

Kwasi Kwarteng MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear [REDACTED]

In my letter to you of 7th October I promised to try and find out who was responsible for the installation of a number of CCTV cameras in Lower Sunbury.

I have now received the enclosed email from the Chief Executive of Surrey County Council confirming that the cameras were erected by a specialist consultation on behalf of Surrey County Council to gather information for traffic survey purposes.

I am not sure why the County Council were unable to confirm this to you when you made enquiries directly with them, but I hope that this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'K' followed by a horizontal line and a vertical stroke.

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KNIGHT, Sarah

From: KWARTENG, Kwasi
Sent: 21 October 2014 15:46
To: KNIGHT, Sarah
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] - Lower Sunbury
Attachments: [REDACTED] CCTV Cameras in Lower Sunbury 091014.pdf

From: Helen Robson [mailto:helen.robson@surreycc.gov.uk] **On Behalf Of** David McNulty
Sent: 21 October 2014 15:45
To: KWARTENG, Kwasi
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] - Lower Sunbury

Dear Mr Kwarteng,

Thank you for your letter of 7 October, in which you included correspondence from your constituent, [REDACTED] regarding the installation of CCTV cameras in Lower Sunbury.

The devices in question have been installed to obtain data for traffic survey purposes only. In order to obtain the required data for the survey, a number of devices such as Automatic Traffic Counters (ATCs) and many others are installed at strategic locations within Surrey and sometimes beyond. The survey is being carried out by a specialist consultant on behalf of Surrey County Council.

Example of such a traffic related survey is the Spelthorne Freight Review, which was aimed at providing Surrey County Council with the necessary data of existing freight traffic volumes to support possible interventions. This can be used to form the evidence base for the implementation of a freight strategy and routing plan for the Borough of Spelthorne.

I trust the above fully addresses any concerns you may have on this matter. Thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Best wishes,

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Cc: [REDACTED] >
Subject: In Sunbury under threat of a terrorist invasion

Dear Mr Kwarteng,

I wonder whether you have driven through Lower Sunbury in the last 24 hours, it seems like within an afternoon 30-50 cameras have been set up on most roads and junctions in the area. Enquiries with Surrey County Council, Spelthorne Borough Council and Surrey Police have a resulted in a similar response "We know nothing of this".

This would imply that they have been erected without the knowledge of the local authorities and the police and therefore no person to get an explanation of the reason behind them or what information is being collected - one assumes that the data does not contravene the Data Protection Act but who can be contacted to ask this question.

Are Lower Sunbury residents to assume it is in connection with one of the following:
Development of Kempton Park
London Irish Development
Gravel Extraction
Halliford Incinerator fiasco

Or should one just assume somebody just felt like putting them up "for the hell of it". What accountability do these people have to the areas where they have been erected and how does a resident find out who instructed them to be put there and for what purpose as obviously it's not the local or county council or the police.

Or perhaps it is just a large scale 'Big Brother' exercise?

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
Sunbury resident - possibly soon to be on a TV near you!!!!