

Freedom of Information Request – Proposed CCTV Upgrade

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the proposed upgrade to the public CCTV system.

Background

I understand that the CCTV system underwent an upgrade in or around 2017. I would like to understand the rationale, scope, and implications of the proposed new upgrade.

System Rationale and Decision-Making

1. The CCTV system was upgraded in approximately 2017. Why is a further upgrade being proposed at this time?
2. What specific deficiencies have been identified in the current system?
3. What evidence demonstrates that the existing system is inadequate?
4. What measurable improvements are expected from the proposed upgrade?
5. When was the decision to proceed with the upgrade formally approved?
6. Which officers or committees authorised the project?
7. Please provide copies of any business case, needs assessment, or supporting reports.
8. Were alternative options considered, such as repairing or partially upgrading the existing system?

Technical Details

9. What are the technical differences between the existing cameras and the proposed new cameras?
10. What is the resolution and imaging capability of the current cameras compared with the proposed cameras?
11. Will any of the new cameras include:
 - Facial recognition capability?
 - Automatic number plate recognition (ANPR)?
 - Artificial intelligence or behavioural analysis?
 - Motion tracking across multiple cameras?
 - Remote zoom or pan/tilt control?
 - Night vision or infrared capability?
12. Will the cameras record solely visual information, or will audio also be recorded?

13. Will any part of the system use wireless transmission?
14. Does this technology emit radio-frequency radiation?
15. If so:
 - What frequencies and power levels will be used?
 - Has an exposure assessment been conducted?
 - Who will be responsible for measuring emissions?
 - Will results be made publicly available?

Locations and Coverage

16. Where will the cameras be sited?
17. Will the locations differ from the existing cameras?
18. Please provide maps or lists of existing and proposed camera locations.
19. Will any residential properties fall within the field of view?
20. What measures will be taken to minimise recording of private property?
21. Will signage be updated to reflect any changes?

Surveillance Impact

22. Does this upgrade constitute an increase in surveillance coverage within Derbyshire Dales?
23. If so, please specify:
 - The number of cameras currently in operation
 - The number proposed after the upgrade
 - The percentage increase in coverage
24. Does the upgrade increase the level of monitoring capability compared with the existing system?
25. Are there plans for future expansion of the CCTV network?

Public Consultation

26. Was any public consultation undertaken regarding the proposed upgrade?
27. If so:

- When did this occur?
- How was it publicised?
- How many responses were received?
- Please provide copies of consultation results.

28. If no consultation took place, please explain why.

Costs and Procurement

- 29. What is the total cost of the CCTV upgrade?
- 30. How is the project being funded?
- 31. What are the expected ongoing annual maintenance and operating costs?
- 32. What is the expected lifespan of the new equipment?
- 33. Which companies have been contracted to supply and install the cameras?
- 34. Was a competitive procurement process undertaken?

Data Protection and Privacy

- 35. Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) been conducted?
- 36. If so, please provide a copy.
- 37. What is the legal basis for collecting and processing the recorded data?
- 38. Who is the Data Controller for the system?
- 39. Who collects the footage from these cameras?
- 40. Who has access to the footage?
- 41. Under what circumstances is footage shared with third parties?
- 42. Is footage shared with the police or private organisations?
- 43. How long will footage be retained?
- 44. How is footage secured against unauthorised access?
- 45. How will compliance with the Surveillance Camera Code of Practice be ensured?

Oversight and Accountability

- 46. Who is responsible for oversight of the CCTV system?

47. How can members of the public make complaints or request reviews?
48. Will periodic reviews of the necessity and proportionality of the system be carried out?
49. Will reports on the system's use be published?

Public Rights

50. How may members of the public exercise their rights regarding recorded data?
51. How can individuals request access to footage of themselves?
52. If surveillance coverage increases, how may members of the public opt out if they do not wish to be subject to increased surveillance?

I would prefer to receive this information electronically.

If any part of this request is considered exempt from disclosure, please specify the exemption relied upon and provide the remaining information.

Yours faithfully,