| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-1814  Responded to: 02 August 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Anti-terrorist barriers and arches have, in July 2024, been installed on Ayr’s esplanade and Wellington Square areas. South Ayrshire Council advises that this is as a result of their involvement with Anti-Terrorist Police concerning potential danger to public safety attending outdoor events on Ayr’s Low Green.**

**Please advise whether Police or South Ayrshire Council first raised the question of potential danger to public safety from terrorist attack during outdoor events on Ayr’s Low Green, upon what basis was the matter raised and under what circumstances?**

**Please provide me with all relevant risk assessments and any formal evaluations of public safety carried out by Police or their agents relevant to this matter.**

**Further, please provide copies of all emails, letters, telephone messages, personal notes, file notes, Minutes of meetings, notes of discussions, as well as requests and agreements between the two organisations which relate to this matter.**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

To explain, Police Scotland were not involved in any of the decisions regarding the installation of anti-terrorist barriers and arches in Ayr. Police Scotland’s only involvement was to highlight the scheme to local authorities as requested by National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) and it was then South Ayrshire Council decision to go ahead with the installation. The policing unit responsible for Operation Rosette (the operation regarding the installation of anti-terrorist barriers) is the National Vehicle Threat Mitigation Unit (NVTMU) who are part of Counter Terrorism Policing (CTP) based in London. I therefore believe your FOI request would be best answered by either South Ayrshire Council or the Policing Unit mentioned above.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.