



Freedom of Information Request FOI 25 42

Risk Assessment details to allow double decker buses to alight and board at spring road and newtons road

Query and Response:

1. Please provide written details on all aspects of the risk assessment and decision making that led to the decision to allow cruise passengers in double decker buses to alight and board at the junction of spring road and newtons road in Weymouth Dorset.

DWFRS does not hold the requested information. DWFRS do not conduct risk assessments for these activities on public highways. The risk assessment for this activity is the responsibility of the transport company in conjunction with local authority highways and, where necessary, Dorset Police.

2. Please confirm that a risk assessment was undertaken which provided reassurance that residents in these streets and Rodwell Avenue would not have their safety hampered by emergency vehicles being unable to access the homes of vulnerable residents.

DWFRS does not hold the requested information. No specific risk assessment has been undertaken for this location or activity. Access for emergency vehicles to the road network is dictated by building regulations and planning guidance. Temporary obstructions to the highway caused by any vehicle would necessitate dynamic decision making in the event of an emergency to reduce any impact on residents or communities.

3. Please provide copies of all risk assessments in place in respect of this decision.

DWFRS does not hold the requested information. See answer to Question 1

4. Please provide evidence of the impact assessment undertaken by your fire service in respect of residents.

Due to the temporary nature of the obstruction, we would carry out a dynamic risk assessment if needed in the same way we would for any traffic related impact to our emergency response. Our approach to managing community risk is contained within our Community Risk Management Plan (which can be found [here](#)) and Community Safety Plan (which can be found [here](#)), underpinned by our Strategic Assessment of Risk (which can be found [here](#)).

Where we are made aware of a specific issue affecting our ability to respond to emergency incidents, we may consider local engagement to reduce the impact.

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