

BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL SURVEILLANCE CAMERA SYSTEM CONSIDERATION FOR UPGRADED AND CONTINUED USE OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERA SYSTEMS

Broxtowe Borough Council believe there is still a significant pressing need with legitimate aims to justify upgrading surveillance cameras systems, some of which form a part of the Crime Commissioners safer streets initiative and others reflect continued use of existing surveillance camera systems throughout the borough of Broxtowe. Particularly in its **public car parks, parks and recreation grounds, Community areas, public buildings, housing sites and public protection areas**. The Council is proposing to upgrade surveillance camera systems and continue with surveillance use in the above areas of concern and surrounding areas. The proposal will ensure appropriateness and proportionality in determining use of surveillance camera systems. The surveillance camera systems will assist in the prevention, investigation and detection of crime, the apprehension and prosecution of offenders, help maintain public order, assist with reduction of vandalism and help to reduce the fear of crime in vulnerable public locations. The surveillance camera systems may also be used to support the statutory obligations and duties of the Council and serve to resolve complaints against others.

The use of surveillance camera systems in public places is compliant with the Council's Surveillance Code of Practice, adheres to the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018 and is operated in accordance with, articles of the Human Rights Act 1998 and Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.

Maximum deterrent value will be achieved by having surveillance cameras clearly visible and the areas covered by surveillance will be clearly indicated by the use of mounted signs. Signs will be deployed in and around the area covered by the surveillance camera systems. To ensure privacy laws are adhered to, a Data Privacy Impact Assessment (DPIA) will be carried out in conjunction with this consultation. Images from these surveillance camera systems will only be viewed by trained and authorised operators, some cameras will be set on a pre-set patrol and focused to minimise public intrusion. Images from the cameras will be recorded in accordance with existing operational procedures and relevant legislation. These surveillance systems will not record audio.

Directed surveillance will only be undertaken with the consent of the proper authorities and in accordance with the law.

Surveillance cameras will remain as previously positioned, although some new areas have been selected to maximise coverage, the extent covers only the areas that are intended to be monitored. If the surveillance area borders private properties, every effort will be made to ensure that any private areas are redacted or covered by privacy zones, which cannot be viewed and will not be recorded.

If you wish to comment on or have any concerns to the proposals outlined in the enclosed document, we would be pleased to hear from you by 2pm on Tuesday 28th February 2023 – **please quote “Justification for upgraded and continued camera use consultation”** on any correspondence. Otherwise, the Council will assume that you have no comments or concerns at this stage.

Should you require further information or clarification on any points arising from this proposal please contact the Council's Camera Surveillance Manager on 0115 917 3680 during normal office hours or email: cctv@broxtowe.gov.uk

For further information on the council surveillance systems please visit the council's website: www.broxtowe.gov.uk