

**Council 9 January 2019: Questions submitted from Members of the Public**

Question No.	Question from	Question:	Question to:	Responsible Officer:
1.	Windmill Road/Howard Avenue Neighbourhood Watch & Resident's Association	Does the Cabinet Member agree with the 120+ Swale residents who have signed a petition requesting the two CCTV cameras should be reinstated, one either side of the underpass in Jordan Way, Sittingbourne?	Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Communities	Steph Curtis
<p><b>Response:</b> Whether or not I agree with the 120+ Swale residents who have signed a petition for the reinstatement of the two CCTV cameras at the Jordan Way underpass does not matter. The world of CCTV has moved on, it is now well past the point where anyone and everyone could have a camera if they wanted one and found a way to pay for it. CCTV Deployments are no longer made (or continued) based on the wishes of residents, officers or councillors. Deployments are made in accordance with the regulations and code of practice and have to be justified, proportionate, in pursuit of a legitimate aim, regularly reviewed and the council has to show it has considered the privacy impact of each individual deployment.</p> <p>Following a review of CCTV across the borough last year, considering incidents logged by operators; reported crime and Anti-Social Behaviour and consultation with Kent Police, it was agreed that the on-going deployment of 16 cameras, (including those in Jordan Way, Sittingbourne) was no longer justified.</p> <p>Swale Borough Council has a very good relationship with Kent Police and should they provide evidence of ongoing community safety issues in the area and seek to have the cameras reintroduced, then we would consider that as part of a package of measures to address the specific issues reported.</p>				