

Dear councils,

I'm hoping to get some information on CCTV cars being used by councils under the Freedom of Information Act.

My inquiry concerns CCTV cars that have to keep their engines running so their camera equipment can work.

I am approaching a number of councils to get a scope of the issue. So if you do not use CCTV cars in your area, please ignore this request.

There is a lot of concern from people across the country, particularly in urban areas, about the adverse effects idling vehicles have on people's health.

As such, can you please confirm if your CCTV cars have to keep their engines on to run their cameras?

For example, if a council officer was on patrol in a CCTV car, but had parked the car. If the officer then turned the engine off, would the cameras stop working?

How often are your CCTV cars parked when they are in the process of monitoring other drivers? Does most of the CCTV recording happen when the cars are parked or when they're on the move?

Can you also confirm what you use the CCTV cars for?

Is it just for parking infractions? Or do you use them to patrol parents dropping off their kids at the school gates? Can you please provide a full list of how CCTV cars are being used to monitor your area?

Are there any other reasons why CCTV cars must have their engines running? For example, is it for the health and safety of the officers inside?

Kind regards

In response to your Freedom of Information request below. Nottinghamshire County Council do have a CCTV car. It is only used for parking contraventions outside of schools and bus stops. It is only used when moving in unattended mode and it is not therefore parked during enforcement activities.

I hope this satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiry please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

In addition to the this and for future reference Nottingham County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR,s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link) <http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords.

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Kindest Regards