

**UTT/1161/12/DC (Stansted)**

**(Application by Uttlesford District Council)**

**PROPOSAL: Erection of CCTV/ANPR pole.**

**LOCATION: Land fronting 25 Cambridge Road, Stansted.**

**APPLICANT: Uttlesford District Council.**

**AGENT: Uttlesford District Council.**

**GRID REFERENCE: TL 510-252**

**EXPIRY DATE: 1 August 2012.**

**CASE OFFICER: Mr C Theobald**

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**1.0 NOTATION**

1.1 Within Development Limits.

**2.0 DESCRIPTION OF SITE**

2.1 The application site currently comprises the street frontage pavement along the western side of Cambridge Road near to a pedestrian crossing where a public footpath leads off the frontage at right angles leading behind to Bentfield Gardens.

**3.0 PROPOSAL**

3.1 This application relates to the erection of a mounting pole to provide a CCTV/ANPR camera attachment. The pole and device would be located adjacent to a street light column approximately 7 feet from the kerb of Cambridge Road. The pole column would measure 4.7 metres high from the ground with "period style" decoration, whilst the camera to be fitted would comprise a fully functional dome type pan and tilt, zoom and focus camera. The camera would be silver coated.

**4.0 APPLICANTS CASE**

4.1 Summary:

- Uttlesford District Council is in the process of upgrading/replacing/increasing the Stansted CCTV system as the current system is approximately 12 years old and owing to its age is at times malfunctioning and therefore parts of it are not fit for purpose;
- There is a statutory requirement to continue providing Stansted residents with adequate protection by means of an up to date and efficient CCTV system through continued partnership working with all relevant statutory agencies;
- The additional facility would be a valuable tool in the Police "armoury" and assist in crime prevention and detection in the Stansted area;
- The Council has been in consultation with Essex Police throughout the upgrade process, which has recommended the placing of an ANPR camera system in Cambridge Road.
- The actual area identified is on the pavement next to Essex County Council lighting pole No.27 thereby affording good views in both directions

**5.0 RELEVANT SITE HISTORY**

5.1 None.

## **6.0 POLICIES**

### **6.1 National Policies**

- National Planning Policy Framework.

### **6.2 East of England Plan 2006**

No relevant policies.

### **6.3 Essex Replacement Structure Plan 2001**

None

### **6.4 Uttlesford District Local Plan 2005**

- ULP Policy S1 - Development Limits for the Main Urban Areas
- ULP Policy GEN2 - Design
- ULP Policy ENV2 - Listed building protection

## **7.0 PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS**

7.1 No comments.

## **8.0 CONSULTATIONS**

8.1 None.

## **9.0 REPRESENTATIONS**

9.1 1 received. Notification period expired 5 July 2012. Advertisement expired 12 July 2012. Site Notice expired 16 July 2012.

Orion Heating, 25 Cambridge Road, Stansted:

ECC Pole No.27 is already damaged and unsightly. It is significantly off of vertical and shows signs of multiple impacts from vehicles. Placing an almost identical new pole next to it will create an eye-sore on the pavement, overshadow historic properties and cause unnecessary pavement clutter. We welcome the improvement in village CCTV coverage and its benefits to the community. However, we do not welcome the introduction of a second pole where one pole can carry lighting and a CCTV and ANPR camera as well. Request that the proposal is re-considered and a solution found that requires only one pole. Ideally, this will mean a single pole to replace the damaged one with all three electrical devices attached to it.

## **10.0 APPRAISAL**

10.1 The issues to consider in the determination of this application are:

- A Whether the proposal is acceptable at this location (ULP Policies S1 and GEN2);
- B Whether the proposal would have a detrimental effect on the character and setting of adjacent listed buildings (ULP Policy ENV2)

### **A Whether the proposal is acceptable at this location (ULP Policies S1 and GEN2)**

10.2 Paragraph 69 of the NPPF requires planning policies and decisions to promote safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion. Ideally, this should be through good design of new development. ULP Policy GEN2 has a presumption in favour of

development which helps to reduce the potential for crime. The installation of the mounting pole and CCTV/ANPR camera as proposed would enhance the existing crime prevention and detection system for this part of Stansted and the proposal would therefore be in accordance with national and local policy in this respect.

- 10.3 The proposed pole/camera would be located along the main thoroughfare through the village (Cambridge Road) which, at the point of installation has a long straight section of road in each direction affording good camera visibility (to the south leading down towards the crossroads with Chapel Hill and Bentfield Road), which is why this location has been selected.
- 10.4 The proposal site is located within village development limits to the north of the conservation area. Whilst the comments of the occupants of No.25 Cambridge Road regarding potential street clutter are noted, it is considered in this case that the priority in providing the installation as a security upgrade at this selected location for the reasons as stated must in the circumstances take preference over the concerns raised.

**B Whether the proposal would have a detrimental effect on the character and setting of adjacent listed buildings (ULP Policy ENV2)**

- 10.5 The site location would be in front of a small cluster of listed buildings fronting onto Cambridge Road, including No.25. However, these are set back some distance from the edge of the pavement near to which the pole installation/camera would be located. Whilst it would be desirable for the pole to be located further along Cambridge Road where it would be further away from these, the installation would be such that it would not have a material detrimental impact on the setting of these buildings. The proposal would not therefore be contrary to ULP Policy ENV2.

**11.0 CONCLUSION**

The following is a summary of the main reasons for the recommendation:

- The proposal would accord with national and local policies to reduce the potential for crime and crime detection.
- The selected site location would enable effective use of the proposed CCTV/ANPR upgrade system.
- The installation as proposed would not materially affect the setting of adjacent listed buildings.

**RECOMMENDATION – CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 3 years from the date of this decision.  
REASON: To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans as set out in the Schedule.  
REASON: For the avoidance of doubt as to the nature of the development hereby permitted, to ensure development is carried out in accordance with the approved application details and to ensure that the development is carried out with the minimum harm to the local environment, in accordance with the Policies of the Uttlesford Local Plan (adopted 2005) as shown in the Schedule of Policies.



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