

Making the Farmers Market and Road Closures easier, simpler, and safer

Objective

This paper asks ATC to support two improvements to make the Farmers Market safer, simpler, and more efficient. These improvements will also require support from ADC and WSCC.

1. Fit temporary bollards which can be raised easily and attractively for High Street Road closures.
2. Fit car friendly anchors into the road, quayside, cobbles, and some brickwork to tie down gazebos and replace the need for manhandling heavy weights.

Background:

The Arundel Farmers Market is a great success thanks to many volunteers stepping up to support their community. Residents and Stall holders like the High Street closure which is now well established. Big increases in footfall on market day further demonstrate how popular the market has become.

Sunbelt, based at Ford, place out the road closure signs and temporary road closure barriers for each market. The red plastic road closure barriers are unsightly and must be manned because they are so easily moved. Sunbelt, who have, so far done this for free have said they intend to charge £250 per closure in 2022, a new cost we wish to mitigate.

Thanks to support from ADC and ATC, the town now owns its own equipment. because setting up gazebos is heavy work; each gazebo is weighted down against the wind, up to 4.5 tonnes of weights are used each market. Volunteers from HMP Ford normally set up and take down the gazebos but in December the prison went into a Covid lockdown, so, once again, volunteers stepped in at 6am to ensure the market went ahead.

It is not sustainable to rely on such numbers of volunteers. So, the Working Group has considered improvements to become simpler, safer, and more efficient whilst further strengthening the future of the market.

The Opportunity

Introducing temporary bollards that are designed to be easily raised during road closures and using straps to tie down the gazebos will save time and money in the long run and reduce the number of volunteers we need each market. The closure will look more professional, and gazebos will be much more reliable when it is windy and allow us to reduce the dependency on weights.

The Farmers Market Working group is specifically asking for 4 things:

1. ATC to support application to WSCC for permission to fit removable road closure bollards into the High Street at road closure points



Example

The London borough of Camden – temporary bollards raised by school staff at school drop off and pick up times.

Arundel needs a similar system at 3 locations to effect an efficient road closure.

2. ATC to support application to WSCC to sink, car safe, anchor points into the High Street, to strap down the gazebos and replace the need for weights.



The anchor is 20cm long and just 2.5cm diameter. The top section of the anchor can be unscrewed to become proud of the road surface. A flat black plate then slots over and the tightened back up. The gazebo can now be strapped down to the anchor.



The Anchors require a hole to be drilled measuring just 2.5cm in diameter and up to 20cm into the ground.

They can also be set into a cube of concrete measuring 15cm cube. Ideal for the cobbles area



3. ATC to support an application to ADC for a similar treatment on the quay side once we have finalised the new stall layout and approve their use in the cobbles which are within the jurisdiction of ATC
4. ATC approve fixing plate rings at low level around the brick walls surrounding the monument



The plates are 2 inches square with a 2.5-inch diameter ring in galvanised steel.

The plate rings are even easier to use than the anchors and reduces the need to make holes in the street.

Summary of Requirements: (see appendix)

- 16 anchors in the cobbles and around the monument (ATC)
- 37 anchors in the road (WSCC)
- 10 anchors along the quay (ADC or ATC?)
- 10 rings along the quay (ADC or ATC?)
- 8 rings in the brick wall around the monument (ATC)

Costs

One company, Land Build has already been identified as a potential supplier who can help make this application to ADC and WSCC. We do not yet know exact cost but estimate supply and fit as follows:

- 63 anchors £3,000
- 18 rings £200
- 21 bollards £6,000
- NB Anchors are cheaper than weights. To buy 4.5 tonnes, the cost will be approximately £8,500

Funding

As per the recommendation paper dated 2nd November 2021, we did not buy weights. Instead, we planned to spend surplus money on an anchor system which is part of this papers recommendation.

There is currently, about £3,000 remaining in the original grant due to some savings and no money yet being spent on weights. So, there are already some potential funds in place anchors.

However, we believe this proposal would be eligible for a Covid Scheme grant and suggest ATC pursue this.

As soon as we have agreement from WSCC to sink anchors into the road, we can start a tendering programme, and make the grant application.

Appendix 1

shows standard layout for farmers Market using the new 5m x 2.5m gazebos

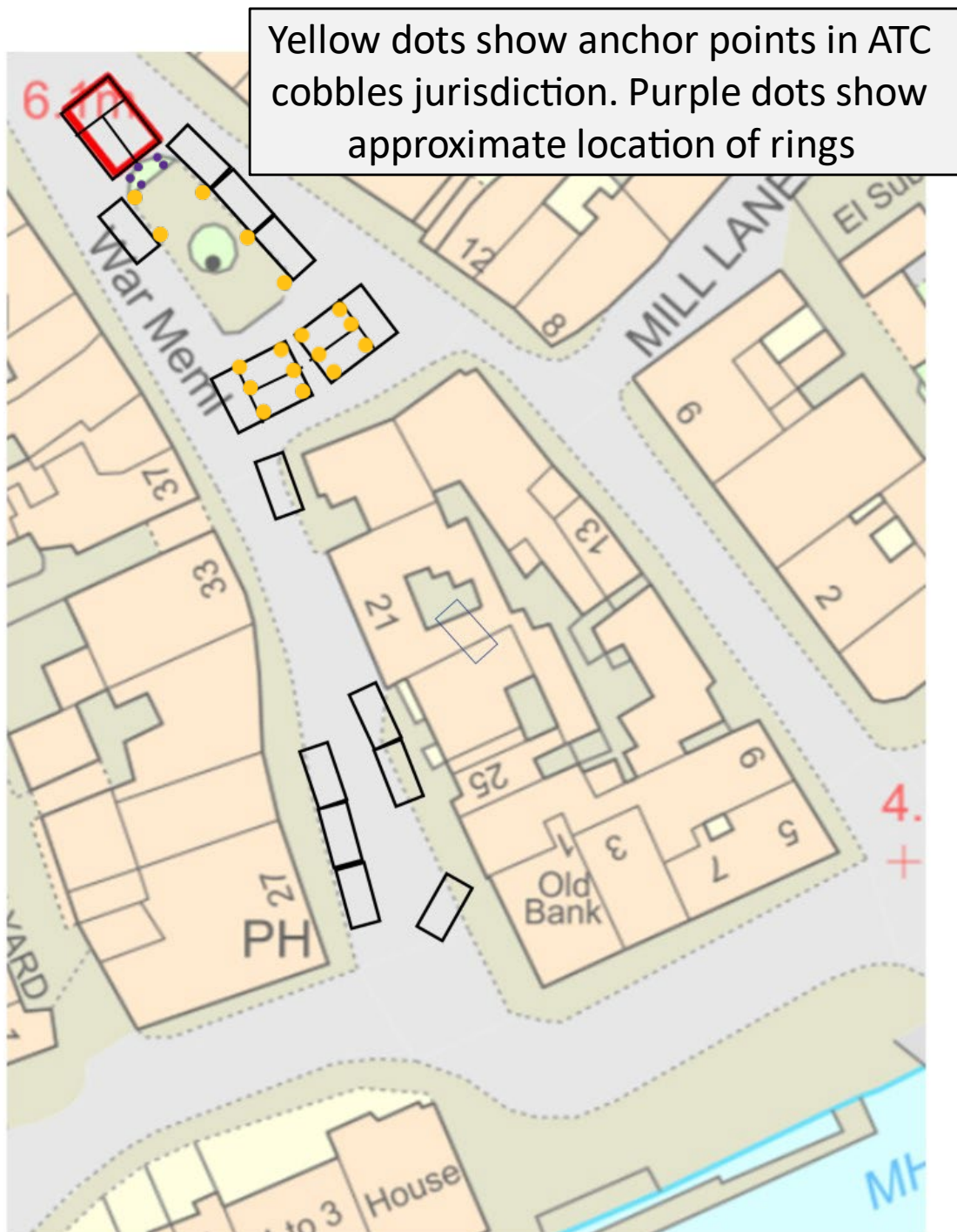


Appendix 2

Orange dots show anchor points in WSCC
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Appendix 3



Appendix 4: Bollards



Bollards needed at 3 locations

