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Dear Ms Hodgson

**LOCAL CONSULTATION: ANPR CAMERA EXPANSION  
LOCATION: B645 Hargrave**

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) is an important tool that enhances our ability to detect, deter, and disrupt criminality at local, regional, and national level. More information about ANPR and how this technology is used by the police can be found on the attached factsheet, and here [www.npcc.police.uk/FreedomofInformation/ANPR.aspx](http://www.npcc.police.uk/FreedomofInformation/ANPR.aspx).

In December 2019, Northamptonshire Police published a public survey regarding our use of ANPR. The responses showed broad support for police use of ANPR as a whole; more specifically that there is a clear public understanding that ANPR benefits communities by catching criminals, disrupting organised crime and keeping the roads safe. The vast majority of respondents supported an increase in the deployment of ANPR.

As a result, we have decided to expand our ANPR network, and analysis has identified a number of sites across the county in which we would most benefit from being able to monitor number plate data. One of these sites is in your area, and as a local stakeholder we would welcome your views on us installing a camera here.

The full details of the proposed location can be found on the attached page. Please review these and **should you wish to comment please do so before 16 September 2020 by way of email to [ANPR@northants.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ANPR@northants.pnn.police.uk)**.

Yours sincerely



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**B645, Hargrave**

**Black painted column with single black multi-lane ANPR camera\* mounted on bracket.**

\*Exact images of camera not available as yet to be procured.

**Planned Site Photo:** Please note exact locations will vary dependant on availability of power, but proposed location will fall into area marked in red



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# Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Factsheet

Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and Northamptonshire Police - Investing in ANPR technology



## What is ANPR and how does it work?

ANPR consists of a camera that is linked to a computer. When a vehicle passes by the camera it records an image which is automatically 'read' by the computer and the vehicle registration is recorded.



## Who uses ANPR?

Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) including the police use ANPR. ANPR technology is also used by local authorities, the Department for Transport and some private companies.



## Why do the police use ANPR?

ANPR technology is used to detect, deter and disrupt criminality at local, regional and national levels, including tackling travelling criminals, organised crime groups and terrorists.



## What happens with my data?

Data we collect will be stored for one year unless it is involved in a criminal investigation, in which case we may need to retain it for longer. We will only access your data for a policing purpose in accordance with national standards, this is audited for compliance. Data gathered by Police is not supplied to private companies.



## Where and for how long are ANPR cameras used at a location?

Under the national standards there is strict criteria for deploying ANPR cameras. Cameras can only be deployed following a strategic assessment that identifies a need at that location. We are required to monitor this to ensure there is continued justification for the camera's deployment, should this change the device will be removed.



## How does ANPR assist the police?

ANPR is used to support the following police activities:

**Operational response** - If a vehicle of interest (VOI) passes a camera police officers can intercept and stop it, check it for evidence and, where necessary, make arrests.

**Intelligence** - Vehicle details can be circulated and as they pass an ANPR camera details are recorded for information to assist investigations.

**Investigations** - The record of all vehicles passing a specific camera may, in appropriate circumstances, be accessed for investigative purposes which could lead to the detection of offences.



## Do ANPR cameras detect speeding vehicles?

No, there are no links between the ANPR database and speed enforcement systems. However, the cameras can act as a visual deterrent to slow down motorists.



## Are ANPR cameras fixed or fitted in police vehicles?

Both. Fixed site ANPR cameras exist all across the UK. Vehicle mounted ANPR cameras can be used locally by officers as a result of local operational needs and incidents.



## Can ANPR cameras help my local area to become safer?

Absolutely. ANPR cameras allow officers to better police local areas. For example if your car is stolen or travelling criminals come into your area police are more likely to identify and locate them.