

Belfast Area Residents Association (“BARA”) – Safety Camera Initiative

The Goal:

1. To provide a safer and more secure community for all the residents of Belfast within the fastest growing district in Christchurch.

The Camera Unit:

2. Each camera unit will be attached to the resident’s fence and self-powered via solar energy. There will be two or possibly three cameras per unit, two directional for vehicle licence plate recognition purposes and a singular unit for face recognition. Each site may be adapted to its needs.

Installation:

3. The unit is the property of BARA and shall not be removed or altered by the landowner.
4. The unit location can be removed from the site at the discretion of BARA, and each landowner shall be notified one week in advance of the expected removal date with permission made available to enter the property for such purposes.
5. The landowner can request the camera be removed with one months’ notice to the BARA, in writing.

Data – Use and Monitoring Protocol:

6. The data available per unit shall be managed by the Belfast Area Residents Association in conjunction and consultation with the Christchurch North Community Patrol (“CNCP”). Any party in such a role monitoring the data shall be Police vetted and appointed with an appropriate Privacy Act protocol.
7. A live feed will be made available to the Police via Sergeant Luke Richardson who is primarily responsible for the Burnout antisocial activity taskforce, or any other member of the Police force they seem fit, at their discretion.
8. A Memorandum of Understanding has been vetted by the Police legal team and executed by BARA is available for inspection by any resident, upon request.
9. Should an event be logged or recorded with the Police, the BARA shall review the security camera footage and provide a file to the Police. Should any resident not be able to make a Police report, they are welcome to contact the BARA directly for such purposes to prepare a witness statement and the BARA and or CNCP shall assist in filing the Police report. A contact email address for BARA shall be

made available on their website for such purposes and noting the time of the event is a critical factor in any report.

10. The camera data's use is for the purposes of a Police conviction or tracking missing persons including:
 - a) Burnout activity;
 - b) Theft / Burglary;
 - c) Assault;
 - d) Dangerous Driving;
 - e) Illegal Drug exchanges;
 - f) Vandalism of vehicles on the street;
 - g) Graffiti;
 - h) Dumping of rubbish;
 - i) Destruction of Public Property;
 - j) Any other activity that the Police request data for following a Police complaint being registered.

11. The camera data will not be used for the following minor antisocial behaviours (unless under exceptional circumstances) such as:
 - a) Dog's pooping on the sidewalk and grass berms;
 - b) Missing animals;
 - c) Littering;
 - d) Loitering or annoying door knocking;
 - e) Unregistered motor bikes on public roads;
 - f) Drone Activity.

12. The landowner and any resident who's address is verified in the street that has a camera installation, can request and will be supplied with a photograph of the area the camera covers via post. Such photograph to be no older than one week old and is not to include any members of the public or cars in such photo (unless they are parked cars) to preserve the residents privacy. The purpose of providing such a photo is to assure the residents that the area covered is only public property i.e. the street and footpath and also ensure transparency is maintained at all times. The BARA however will not provide any individual resident with live feed footage as this can be quite addictive and costly from a data drain perspective. The BARA however reserves the right to invite any resident to view the live feed screen managed by BARA and / or CNCP upon request but this shall be at the sole discretion of the BARA / CNCP with no obligation to do so.

13. The BARA shall not disclose the location of any of the camera's to any member of the public other than the elected committee or the Police.

Property Owner responsibility:

14. The property owner with a camera installation shall be responsible to ensure that if the camera is damaged that the BARA is immediately notified.
15. If the property owner has external cameras as part of their existing security protocol, where possible, the BARA will request that the camera angle be adjusted to include the camera installation in the unlikely event that someone trespasses on their property to vandalise the camera.
16. Should they wish the camera to be removed they can do so with 1 months' notice in writing to BARA.
17. Should BARA wish to relocate the camera, the property owner shall provide access as required, providing the request is reasonable and can be accommodated by the property owner.
18. Should the property owner be made aware of any criminal disruption on the street, as described at paragraph 4, they shall register a Police complaint and advise the BARA of the time and date of the alleged offence. Noting of the time being essentially important as it is prohibitive to review hours of camera footage.
19. Should the property owner note any signage missing or vandalised (as advised below) please advise BARA immediately so these can be replaced.

Signage

20. Each street that benefits from a camera shall have signage erected on Council property (e.g. Power Poles) advising of the use of CCTV cameras in the area noting each sign shall state it is supported by the Belfast Area Residents Association.

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21. The BARA shall have a Facebook page and Website outlining the protocol for the Camera data with easy access to a member should a criminal event occur and further assistance is requested to communicate with the Police.

22. The BARA shall be responsible for communicating with the residents, local businesses and other community groups, on a regular basis, to promote an effective safety protocol and advise on what to do in the event of criminal activity. Such activities can include meeting with the Christchurch North Community Patrol representatives, local Community Board and Police, as required.