

1) The specific risk assessments undertaken in deciding that the barrier was necessary

The Council has not carried out its own risk assessment. The Council acted upon advice issued by the Police Eastern Region Special Operations Unit (ERSOU), and mandate provided by the Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire.

The information was provided to the Council in confidence and not for further distribution. We have consulted with parties at ERSOU as to whether this information could be disclosed and they have maintained its confidential status.

This information is therefore being withheld under Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act, which covers information provided in confidence. This is an absolute exemption and we do not need to consider the public interest.

In designing and installing the barrier, the Council worked closely with the Highways Authority for Local Roads (Cambridgeshire County Council) whom undertook their own assessment of the proposals; including a full Road Safety Audit on our behalf. A copy of the assessment is attached. You may want to consider contacting Cambridgeshire County Council for a copy of their assessment of these proposals. Their FOI team can be contacted via foi@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

2) The total cost of consulting on the barrier's installation

For measures such as this, and in the interest of providing enhancements to public safety in an expedient manner, the Council is not required at this stage to undertake extensive consultation prior to their introduction. We have, however, engaged with those most likely to be directly affected in order to understand their needs and how these might be taken in to account. The Council has not set a separate budget for consultation, but has utilised existing resources from the project delivery team and senior management.

This engagement included the delivery of information to and briefings for key stakeholders, local businesses and other organisations in early 2019, and discussion at the County Council's Cambridge Joint Area Committee on 5 March 2019 where the committee supported the proposal. A copy of the [committee report](#) is available online. Two further meetings with businesses, colleges and others local to Kings Parade were held in August and October, these latter meetings were kindly set up by Bidwells for the benefit of their tenants. These meetings were attended by Cambridge City Council staff. The Council has also published a number of media statements relating to the proposals. We have not, however, specifically identified the costs of this work to the council, so direct costs of consultation are not held.

3) The total fixed cost of installing the barrier, signage and other related infrastructure

The Council, and partners Greater Cambridge Partnership, have established a working budget of £70,000 within which to effect these initial, temporary, changes.

Our anticipated directly procured services are detailed below. We shall need to add to this our staff time costs incurred in undertaking activities including research and survey work, design, and project management. Final costs are in the process of being identified.

Kings Parade - Cost Breakdown

1	Provision and installation of temporary barrier and gate system	£ 48,000.00
2	Associated highways changes - traffic signs, road markings, cycle parking stands, P&D machine removal and make good footway	£ 9 ,600.00
3	Traffic Orders, design checks and other approvals	£ 2 ,800.00
4	Printing and postage costs for public/ business engagement, telephone calls, letter distribution, site notices etc	£ 200.00
5	Anticipated forward 18-24 months provision for operation and maintenance	£ 2 ,500.00
6	Provision for monitoring the effects of the scheme over 18-24 month period	£ 3 ,215.00
	Total Cost	£ 66,315.00

4) The estimated monthly and yearly cost of operating the barrier (ie staff costs to open and close it daily)

These costs have not yet been fully identified and, wherever practicable, will be undertaken by staff already employed to carry out other duties. The Council's additional costs involved in operating the barrier over the next 18 – 24 months are not expected to exceed £1,250.

5) The estimated monthly and yearly cost of maintenance of the barrier

The barrier is expected to be in situ for an initial period of 18 -24 months and should not need significant maintenance during this limited period. The Council has estimated a cost of £1,250 for maintenance over this period.

6) The estimated economic impact of the barrier on the businesses on kings parade and nearby if this analysis has been carried out

Such analysis has not been directly undertaken by the Council, although during engagement it was clear that whilst some businesses feared negative impacts, others were much more positive, citing the positive impact changes in Trinity Street some years ago had had on businesses there. The Council will be taking steps to monitor footfall numbers and relevant changes in behaviour along Kings Parade, evaluating whether the street becomes more or less busy, and will be inviting feedback on business impacts as part of our engagement for the next phase. The Council is also engaging with Cambridge BID.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk
