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## **REPORT BACK ON HEARING LAST WEEK**

**At the hearing for Hurlingham Manor last week Friday we were given a full opportunity to present full argument as to why automation should be allowed at booms and pedestrian gates.**

**Evidence was given by two experts on automation and security. The officials were open to the evidence and engaged positively with us.**

**As is the norm no decision was taken at that meeting. However we are optimistic that the automation we suggested will be allowed: it allows for automation at the boom and for remotely activated pedestrian gates.**

**We emphasised the need for individualised decision making for all road closures as opposed to a “one size fits all” approach.**

**If you are considering implementing any form of automation, please note that you will have to justify the need for same at your hearing: it will not at this stage be automatically granted.**

**Note that it was again emphasised that many road closures are operating illegally and that the City is taking steps against them. We would urge all such road closures to take steps to regularise your road closure. You can expect a reasonable response from the City if you engage with them; however if you operate illegally they are entitled to take your structures down and potentially lay criminal charges.**

**Best regards**



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