

Important Information

All applications for the deployment of CCTV cameras must take into consideration the Council's responsibilities under the Data Protection Act 1998, the Human Rights Act 1998, the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and existing CCTV Codes of Practice.

Applications must also take the following requirements into consideration:

- **Justifiable:** there must be adequate reason to show that the cameras are an appropriate response. This will usually be shown by evidence of repeated complaints of past incidents, or intelligence on future incidents or events;
- **General:** the target of the surveillance must be in a public area or against unknown offenders. If a known individual(s) is the target this becomes 'Direct Surveillance' and the deployment will additionally have to be authorised under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.
- **Reviewable:** there must be a clear time limit for the duration of the deployment and an identified process of on-going evaluation of the need for the cameras' continued use in a specific location.
- **Objective:** there must be specified objectives to be achieved by the camera deployment and the achievement of these objectives should be monitored.

Deployment of the camera will need to take into account a number of factors including a feasibility study of the area, technical considerations and costs.

The Community Safety team at Ipswich Borough Council will be responsible for assessing and prioritising applications for the deployment of CCTV cameras with input from the Area Committee.