Paper Petition Details

Proposal for CCTV on Merton Road

We, the residents of Merton Road, petition to Slough Borough Council to install a CCTV camera on Merton Road.

This petition was received on 17th February, 2014.

This petition was passed to the Anti Social Behaviour Officer on 17th February, 2014.

This petition was responded to by the Anti Social Behaviour Officer on 3rd March, 2014.

Final Results	
Number of Signatures	**23**

Council Response

In response to the above petition in which the Council had been asked to look at CCTV for Merton Road.

CCTV cameras are installed within areas of the borough where crime and disorder and community safety priorities exist. This is done by a bidding system that the Police (working in partnership with the Council and other partners) use if they have an area they believe is a hot spot for crime and disorder.

In order to determine if an area is suitable for a camera, the Police and Council will look at how many reports of crime, anti-social behaviour and disorder have been received. If the numbers do reflect the problems, then a camera is considered, but as a last resort – this is because the local neighbourhood policing team will look at all other options they can put in place to deal with the nuisance before a camera is considered.

Thames Valley Police, the Neighbourhood Enforcement Team and the Anti Social Behaviour Officer visited the lead petitioner on 20th February, 2014, and agreed that they would carry out a street survey in Merton Road to speak to residents and ascertain the extent of the problem in order to look at all the options available to tackle the issues that have been raised.

On 24th February, 2014, a street survey was carried out with Thames Valley Police and the Anti Social Behaviour Officer, in which they spoke to numerous residents in Merton Road. The Police also dropped off information regarding burglaries and protecting your property.

Having collated the data from the recently completed street survey, and Police and Council data on how many reports of crime, anti-social behaviour and disorder have been received for the past 12 months in Merton Road, there is unfortunately insufficient evidence of crime and/or anti-social behaviour to justify a Council or Police CCTV camera in Merton Road at this stage.

Residents can however put up private CCTV on their properties - provided it only covers the bounds of their property. More information on using your own private CCTV can be found on the Information Commissioners website: ico.org.uk - faqs - cctv

Residents have been encouraged to report any criminal activity to the Police by calling the new non-emergency number 101. If a crime is in progress or a person is in immediate danger the emergency services should be alerted by calling 999. Anti-social behaviour can be reported to the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour hotline on 01753 875298.

The Council will be monitoring the calls from Merton Road for the next 6 months and should problems escalate, we will once again consider all options to deal with any incidents, including the use of a CCTV camera for the area.

In the meantime, the local neighbourhood policing team and Community Warden are aware of these concerns and have added Merton Road to their patrol plans – they will be patrolling the area on a regular basis in order to deter any future incidents of crime and/or anti-social behaviour.