

AUTHOR: Chris Brierley**SPONSOR: Chris Brierley****DECISION NUMBER: 11/2020***(to be completed on approval)***SUBMITTED TO: Martin Surl, Police & Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire****SUBJECT: Community ANPR schemes****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Since 2016 the OPCC & Constabulary has supported four parishes in Gloucestershire with the use of community ANPR cameras.

The four parishes are:

- Bourton-on-the-water Parish Council
- Kingswood Parish Council
- Rodborough Parish Council
- Whitehill & Ruscombe Parish Council

This continued partnership was thrown into doubt due to issues of data protection when in December 2019, the Surveillance Camera Commissioner, Tony Porter wrote to organisations stating that all ANPR systems needed to adhere to the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.

Due to GDPR and concerns around the sharing of information, there was a feeling within some quarters within the Constabulary around possible potential data breaches, the schemes not being lawful as well as potential reputational risk associated with the continued partnership working with external parties without any formal accreditation in place.

Work was undertaken from Spring 2020 onwards to understand the national as well as regional picture with some forces in the region stepping away from continued support of local community schemes due to a perceived increased complexity.

The Constabulary's view as of July 2020 was to suspend the schemes (the forces involvement with them) until the parishes could show compliance with the Data Protection Act of 2018 and concerns around GDPR being addressed ideally accreditation.

In August 2020, Councillor Charles Pederick on behalf of Rodborough Parish Council approached the OPCC for funding to be able to get the SSAIB Accreditation. This was at a cost of £1,440 plus VAT.

The PCC agreed to the funding as a pilot to see if that would resolve the situation and ensure the four community led schemes in the county could continue.

On the 23rd of October 2020, Charles Pederick confirmed to the OPCC that the accreditation for the four parishes had been successful under the collective grouping – the Gloucestershire Community ANPR Road Safety Group.

RECOMMENDATION:

In light of the four parishes having obtained a 5 year accreditation from the Surveillance Camera Commissioner :

- The Constabulary to formally inform all relevant officers and staff that these schemes are now properly accredited and therefore should be supported as part of the Safe & Social Roads priority in the Police & Crime Plan.
- The Constabulary to continue working with the four parishes and any others who want to invest in community ANPR as long as they get accreditation.
- The force to actively look at encouraging and promoting community led schemes such as community ANPR and other community led initiatives such as Speed Watch as part of its work under the Safe & Social Roads priority of the Police & Crime Plan.
- The Constabulary develop a consistent approach to all schemes to include information sharing agreements and operational practice.

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY:

Date: 27.10.2020

Signature:



Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire

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Is this a decision of significant public interest?

This includes a decision with any impact on the community, expenditure in excess of £50,000, or any decision that would be of obvious interest to the media or the general public

Yes

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- d) is prohibited by any enactment.*
- e) breaches commercial sensitivity*

n/a

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	Comments including who has approved the report if applicable
Has legal advice been sought on this submission if required?	n/a
Has the Chief Finance Officer been consulted, if required?	n/a
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered, as appropriate?	n/a
How is the recommendation consistent with the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan?	It fits in with the Safe & Social Roads priority along with the Safer Days & Nights aim around "growing the frontline" in terms of capacity and capability of the force working with partners and the community.
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	n/a
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media, community, staff or partner interest and how they might be managed?	The OPCC Comms team is looking into a new release around this.

Have all relevant implications and risks been considered?	n/a
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PART ONE – For publication

1. Purpose of the report

To acknowledge the work done by the four parish councils since 2016 working with the Constabulary and the OPCC to help support policing in their areas through the use of community ANPR schemes.

To agree to continue working with the four parishes and any others who want to invest in community ANPR as long as they get accreditation.

To encourage and promote community led schemes which enhance and support the work of the police in line with the Police & Crime plan priority around Safe & Social Roads.

2. Background

The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 introduced the regulation of public space surveillance cameras in England and Wales. As a result the Surveillance Camera Code of Practice was issued by the Secretary of State under Section 30 of the Act to ensure that the use of cameras in public places is regulated and they are only used in pursuit of a specified purpose. The Code aims to balance the need for cameras in public places with individual’s right to privacy.

The Code applies to the use of surveillance camera systems that operate in public places in England and Wales, regardless of whether or not there is any live viewing, or recording of images or information or associated data.

The Code states that a relevant authority must have regard to the guidance in the Code when exercising any of its functions to which the Code relates. This includes the consideration of future deployment or continued deployment of surveillance camera systems to observe public places, the operation or use of any such surveillance camera systems, or the use or processing of images or other information obtained through the system.

As part of the Commissioner’s role to raise standards, he has produced a self-assessment tool which enables organisations to find out how well they comply with the Surveillance Camera Code of Practice. Following on from that is the newly developed certification process that will enable organisations to be audited against the Code by a third party with the view to receiving a certification mark and a certificate issued by the Surveillance Camera Commissioner. This process will help to raise standards in the industry and enable organisations to demonstrate their compliance with the Code.

Certification will be scheme specific, so when you apply you will need to state what scheme you want to be certified for. This could be a main town centre CCTV scheme, a housing scheme or an environmental surveillance scheme.

3. Recommendation(s)

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4. Financial and resource implications

Potential resource implications are around the force supporting and working with communities to enforce and education drivers following on from them being detected by the ANPR.

5. Risk assessment

n/a

6. Equality & Diversity impact assessment

n/a

7. Environmental impact assessment

n/a

8. Consultation

n/a

9. Discussed with Communications & Engagement

OPCC comms will publish a press release in due course.

SPONSORING BOARD MEMBER APPROVAL

Name: Chris Brierley

Job title: Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner



Signature:

Date: 26/10/2020

CHIEF EXECUTIVE APPROVAL

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard E. Pugh', written in a cursive style.

Signature:

Date: 26/10/20