

69345: Greater Manchester Police – Whitefield

Statement on existing and proposed taser activities:

GMP has been operating Taser training at the Whitefield site for approximately 5 years. This training takes place Monday to Friday from around 8:00 to approximately 16:00. Most of the training takes place within the main building. However, a small amount of scenario or role play based training takes place in the garage area adjacent to the yard. Due to the use of live Taser devices the garage doors need to remain open for safety reasons which can allow some noise to escape from the training area. There are no changes planned to the amount of training delivered or to the expected noise levels from the Taser training.

The Taser trainers currently have an office in the main building however this space is required for the Roads Policing Unit who are due to move into the site. The intention is to relocate the trainers into a Portakabin building located near to the garage in the main yard. The Portakabin will only be in use Monday to Friday from around 6:30 to 16:00. It is possible that the Portakabin may help to reduce the amount of noise that can be heard from adjacent properties although it is not possible to determine this in advance of the installation of the building.

GMP intends to establish a Roads Policing Unit base at Whitefield. This base will accommodate approximately 45 officers working across 5 shifts on a 24x7 basis. As a result, there is a requirement to re-start operational vehicle washing on site. The current vehicle wash is broken and can no longer be operated safely in its current confined location. Therefore, the intention is to purchase a new jet washer and upgrade a section of yard surface and drainage so that vehicles can be washed on the yard. In order to protect adjacent gardens from spray from the jet wash it is proposed to install transparent spray screens adjacent to the perimeter wall.

It is possible that the screens may help to reduce the amount of noise that can be heard from the jet wash although it is not possible to determine this in advance of the installation of the screens. There is also the option to switch the jetwash off overnight (between 0:00 and 6:30am) to minimise any noise disruption to adjoining properties.