

60307 Hostile Vehicle Mitigation Barriers

I'm looking for information regarding the Hostile Vehicle Mitigation Barriers situated at six central locations: Johnstone Terrace, Mound Place, Lawnmarket (Gladstones Land), Lawnmarket (High Court), St Giles Street, and High Street / Cockburn Street.

Is there planning permission for the HVM at the six locations?

No planning permission is required. Permanent road furniture, signage, bollards and road safety features required by the Road Authority are deemed as permitted development.

How much has the cost been for the barriers since 2017?

The Council entered an agreement for the ongoing provision of the National Barrier Asset in October 2022 and since then have paid for annual maintenance of these barriers.

The cost for 2023 is estimated at £3,000. The cost in 2024 was £3,254.76 and £3,411.10 in 2025.

Who own the HVM barriers?

National Counter Terrorism Policing Headquarters.

Is there a plan to get rid of the HVM barriers at the 6 locations?

Visitor Levy funding has been identified to enable to the replacement of the National Barrier Asset with permanent measures, like those currently installed in the Lawnmarket (automatic bollards). A project plan is being prepared following the funding decision last month.