

Response to Request for Information

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Marathon Road Closure

Request:

I wish to know who authorised the road closures in connection with the Wolverhampton Marathon on 2 September, and when the decision was made. I would also like to know whether there was any consultation with local property owners about the proposed road closures this year. I am particularly interested in the process followed for the closure of Connaught Road.

I hope that one of your officers can provide this information.

As you are aware the Carver Wolverhampton Marathon is an annual event in the city. As with all events, the organisers responsible submit documentation to the Council's Safety Advisory Group who distribute the information to various internal departments, external agencies and parties for comment and oversee the organisation of the event. For this year's marathon the documentation was received and considered by the Council's Safety Advisory Group in January 2018.

In terms of approving and implementing the road closures required for the event, the Safety Advisory Group pass this information to the Council's Traffic Management team. This team is responsible for reviewing the requirements and authorising any necessary road closures. As such the team have worked closely with the event organiser since January 2018 to agree and organise the various road closures required to support the marathon.

As part of this work, the event organisers distribute the information regarding the event and any temporary traffic management arrangements required. This information was provided to all directly affected premises and frontages along the entire route. In the case of Connaught Road, the organisers distributed letters on 25 August 2018 confirming the temporary traffic management arrangements that would be in place on the weekend of the marathon (2 September 2018).

In addition to this and to provide wider awareness of the event, advanced warning signs were also installed on 17 August 2018 along major roads across the city to provide notice of the event and possible delays and removed following the Marathon.

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Where road closures were required to support the event, public notices were displayed on the lamp columns of each road affected on 31 August 2018; the purpose of the notice is to outline the times associated with the road closure to the general public.