
APPLICATION NO.	P11/W0637
APPLICATION TYPE	FULL
REGISTERED	26.04.2011
PARISH	CROWMARSH GIFFORD
WARD MEMBER(S)	Kristina Crabbe
APPLICANT	Thames Valley Police
SITE	A4074 Portway Wallingford
PROPOSAL	Installation of a 5m Town Centre style CCTV (Black) Column at the prescribed location. The column would be fitted with a 1200mm arm upon which two cameras would be attached at the top. A hard standing area (10m x 3m) is proposed in the verge for safe engineer working.
AMENDMENTS	
GRID REFERENCE	461664/187854
OFFICER	Mrs K Gould (W)

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The application has been referred to the Committee because the recommendation conflicts with the views of the Crowmarsh Parish Council.
- 1.2 The site, which is currently public highway verge, lies outside the built up limits of Crowmarsh or any settlement. It lies on the western side of the A4074 just south of a property known as The Lodge. The site lies within the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. An OS extract showing the location of the site is **attached**.

2.0 PROPOSAL

- 2.1 The proposal seeks full planning permission to erect a 5m high black column which would be fitted with a 1200mm arm upon which would be fitted two Automatic Number Plate Recognition System (ANPR) cameras. A hardstanding area 10m x 3m is proposed in the verge for safe engineer working and to allow an access vehicle to be parked.
- 2.2 A drawing showing the proposed structure and camera is **attached**

3.0 CONSULTATIONS & REPRESENTATIONS

- 3.1 County Archaeological Services - No objection
 Health & Housing - No objection
 Area Liaison Officer - No objection subject to conditions relating to vehicle parking and servicing hardstanding
 Crowmarsh Parish Council –Refuse – Unnecessary urban street furniture in an area of outstanding natural beauty.
 Council's Community Safety Officer – Support. Cameras are a successful deterrent for criminals.

4.0 RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

- 4.1 None

5.0 POLICY & GUIDANCE

- 5.1 Adopted South Oxfordshire Local Plan
G2 – Protection and enhancement of the environment
C2 – Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty
T2 – Transport requirements for new developments

South Oxfordshire Landscape Assessment 1998

CCTV Strategy 2009 -2013

6.0 PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 The main issues to be considered in the determination of this planning application are:
i. whether the proposal would harm the special character of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

ii whether the proposal would adversely affect highway safety.

iii whether the proposal accords with the Council's CCTV Strategy 2009 -2013

6.2 Character of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

The site lies within the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The fundamental aim of planning policies in AONBs is to conserve and enhance their natural beauty and landscape quality, although regard should also be had to the economic and social well-being of the area. Development within, or conspicuous from an AONB which would be damaging to the beauty or distinctive character of the area, will be strongly resisted. In this particular case, the proposal is modest in scale and is proposed within the context of a hard tarmac surface and other street furniture such as road signs, street lamps and metal impact barriers. As such, the proposed pole and cameras will not appear visually intrusive in this location and will not harm the special character of the AONB.

6.3 Highway safety

No objection has been received from the Highway Authority regarding this application. Construction details of the proposed hardstanding have been requested providing greater resolution of the proposals than has been provided with the application and a condition to this effect has been recommended.

6.4 Council's CCTV strategy

The Council has worked with Wallingford and other Town Councils to introduce town centre CCTV and has made a significant investment in CCTV across South Oxfordshire. The cameras contribute to tackling crime and antisocial behaviour. To ensure that the Council's investment continues to make a difference, a CCTV strategy has been developed which sets out the Council's future plans for running an effective CCTV service. This can be viewed in detail at the following link

<http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/community-advice-and-support/safer-communities/cctv>

The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) agrees that ANPR cameras are one of the most successful deterrent and detection tools available to Thames Valley Police particularly in targeting criminals who travel into the District to commit burglary, robbery and auto crime offences. The Thames Valley Police Oxfordshire strategic intelligence assessment confirms that the risk of cross border offending is the most significant risk to South Oxfordshire in terms of offending rates for Serious Acquisitive Crime. The CSP are committed to having ANPR cameras and feel that this application should be approved.

7.0 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 Given the modest scale of the proposal, the proposed development would not harm the special character of the AONB or adversely affect highway safety. The proposal accords with Development Plan policies.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 **That planning permission is granted subject to the following conditions.**

1. **Commencement 3 yrs - Full Planning Permission**
2. **Development to be in accordance with details shown on submitted plans.**
3. **Details of vehicle parking and servicing hardstanding to be submitted prior to the first use of the site.**

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