

Paper Petition Details

Proposal for CCTV on Merton Road

We, the residents of Merton Road, sign this petition for 3 reasons:

- 1) To install a CCTV camera to monitor our street and the alleyway.
- 2) To appeal the decision that rejected the initial petition submitted on (11th February, 2014) on the grounds that,
- 3) All residents from Merton Road were allegedly consulted, by a representative from the Slough Council whether they felt they required a CCTV camera, when that was not the case, and only one or two of the residents had been consulted.

This petition was received on 13th June, 2016.

This petition was passed to the Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator on 14th June, 2016.

This petition was responded to by the Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator on 7th July, 2016.

Final Results

Number of Signatures	54
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Council Response

In June 2016, a petition was received from residents in Merton Road asking for CCTV to be put up due to crime and anti- social behaviour.

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 your local neighbourhood policing team and Slough Borough Council will look at all other options they can put in place to deal with the nuisance before a camera is considered.

Over the past 12 months, Slough Borough Council have received 6 reports of various anti-social behaviour on Merton Road. Over the same 12 months, the Police have received 7 calls to report various crime and anti-social behaviour and 5 crime reports from residents in Merton Road.

Having monitored Merton Road due to previous requests and petitions made by residents, and collated data from the Police and Council 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 CCTV camera in Merton Road at this stage.

Residents can however put up private CCTV on their properties, as you have - provided it only covers the bounds of their property. However, the rules regarding how you use CCTV to protect your home have been updated (2015). If your CCTV system is capturing footage of individuals outside your property, then you will no longer be exempt from the Data Protection Act. You can find further information on the Council's website <http://www.slough.gov.uk/crime-prevention-and-emergencies/cctv.aspx>

However, regardless of whether your CCTV system is exempt, the Information Commissioners Office [ICO] recommends that you use CCTV in a responsible way to protect the privacy of others. More information on residents installing their own private CCTV can be found on the Information Commissioners website <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/cctv/>.

Merton Road remains on the patrol plans for Police, who will be patrolling the area on a regular basis in order to deter any future incidents of crime and/or anti-social behaviour.

Please continue 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.