



PROTECT COCKFOSTERS FROM CRIME. SUPPORT COMMUNITY ANPR.

FAQ'S

1. What are ANPR cameras?

ANPR/CCTV cameras apply Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology to help detect, deter, and disrupt criminal activity at a local, force, regional and national level. This includes travelling criminals (those using the road network to avoid being caught), organised crime groups and terrorists. ANPR/CCTV cameras have a high-quality resolution for greater clarity and can detect registration numbers with high visibility during daylight and the dark hours of the evening and night-time. ANPR/CCTV cameras provide lines of enquiry and evidence in the investigation of crime and are used by Police forces throughout England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.

2. How do ANPR cameras work?

As a vehicle passes an ANPR/CCTV camera, its registration number is read and instantly checked against database records of vehicles of interest.

Police officers can stop a vehicle, speak to the occupants and, where necessary, make arrests. ANPR/CCTV has proved crucial in detecting many offences, including locating, for example, people wanted for arrest or missing, witnesses, stolen vehicles, uninsured vehicles and uncovering major crime cases.

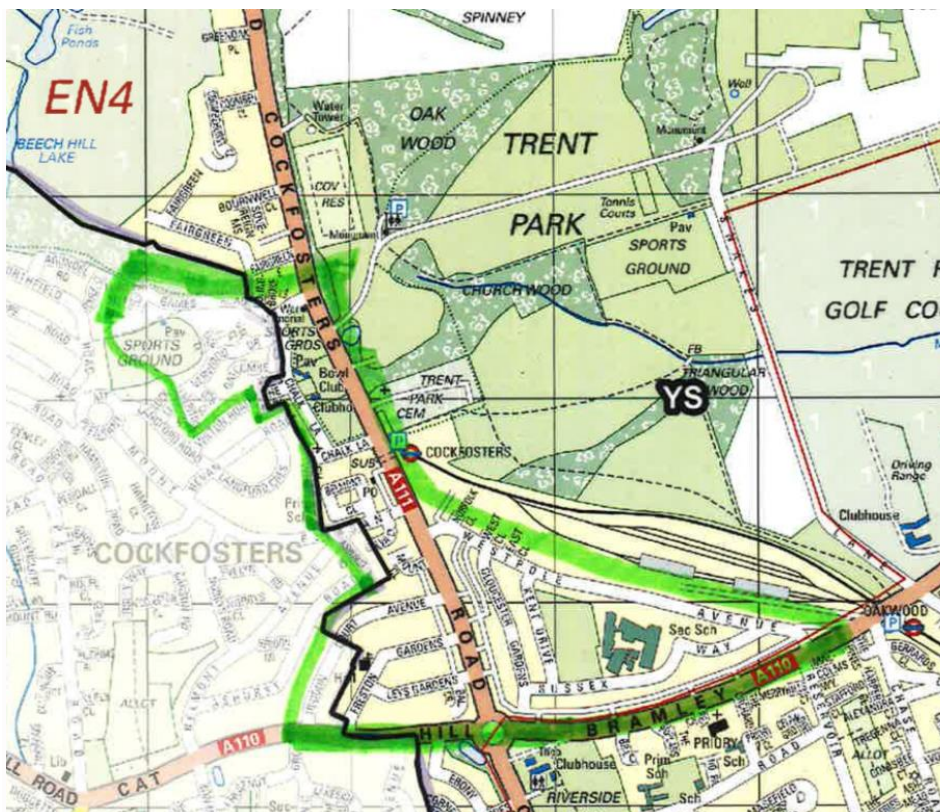
3. Where will the cameras be?

ANPR/CCTV cameras will be used at fixed locations. In line with national policy, the details of these locations cannot be revealed, as this information is likely to benefit offenders and could reduce the value of ANPR/CCTV. National guidelines state that, if more ANPR cameras are installed, the Police must do an assessment that demonstrates a clear need, taking account of the following factors:

- national security and counter-terrorism
- serious, organised, and significant crime
- local crime
- community confidence and reassurance, and crime prevention and reduction.

In assessing whether new cameras are to be set up, the Police team will do a Privacy Impact Assessment. They'll consult with people and organisations with a reasonable interest in the proposal unless that would be against the purpose of the development, which is to detect, deter and disrupt criminality.

The areas the scheme hopes to cover is shown on the map below:



4. I want a camera in my road, why can't I have one?

Cameras need to be strategically placed in critical roads that are vital entry and exit routes into the Enfield part of Cockfosters. The aim is to create a “ring of steel” around the defined area boundary, so that when a vehicle comes into the area, it has virtually no way of passing in or out without going past an ANPR/CCTV camera and therefore being detected. The location of cameras must therefore be based upon optimising this versus any specific location requests.

5. What if the Neighbourhood Police team don't have enough money?

Any funds received, will go into locating as many cameras as possible, until there is an optimised number of cameras. The campaign will continue for as long as needed to reach this. Each camera will be purchased, as soon as there are enough funds, so that cameras are installed ongoing.

6. Who is running this project?

Your local Police team is running this scheme as part of the Neighbourhood Watch programme and in association with Hadley Wood Security, who have kindly offered help in facilitating the scheme, as they have experience of administering ANPR/CCTV cameras for the Hadley Wood area.

7. Do the Police endorse the project?

Yes. Your local Met Police team are helping to facilitate this scheme.

8. Who will review the camera footage/has access to the data?

Your local Met Police team and designated data processors/vetted people will provide administrative support.

9. How is data stored?

A record for all vehicles passing by a camera is stored, including those for vehicles that are not known to be of interest at the time of the read. At present, ANPR/CCTV cameras nationally submit on average around 60 million ANPR/CCTV 'read' records to national ANPR systems daily. ANPR/CCTV data from each police force is stored together with similar data from other forces for one year. [National ANPR Standards for Policing and Law Enforcement \(NASPLE\)](#) and [National Compliance and Audit Standards for Law Enforcement ANPR \(Audit Standards\)](#) have clear rules to control access to ANPR/CCTV data to make sure that anyone who does is only doing so for official investigation purposes. Staff only have access to data if it's relevant to their role. Most of those who have permission may only do so for a maximum of 90 days from the collection date. For serious, significant, or counter-terrorism investigations some staff may be given access to data for up to one year, subject to the authorisation of a senior officer. Searches of ANPR/CCTV data can identify vehicles associated with crime and terrorism and can dramatically speed up investigations.

10. How do I notify someone if there has been an incident/we need the ANPR/CCTV cameras checked?

Report directly to the Police on 999 or online on 101 and also pass to your local NHW coordinator.

11. Will these cameras be used for any other reason? E.G., does it affect my privacy as a resident?

No other reason than for crime detection and prevention.

12. How do I donate?

There are two ways of donating:

- Directly into the specific bank account held for 'Cockfosters ANPR'. Simply email cockfosterscameras@gmail.com for further information and bank details.
- Via the dedicated gofundme page: <https://gofund.me/4f70c3b6> The money donated on this page will be transferred to the 'Cockfosters ANPR' bank account, after the gofundme fee is deducted (typically 2.9% plus 25p per transaction). This route was set-up as some people feel more comfortable donating through a recognised funding platform, but ultimately this route is subject to the normal platform fees and terms of business.

13. How much should I donate?

You should donate a sum of money that you feel most comfortable with and can afford.

14. What if the scheme collects more than required for the first phase?

Any funds over and above the amount required for the initial "ring of steel" camera sites, will be held in trust for further camera requirements and maintenance.

15. What if my house/flat is not inside the area covered by the phase 1 cameras?

Most residents should be within phase one of the scheme.

16. What if the cameras go wrong?

It's very unlikely that cameras will go wrong, but if they do, they will be rectified.

17. Where is the money being collected and is it safe? Who will check that there is no fraud?

The funds are being collected in a specific bank account held for 'Cockfosters ANPR' by Hadley Wood Security Ltd – a not-for-profit organisation, run for the past 18 years. The Director is a Chartered Accountant.

18. How do I know this is not a scam?

We would advise anyone to reach out to their local Met Police team/Councillor/NHW coordinator, who can advise you further.

19. How long will the technology be relevant?

ANPR/CCTV has not changed and is unlikely to be outdated.

20. Will there be a need to raise more funds again for technology improvements?

Not in the immediate future.

21. Why aren't Barnet roads covered by these plans?

Some of the Barnet roads are covered based on where the cameras will be placed.

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