

Identified Risks

Threat to the United Kingdom.

The threat to the United Kingdom from International Terrorism is currently rated 'substantial'. This means that an attack is thought to be a strong possibility. The threat applies to the UK as a whole, not to specific areas or locations. There is currently no specific information to suggest that your site is under increased threat.

The current assessment is that 'crowded places' are the ideal target for international terrorists, as these locations are consistent with terrorists' aims of achieving high impact, mass casualty attacks. Crowded place sites are regarded as locations or environments, to which members of the public have access that may be considered potentially liable to terrorist attack by virtue of their crowd density

The most likely target for a crowded place attack is one that is easily accessible, regularly available and offers the prospect for an impact beyond the loss of life. Additionally, a crowded place with iconic status, or which has interests which are terrorist targets in their own right is likely to be preferred over similar venues with no such associations.

I consider that your site is potentially at risk from terrorists who may seek to target the large crowd of people associated with it in an effort to cause maximum casualties.

The UK government's approach to reducing the risk from terrorism is to assess the threat and then to examine the attractiveness of a site and the potential impact of a terrorist attack. The vulnerability of the site is then assessed and recommendations made with the intention of reducing the vulnerabilities identified.

It is believed that if Islamic extremists were to consider an attack against such places then their likely methods would be to:

1. Deploy a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device, (VBIED), or multiple VBIED's as part of a co coordinated attack.
2. Deploy an improvised explosive device or devices in or around the building
3. Deploy a person-borne improvised explosive device or devices (PBIED). Commonly known as a suicide bomb.

Protective security can act as a deterrent to terrorists who are in the process of planning an attack. A key feature of attack planning is when the terrorist conducts hostile reconnaissance of the intended target. Effective protective