

12th November 2012

Dear Councillor,

Some of you are already aware of the incidents that occurred in the vicinity of The Royal Oak Public House, Teddington High Street, late on Saturday 10th November. As a result of the life threatening injuries sustained, two males in their early 20s were taken to hospital. I regret to have to inform you that one of these young men has died as a result of his injuries. There is, as a result, a murder enquiry underway, by officers of the Homicide Command who have been supporting local police offices since the events of Saturday night. I am writing to you so that you are aware of the situation as it currently stands, so that should you be approached by concerned constituents, you are in a position to reassure them and provide appropriate advice.

There is no current indication at all that the disturbances and assaults in Teddington High Street were in any way pre-planned or gang related, neither is there any indication of weapons, for example knives, being used. It appears that many of those involved were celebrating a birthday. Some were local residents, though none from Teddington. Others came from surrounding boroughs. A number of arrests have been made.

Whilst the investigation is being led by specialist detectives, your local police are actively involved in public reassurance. This will be most noticeable by additional police patrols in Teddington in the evenings and weekend and the local Safer Neighbourhood Team will be out to allay the obvious concerns of local residents.

Alcohol appears to have played a part in these dreadful events. There will be a wide ranging review of all the licensed premises in that area to re-enforce appropriate legislation and to help ensure that everyone who lives or visits Teddington can do so safely and without fear. This is as a direct result of Saturday's events, as prior to this there was no information or intelligence available to indicate the nature of a problem of this scale.

Witnesses to the events of Saturday night or anyone who has any information that could assist the enquiry are asked to contact the incident room on 020 8721 4155 or anonymously to Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me. Should there be any significant developments I will make further contact.

Yours sincerely,

Clive Chalk
Borough Commander