

London attack – national political campaigning stops for today

☒ Seven people have died and 48 are reported to be in hospital, some with critical injuries, after what appears to have been a terrorist attack on London Bridge.

National political campaigning will cease for today, although with only four days before the election local campaigns will continue. Only UKIP has said they will continue campaigning.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said: “Following the horrific terrorist attack in the centre of London last night, we are working closely with the UK Government and Police Scotland to monitor the situation. Later today I will chair a meeting of the Scottish Government’s Resilience committee.

“My thoughts are with the families and friends of those who have tragically lost their lives and with everyone who has been harmed or affected by these terrible incidents.”

Secretary of State for Scotland and Conservative candidate for Dumfriesshire Clydesdale and Tweeddale, David Mundell was to visit Newton Mearns but that visit has been cancelled.

Scottish Labour leader Kezia Dugdale who was expected to visit East Lothian said: “My thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and their families after the horrific terrorist attacks in London last night.

“Once again our nation finds itself under attack from those who hate our way of life and seek to change us. But we will not allow that to happen, because the values that they hate – democracy, the rule of law and tolerance – are what make our country so special. It’s why Britain is a beacon for other nations around the world. We will not let the terrorists win.

“We must also thank those in our emergency services who yet again put themselves in danger to protect others. Their bravery and commitment to our safety never fails to inspire.

“London is one of the greatest cities in the world, a place where people from every continent have made their home. One of the most multi-cultural cities on earth will continue to welcome people from different faiths, cultures, races and backgrounds. It will not be cowed. We all stand with the people of London today.”

Scottish Liberal Democrat leader Willie Rennie MSP was to visit East Dunbartonshire. Willie Rennie said: “Another attack on innocent victims, more grieving families and friends. We will not become immune to such tragedies. We stand with all those affected in their grief, ever more determined to overcome.”