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Dear resident,

Following Sunday's terror attack in Streatham we wanted to update you on the latest situation and Lambeth Council's response to the incident. Our thoughts are with the victims and their families and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Streatham High Road should be mostly open to business by now. Police operations are continuing and are likely to go on for some time. Streatham Library will open once the cordon is fully lifted.

Streatham residents, businesses, schools and the faith community have pulled together as one in the wake of this shocking incident. During the incident, Streatham businesses played a heroic part in looking after affected people and Streatham librarians ensured the safety of hundreds of people. We thank them all for their community spirit.

However, it was a traumatic experience for both witnesses and people living in the area, especially children.

Victim Support is available for anyone who was affected by the incident on Streatham High Road. The free 24-hour service is available on 08 08 16 89 111. Alternatively email [lambethcommunitysafety@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:lambethcommunitysafety@lambeth.gov.uk) with your contact details and you will be directed to appropriate services for you or your children.

The council is continuing to support the emergency services and other institutions in the wake of the incident. We are liaising with schools, businesses and faith groups to help manage disruption and to ensure fear does not win. Streatham is a fantastic place to live, work and have fun. This incident will not change that.

We are especially grateful to the emergency services whose immediate response saved the lives of many others.

Lambeth is one of the most diverse places in the country. People from every community have made this city and area their home. We will not allow a terrorist to spread fear among us or curtail our freedoms. We stand united.

**Cllr Jack Hopkins**, Lambeth Council Leader  
**Detective Chief Superintendent Simon Messinger**, Lambeth Borough Police Commander  
**Cllr Mohammed Seedat**, Lambeth Council Cabinet member for Community Safety  
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**Further support:**

We recognise a tragedy like this can inflict serious trauma. There are a number of free online and telephone based support services for anybody who feels affected.

Victim Support are operating a free 24/7 Supportline on 08 08 16 89 111

Lambeth Council support services are available by emailing [lambethcommunitysafety@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:lambethcommunitysafety@lambeth.gov.uk)

There are number of other services available to people in the borough:

- Young Minds provide support for young people experiencing loss and offer advice for parents (call 0808 802 5544 or visit [youngminds.org.uk](http://youngminds.org.uk)).
- Kooth is Lambeth's new online support service for young people offering support at weekends, and live chat support with professionals until 10pm.
- Mind Ed ([minded.org.uk](http://minded.org.uk)) for Families provide support and guidance for parents.
- Contact Refuge on 0808 2000 247 if you are suffering from abuse by your partner and require discreet assistance.

