

MPS Event Message

POTUS Visit 13th July 2018



Introduction

On Thursday 12th July 2018 the President of the United States, Mr Donald Trump will arrive in the UK as a Guest of the British Government, staying until Sunday 15th July 2018. His itinerary, recently published, includes a number of engagements outside London.

The Metropolitan Police has been contacted by a range of individuals and organisations who intend to organise protest activity in London during the visit. The MPS has also identified some activity through social media and other community sources. As a result a significant policing operation is being planned both for security and in response to planned protest activity opposing the visit, as well and some activity in support of the visit.

As part of our approach we are engaging with stakeholders, businesses, employers and local communities to provide information to assist in preparing for the potential disruption significant protest activity may have, and take feedback on how stakeholders and communities are feeling or may be affected. Our aim is to provide information and reassurance about police activity to enable preparations as a business or organization to minimise impact and disruption, and how you can contact us.

In central London there will be a number of protests. In brief this consists of:

- **Thursday 12th July** at protest opposing the visit in the vicinity of Hanover Gate, Regents Park from 1730hrs.
- **Friday 13th July** will see two significant marches and rallies opposing the visit from about 1100hrs through to about 1900hrs. The first march starts in Portland Place, and heads through Regents Street, Haymarket, and Whitehall, to Parliament Square. The second march starts later, along the same route and finishes in Trafalgar Square.
- **Saturday 14th July** in Parliament Square and Whitehall, will see protest and rallies both opposing and supporting the visit, and opposing each other. There is also a proposed rally and march supporting the visit at the new U.S. Embassy in Nine Elms Lane.

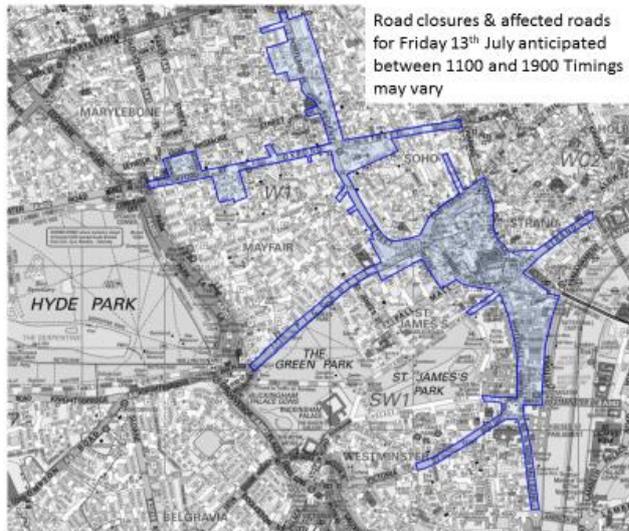


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The below map indicates the routes being taken by both marches on the 13th.



Check @MetPoliceEvents for updates on the 13th

Other Travel News on @TfLTrafficNews

Or sign up to travel alerts:

<https://tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/social-media-and-email-updates/email-updates>

The below map indicates the routes being taken by both marches on the 14th.



Protest Activity outside the US Embassy in anticipated on Saturday 14th, but the details are subject to change and further updates will be provided.

The rallies in Whitehall and Parliament Square are expected to begin from 1300 with road closures in Whitehall in place before this time.

Check @MetPoliceEvents for updates on the 14th

To report an incident or suspicious activity call 999 or 101. Otherwise:

Local Engagement Contacts:

Westminster: PS Craig McMahon
Craig.McMahon@met.police.uk

Wandsworth: PS Simon Crew
Simon.Crew2@met.police.uk

Lambeth Inspector Aaron Barnes
Aaron.Barnes@met.police.uk

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Policing Plan

The Metropolitan Police Service has a policing plan in place throughout the event, led by Gold London, Deputy Assistant Commissioner Lucy D'Orsi, in order to police pre-planned events and respond to any additional demands across London.

It is the intention of the MPS to deliver our core responsibilities at this event:

- Prevention and detection of crime
- The protection of life and property
- The maintenance of the Queen's Peace

The strategy will include plans to police protest, maintain public order, and minimise disruption to community life. Plans are also being developed to minimise opportunities to commit crime, including public disorder and damage to property, and hate crime will not be tolerated.

Businesses and private premises should be aware that the majority of protests are peaceful, and under Human Rights legislation should be facilitated on public land *unless certain exceptions apply*, however it is always possible that individuals attending may not be intent on holding a peaceful protest.

In relation to protests within private property, Police see the primary responsibility for the security of the property and the management of any trespass within the premises as being that of the land owner/company. As you are well aware, opening your premises for business implies invitation to all persons. The Manager or representative of the company / premises can withdraw this invitation at any time.

Advice

We would recommend that retail outlets who may be affected should such activity taking place review their security plans and operating procedures. This could include:

- Contingency arrangements for site access on Fri 13th and Sat 14th July
- Review access control and accreditation of personnel to prevent unauthorised access or security breaches
- Report any suspicious activity to police either 999 or 101.
- Register for Cross-sector Security and Safety Communications via CSSC www.thecssc.com

Crime Prevention Advice

You can help to protect your premises by taking a few sensible precautions. The following points are a list of considerations and are by no means exhaustive:



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Safeguarding your business:

www.met.police.uk

Your people

- In the days leading up to the event, ensure all employees are fully briefed.
- Your premises should have a strong, visible management presence who should identify themselves to the police in the event of any trespassing or damage.
- Security officers, where possible, should be highly visible.
- All staff should remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to security and/or the police.
- Ensure all members of staff are fully aware of any emergency and evacuation procedures.

Your premises

- Consider timing deliveries before or after protest activity where possible
- Consider remote working or home working if appropriate
- Minimise the number of entry points to your premises.
- Ensure that the outside areas are clear of debris, dustbins, ladders or tools and equipment.
- Check that your emergency equipment, grab bags, first aid supplies and walkie-talkies are in place, easy to get to and working properly. Advisable to test them beforehand.
- Check and test building security and emergency systems.
- Ensure CCTV coverage is fully operational and can provide the highest recording resolution possible.
- If your building has scaffolding erected or is in close proximity of scaffolding, let your security staff know.

Have a plan! - Visit the following website to find out ways, such as this 10 minute Business Continuity Self-Assessment you could be more prepared for the unexpected:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/organisations-we-work/london-prepared/preparing-your-business>

