

<b>Item B. 2</b>	<b>07/01347/CB3</b>	<b>Permit Reg 3 Application</b>
<b>Case Officer</b>	<b>Miss Lyndsey Cookson</b>	
<b>Ward</b>	<b>Chorley East</b>	
<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Regulation 3 application for the erection of 8 metre galvanised column for hosting a CCTV Camera.</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Land 7m South Of 67 Brown Street Chorley</b>	
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Chorley Borough Council</b>	
<b>Proposal</b>	This application proposes the erection of one 8-metre high galvanised column to host a CCTV Camera at land 7m south of 67 Brown Street, Chorley.	
<b>Policy</b>	GN1, GN5,	
<b>Planning History</b>	07/01145/FUL – Regulation 3 application for the erection of one 8 metre high galvanised column for hosting a CCTV Camera. Withdrawn – applicant asked to undertake a consultation exercise with local residents.	
<b>Consultation</b>	<b>Highways (Central Core)</b> – No comments to date.	
<b>Representations</b>	No comments have been received to date on this application, although the applicant has undertaken a consultation exercise with a number of residents in the locality along Brown Street and Wright Street. 32 letters of support were received from neighbours during this consultation exercise, and have been submitted with the application. In addition to comments from neighbours, local councillors and a local Police Inspector have offered support to the proposal.	
<b>Applicant’s Case</b>	<p>The main reasons as to why the location on Brown Street was chosen for the CCTV column are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The level of crime in the area of Wright street and Brown street is high in comparison to other parts of the Borough and includes Antisocial Behaviour (ASB), Violent Crime, youth nuisance, drunk and disorderly, waste issues including fly tipping;</li> <li>• The position of the camera will give good view along the whole length of Brown Street and more importantly up the majority of Wright street;</li> <li>• The area earmarked for the camera will only require a soft dig and will minimise any work required to position the column. There is also power in this location which makes the installation smoother;</li> <li>• The position of the camera in this location, as agreed by the county council, will be low risk for collision;</li> <li>• It is hoped that the camera installed on top of the column will both deter and detect crime happening in the area. The column will have a wind down facility for maintenance use only. The look of the column will be in keeping with the</li> </ul>	

colouring of existing street lighting in the area to minimise any negative visual impact.

## **Assessment**

The application site lies within the main settlement of Chorley Town. The column would be sited on a grass verge which forms part of the highway, adjacent to the junction of Brown Street and Wright Street.

The column has a slim-line design, on a base which would not exceed 0.5 square metres. Its appearance would be akin to a street light column both in terms of scale, colour and galvanised finish. The camera would be attached onto the top of the column and would include a vertical housing box measuring 0.5m in length by 0.2m in width. The camera is designed to offer a 360° field of vision, with remote access to live and recorded digital footage.

The street consists of similar vertical structures in the form of street lighting, telegraph poles and directional signage. The proposal would sit alongside these structures and would not appear overly prominent in the street or detract from the street's character.

The column would be positioned in front of no. 67 Brown Street, which is a two storey semi-detached dwelling. The proposal is not considered to have a greater impact than the positioning of existing street furniture in front of other properties, and the slim-line design of the column would not appear overly prominent or detract from the outlook of this property. The applicant has confirmed that privacy zones can be established to cover the windows of the property if necessary, and CCTV protocols mean that only trained staff are allowed to operate the system and are not allowed to direct the camera at properties unless they believe it to be in the public safety and not in conflict with the data protection, RIPA and human rights acts. In accordance with this legislation the proposal would not result in adverse loss of privacy.

The proposal is not considered to amount to a highway safety hazard although highways have been consulted for their views on the scheme.

## **Conclusion:**

The proposal satisfies the requirements of policy GN1 and GN5. It is acceptable in terms of design and appearance, siting, impact on neighbour amenity and highway safety. It is therefore recommended that planning permission be granted subject to a number of conditions.

## **Recommendation: Permit Reg 3 Application Conditions**

1. The proposed development must be begun not later than three years from the date of this permission.

*Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.*

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