

MPS Event Message

Wednesday 21st June 2017



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As you may be aware, today, Wednesday 21st June 2017, is the State Opening of Parliament where there are also a number of protests taking place.

Road closures around Westminster are currently underway or are in place for the State Opening of Parliament

London protest events

Very limited information on this event has been passed to the police and there is no specific intelligence to indicate anywhere in London will be specifically targeted for antisocial or criminal behaviour. Please monitor the MPS Events Twitter feed [@MetPoliceEvents](#) to receive regular updates.

Further updates shall follow nearer the time as more information comes to light. There are a number of police resources available to respond to any antisocial or criminal behaviour.

Protest Details

Location / Time	Name	Information	Estimated Number Attending
Parliament Square 1130 –1400	Stand up to Racism/No to May/DUP Racism & Bigotry	Protest	400
Shepherds Bush Green to Parliament Square 1130—1900	Movement for Justice By Any Means Necessary	March and Rally This is advertised as a day of rage over the Greenfell Tower fire but also incorporates a list of grievances against the Conservative Government. Speeches will be at 11:30 with the protesters planning to move off to Parliament Square at 13:00.	200
Parliament Square 1200	Line Dance against the DUP	Protesting against the Conservative/DUP coalition.	70
Parliament Square 1600	May Must Go/Protest the Queens speech		200
Parliament Square 1800 –2000	No to May/ DUP Racism & Bigotry		370

Policing Intentions

- * To provide a lawful and proportionate policing response to protest, balancing the needs and rights of protesters with those impacted by the protest;
- * To maintain public order;
- * To prevent crime and anti social behaviour and take all reasonable and proportionate steps to intervene and bring offenders to justice if crime is committed;
- * To work together with event organisers / participants and other agencies to minimise criminal activity and anti-social behaviour associated with the event;
- * To provide a proportionate policing response to vulnerable premises;
- * To work together with the event organisers to prevent serious disruption to the life of the residential and business community and vehicular traffic;
- * To provide an appropriate Counter Terrorism response and security advice commensurate to the threat level;
- * Provide a co-ordinated response to incidents;
- * To ensure the MPS meets its legal obligations in respect of care for the vulnerable including children.

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The Metropolitan Police Service is fully aware of the potential impact of any demonstrations on the local business community and is well equipped to deal with events like this. An appropriate policing plan is in place to meet the needs of the march, the public and local businesses.

The march and rally will travel through busy commercial areas on a key shopping day, using key arterial routes in London. This is further complicated by extensive road works being undertaken across London.

Roles and responsibilities of police and stakeholders.

Police have three core responsibilities

- The protection of life and property
- The prevention and detection of crime
- Maintenance of The Queen's Peace

The MPS will work in partnership with organizers, stewards, key strategic partners and our communities to achieve these goals and our policing intentions. Traffic management should be the responsibility of the event organizer in conjunction with the relevant local authority however previous experience has shown that this function is sometimes not carried out. As such police will undertake a traffic management plan, in line with the policing objectives of preventing serious disruption to business, residential and vehicular traffic.

BTP are responsible for policing on the Transport network. As such, they will have a plan around the egress and entry of the LT stations along the route.

Responsibility of Event organizer.

The event organizer is responsible for the safety and security of those attending the march and rally, as well as obligations under the Public Order Act.

Roles and Responsibilities of Partner agencies.

TfL retain responsibility for managing traffic and congestion across London. As such police will work with them to develop a traffic management plan that allows them to carry out this function.

Westminster City Council have a statutory duty to reduce crime and disorder, and to provide traffic management for this event. They can refuse to allow a rally in Trafalgar Square. WCC wardens have a number of powers, as do GLA wardens, and there are a number of bye-laws available should they wish to use them. Police will work with WCC and GLA to assist them in carrying out these responsibilities.

During Events the MPS will provide updates using the following Twitter feed:

[@MetPoliceEvents](https://twitter.com/MetPoliceEvents)

Please monitor these messages in order to ensure you receive the latest information.

