

PFCC Decision Report

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Classification: OFFICIAL

Title of report: Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) expansion Unit ID 154 and 159

Area of County/Stakeholders affected: South LPA Basildon

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To seek approval for a Section 50 Street Works Licence application agreement with Essex County Council (ECC) to install and maintain Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) equipment.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Approve the Section 50 Street Works Licence that will enable ground works phases of ANPR installation and allow for the installation and use of equipment at this roadside location.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1 ANPR data from proposed fixed site ANPR equipment at these location will provide real time intercept opportunities and slower time investigation options to support crime prevention, crime detection and public safety objectives in the following categories:

- Residential and commercial burglary investigations
- Stolen vehicle enquiries
- Drug supply and distribution disruption activities

- Vulnerable and at risk missing person enquiries
- Achieving early intervention with domestic violence suspects
- Targeting high risk drink and drug driver offenders
- Combatting human trafficking and child sexual exploitation
- Wider Counter Terrorism and significant harm risks

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1 This ANPR proposal covers two approaches into Basildon. Temporary ANPR has been deployed across the Basildon area for varying objectives including a significant burglary crime series during 2017 where vehicles would be stolen and used in further crime on a continual repeating offending pattern. During the same period the supply of drugs and an associated upturn in violence from suspected county line drugs suppliers continued to impact on our communities. Significant public concern was raised in local media.
- 4.2 The proposal will seek to permanently site ANPR at two locations in the Basildon area.
- 4.3 ANPR will be a valuable asset to support policing across the Basildon area. Crime levels across the Basildon area justify the expansion programme to provide a permanent ANPR presence. Anticipated read performance based on previous camera deployments suggests a read performance of around 35,000 vehicle movements every 24 hours from these sites.
- 4.4 The Kent and Essex ANPR Strategy Board have sanctioned the expansion of Essex Police ANPR capability in this area. Capital funding is set aside for the site expansion.
- 4.5 Previous community consultation and engagement has established strong support for ANPR deployment in the Basildon area. Further Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) processes are underway, these are expected to maintain overwhelming support for more investment in crime prevention and crime detection activities in Basildon.
- 4.6 Installation plans have been costed and purchase orders placed to complete this expansion proposal. The section 50 Licence is needed to commence ground work phases of this element of the wider programme of work.

5. Police and Crime Plan

- 5.1 This proposal will support priority two to seven of the Police and Crime Plan summarised as:
- Cracking down on anti-social behaviour
 - Breaking the cycle of domestic abuse
 - Reversing the trend in serious violence
 - Tackling gangs and organised crime
 - Protecting children and vulnerable people
 - Improving safety on our roads.

6. Police Operational Implications

- 6.1 The consolidation of ANPR capability in this area will provide real time intercept and slow time investigative ANPR data research options in the Essex Police ANPR Back Office Facility (BOF) system. Authorised BOF users will be able to search and research this data as part of their day to day operational activities providing additional response and research opportunities.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 Capital and revenue funding is already in place. Capital budget CAP code 3099 EA148 and EA121 refer.

8. Legal Implications

8.1 Highways Requirements

- 8.1.1 The conditions stipulated in the Licence are being met as follows:

- Existing contractors use approved open excavation ground works methods liaising with utility firms and others in the event of issues raised by ECC
- Essex Police will maintain the site in a good state of repair with at the very least annual routine maintenance visits. Installations comprise of galvanised, stainless steel or aluminium camera columns built to withstand the effects of continual exposure to all year round weather conditions
- If roadside equipment at these locations were to be withdrawn Essex Police are fully aware of our obligation to engage with ECC in accordance with the licence.
- The clause to indemnify ECC is acknowledged in respect of any claim for injury, damage or loss arising out of the presence of the equipment, Essex Police has Public Liability Insurance in respect of this risk.

8.2 National ANPR Standards for Policing

- 8.2.1 Essex Police operate ANPR in compliance with National ANPR Standards for Policing (NASP) version 3.1 part 1 to 3 which deal with data standards, infrastructure standards together with data access and management standards. All are published on the NPCC web site at the following location: <http://www.npcc.police.uk/FreedomofInformation/ANPR.aspx>

- 8.2.2 Essex Police operate ANPR to support the strategic objectives outlined in the Home Office 2016 – 2020 ANPR Strategy.

- 8.2.3 The impending migration from local ANPR Back Office Facility (BOF) ANPR systems to the new National ANPR Service (NAS) will be a step change for ANPR use by police with significant cross border, regional and national functionality to enhance crime prevention and crime detection. Essex Police are preparing for that transition and the changes to the NASP that will come with it.

8.3 Surveillance Codes Of Practice

- 8.3.1 The Surveillance Camera Code of Practice is very clear on the proportionate use of ANPR technology with openness and transparency. Essex Police have

imbedded the 'pressing need' consideration into our working practices as part of Privacy Impact Assessment consultation processes reflecting the guiding principles from the code many of which overlap with the NASP version 1 to 3.

9. Staffing and other resource implications

9.1 There are no staffing or resource implications associated with this activity.

10. Equality and Diversity implications

10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications associated with this activity.

11. Background papers

11.1 Background approvals are recorded in ANPR Strategy Board minutes. Finance reports provide capital codes and spending profiles for the expansion activity.

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the OPFCC Chief Executive and Treasurer, prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC .

Chief Executive/M.O

Sign:



Print: David Lawson

Date: 3 May 2018

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Sign:



Print: ABCG GGGG

Date: 4.15.2018

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