Ashton – Portfolio Holder for Finance**

#### APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 - Plan for Replacement Defence Barriers and Bollards Appendix 2 - Replacement Defence Barriers and Bollards – Design samples



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## Winchester High Street PAS 68 Street Furniture Proposed furniture components

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**CIS Street Furniture** 

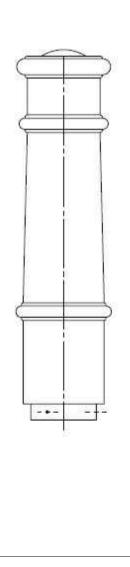
Anti-ram raid folding bollard (450mm depth foundation) - Final colour black and white to match existing High St bollards.



**CIS Street Furniture** Anti-ram raid static bollard (600mm foundation depth) - same design as folding bollard and painted to match.



Townscape PAS 68 Blocks with Banyan seat tops (Sapele timber tops)



Marshalls Ferrocast Bollard bollards.



Bespoke Ferrocast sleeve design - 'Carronade' 75/40 type (to approximate design of exisiting High St bollards). Shallow mount. (253 mm foundation depth). Painted to match existing High St

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Townscape Toledo 'Boyed' Planter (without integrated seat) Sapele Timber surround above exposed CT Block Base



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Rev: Description

A Consultation Issue B Consultation 2nd phase C Final Consultation D Consultation Solution