Background information

Over the past few weeks reports have been received whereby site security has been breached and the safety of personnel has been compromised.

Significant incidents have included

- Unauthorised entry to sites using the hard shoulder and central reservations.
- Theft of plant and equipment
- Vandalism of plant and equipment (ball bearings shot at plant)
- Site staff threatened with a crow bar in order that tools and equipment could be stolen.
- Traffic management team threatened whilst carrying out their roles
- Glass bottles being thrown at site staff.
- Theft of temporary road traffic signs.

Learning

Even after employing security measures, sites are still been viewed by persons as possible targets for theft and vandalism and are happy to use threatening/violent behaviour towards site operatives whilst carrying out these acts.

Considerations

- Sites- Long term static sites may be viewed by persons as an easy targets by having an extended period of time to study site routines and layout.
- Security – Carry out constant reviews of perimeter fencing, signs and CCTV in order to establish their effectiveness.
- Briefings- Carry out regular security briefings to all staff
- Staff Welfare - Post incident counselling.
- Vigilance- whilst on site maintain a heightened awareness to suspicious persons and behaviours.
- Report - any occurrences of damage and change to site, plant and equipment.
- Police- involve local police and seek advice at the earliest opportunity