



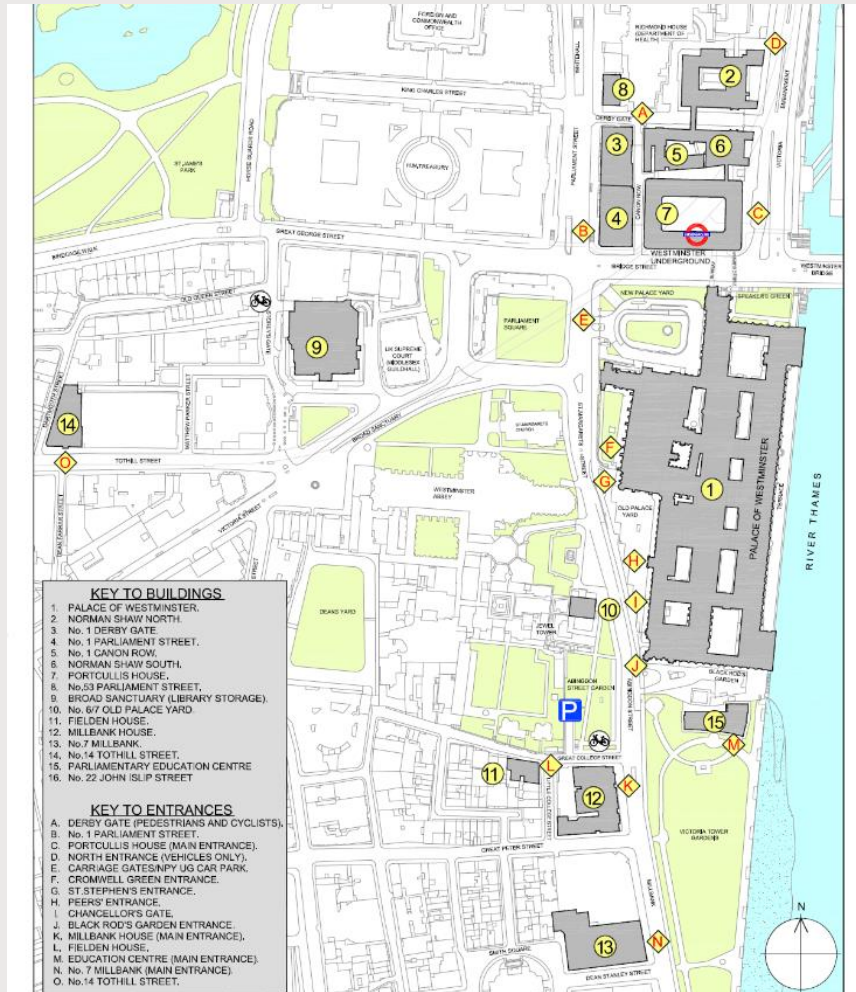
UK Parliament Security

Recovery After Crisis

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The Parliamentary Estate



- Multiple buildings over different sites
- Surrounded by other high-profile buildings
- River aspect
- UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Popular tourist sector of London

What do we mean by 'threat'?

CAPABILITY/INTENT/IDENTITY = THREAT

- Current attack methodology remains low-tech, meaning that CAPABILITY can be easily achieved
- Extreme belief systems and radicalisation often provides INTENT
- IDENTITY is where things become more difficult. Police and Security Services are very effective having foiled 22 plots since the Westminster attack in 2017 with seven relating to suspected far-right terror (as of Sept 19)

Identity



Thomas Mair, a far-right terrorist, murdered Jo Cox MP in June 2016.



Khalid Masood, an Islamist terrorist, waged a jihad and murdered 5 people including PC Palmer in March 2017



Parliamentary Events and Activities



Education Visits



Prime Minister's Questions and Chamber activity



State Occasions and Ceremonies



Public Access and tours



Contractors and Restoration Projects



Dining Events and weddings

22nd March: What happened?

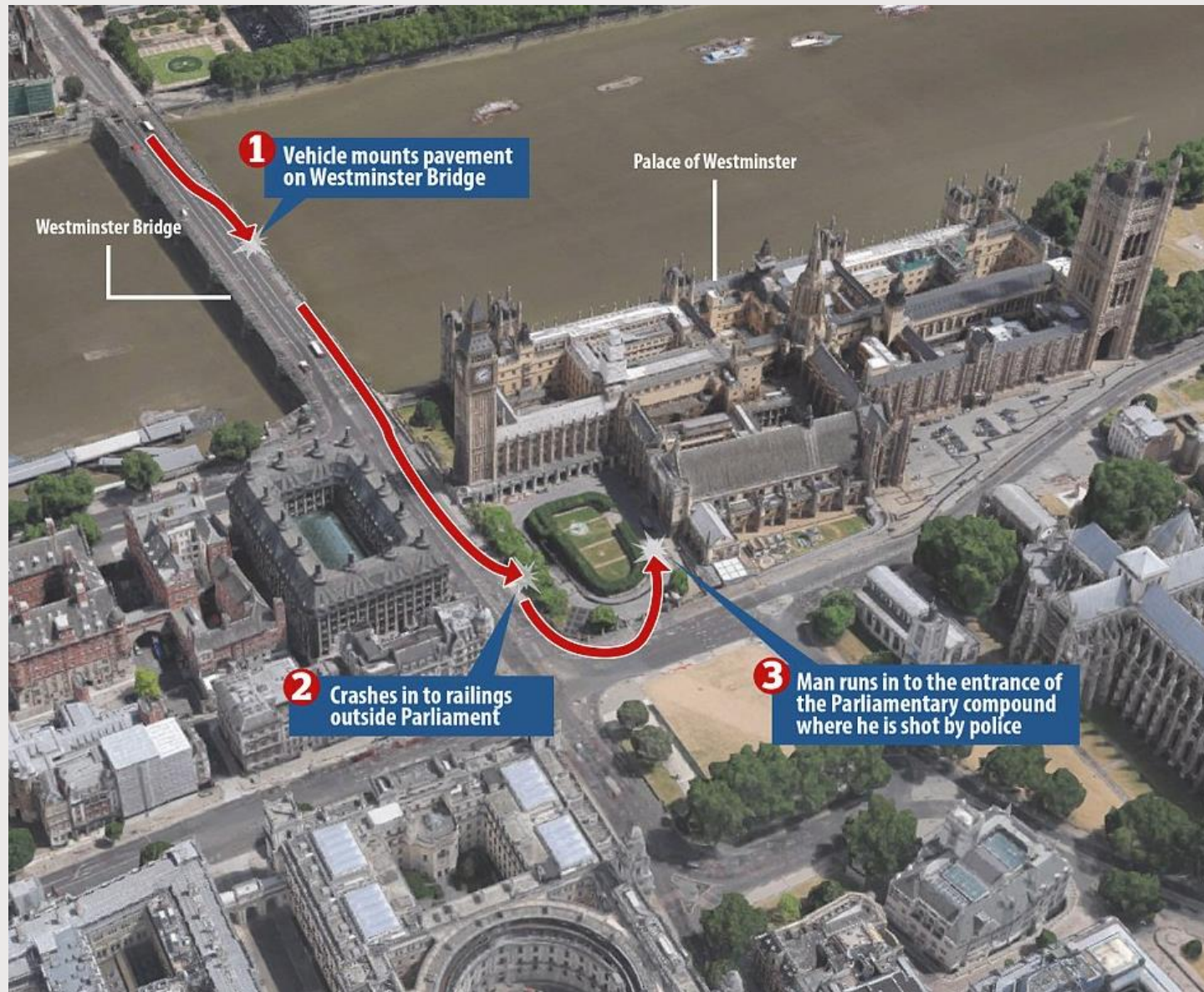


Attack began at approx. 14:40 Hrs

Division occurring within Parliament – increasing movement into and around estate

Initial reports received suggest that a road traffic collision has occurred on Westminster Bridge

Further reports are received saying that there had been an explosion



Reports then outline the reality of the situation.

90 seconds after mounting the pavement on Westminster Bridge;

- 5 people killed
- 50 people injured
- Masood killed by armed officers

Immediate incident response



The Media and “experts”



Following days – returning to Business

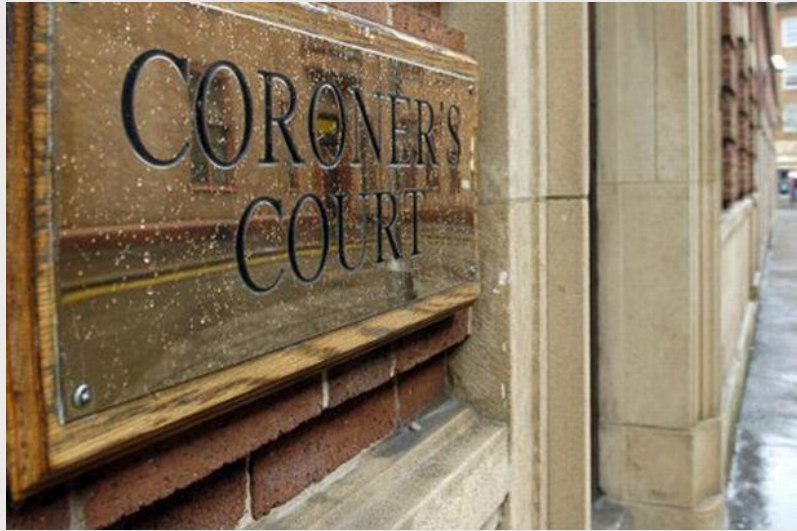


Impacts on staff and Police colleagues



The following weeks, months and years





14th August 2018

In 2018 a car mounted a pedestrian area in Westminster, hit cyclists and entered an access route into Parliament driving directly at before crashing into a security barrier.

While there were obviously similarities with the methodology of the 22nd March 2017 the response differed greatly following the work done between the two incidents.



Questions?



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