

**BEFORE SIR JOHN SAUNDERS – CHAIR FOR THE MANCHESTER ARENA
PUBLIC INQUIRY**

IN THE MATTER OF:

**PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO THE DEATHS RESULTING FROM THE
MANCHESTER ARENA ATTACK**

**STATEMENT OF
KENNETH STUART UPHAM**

1. I am Kenneth Stuart Upham of Greater Manchester Police (GMP), currently working as Counter Terrorism Security Advisor (CTSA) based within Counter Terrorism Policing North West (CTPNW).
2. I have provided a statement dated 9th December 2019 [INQ029098] to the Manchester Arena Public Inquiry and have been asked by Sir John Saunders for a supplementary statement answering questions raised in a request dated 11th March 2020.

Why was Manchester Arena designated as a Tier 2b site and why did it not meet the criteria for a Tier 2a site?

3. As set out in my first statement, the Tier system was brought in by NaCTSO in 2014. Under this system a site is assessed against a range of criteria to categorise it into either Tier 1, 2 or 3.
 - Tier 1 – Sites that are nationally or internationally recognisable as symbolic of the UK and its way of life or have widely known, frequent and predictable attendance by notable users.
 - Tier 2 – sites that whilst not of national or international prominence nevertheless have a profile above local or have a significant attendance by notable users (albeit infrequent, irregular or unpredictable).
 - Tier 2a – Sites that have less well developed current security stance.
 - Tier 2b – Sites that have a more developed current security stance.

Any site not designated by NaCTSO as Tier 1 or 2, but identified as a crowded place by the regional CTSA, is automatically categorised as a Tier 3 site.