
HAWICK CCTV

Report by Service Director Commercial Services

TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM

20 JANUARY 2015

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report outlines the existing Public Space CCTV camera provision in Hawick and proposes options for the installation of additional Public Space CCTV cameras within the central area of the town.**
- 1.2 There are currently seven Public Space CCTV cameras located within the central area of Hawick (See Appendices A, B and C).
- 1.3 Members of Hawick and Hermitage Ward have expressed a desire for additional Public Space CCTV cameras to be located in the following areas – High Street/Sandbed; The Howegate; Drumlanrig Square; North Bridge Street (See Appendices A, B and C).
- 1.4 Police Scotland has been consulted regarding this proposal and support additional cameras being located as detailed within this report.
- 1.5 Longer term the Council is unlikely to be in a position to fund the installation and maintenance of public space CCTV systems, though in conjunction with the Police it would be supportive of communities that are willing to fund such CCTV systems themselves.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Forum:-**
 - (i) **Considers whether they should approve the use of around £10,940 from the Pay & Display and Quality of Life Budgets to fund the installation and maintenance of additional public space cameras at the following locations:**
 - (a) **Town Centre**
 - (b) **North Bridge Street**
 - (c) **Howegate**
 - (d) **Drumlanrig Square**

The Quality of Life budget to be used first to fund the new camera installation and topped up using the Pay & Display budget.
 - (ii) **Notes that longer term, the Council is unlikely to be in a position to fund the installation and ongoing maintenance of**

public space CCTV systems. However in conjunction with the Police the Council would be supportive of communities that wish to install and maintain such systems at their cost. Proceeding with the proposed new CCTV cameras would ultimately mean that the Hawick community would have to fund the future maintenance of these cameras (and the existing CCTV installations) if they wish to retain them.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Public Space CCTV cameras are located in the following towns across Scottish Borders Council – Duns; Hawick; Galashiels; Kelso; Peebles; Eyemouth; Selkirk; Melrose.
- 3.2 All Public Space CCTV cameras referred to in 3.1 are operated by Police Scotland with all maintenance of the CCTV camera systems being carried out by Scottish Borders Council’s Street Lighting section.
- 3.3 Hawick currently has seven Public Space CCTV cameras located in High Street; Tower Knowe; Sandbed; Baker Street; Commercial Road (A7 at Leisure Centre Roundabout), see location plans in APPENDICES A, B & C. All current cameras are modern Analogue, Pan, Tilt, and Zoom, (PTZ), dome cameras. The current cameras were installed in May/June 2014, as replacement under an insurance claim after a lightning strike.
- 3.4 Members of Hawick and Hermitage Ward requested officers of the Council’s Asset Management section to consider the installation of additional CCTV cameras at locations within the central area of the town. See location plans in APPENDICES A, B & C.
- 3.5 Police Scotland has been consulted on this proposal and responded as follows:-

“At present, due to the limited coverage provided by the existing public space CCTV system, Police Scotland is often unable to progress reports of crime/incidents. An increase in the number of public space cameras would greatly assist with this. Additional CCTV cameras located in the areas highlighted within this report would be beneficial due to the issues Police Scotland is having to deal with in relation to licensed premises. The installation of cameras in these areas will also act as a deterrent whilst providing reassurance to the residents in these areas.”
- 3.6 The proposed additional cameras would be modern Analogue Static cameras which would be either connected to the existing CCTV camera system recording equipment located at the Town Hall, or connected to new recording equipment located within other Council owned buildings.
- 3.7 There is no Capital funding in 2014/15 for providing additional public space CCTV cameras in Hawick and no Capital funding for public space CCTV in subsequent years within the Council’s Capital Plan.
- 3.8 It is unlikely that the Council would be in a position to pay for future new public space CCTV installations. Furthermore, into the longer term future it is unlikely the Council would be able to fund the maintenance of existing public space CCTV systems though in conjunction with the Police, the Council would be supportive of communities that are willing to fund such CCTV systems from their own resources.
- 3.9 Members of Hawick and Hermitage Ward have identified alternative available funding to provide additional public space cameras through the Pay & Display and Quality of Life budgets.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

- (a) The estimated cost for the supply and installation of additional public space cameras is shown in APPENDIX D. Costs have been grouped around location to allow options for all or only some cameras to be installed depending on approval and available funding. If all the cameras were to be installed the total cost would be around £10,940.
- (b) The Pay & Display budget for Hawick has £6,700 for 2014/15 which is uncommitted and the Quality of Life budget has around £5,235 for 2014/15 which is uncommitted. It is recommended that the Quality of Life budget would be used first to fund the new camera installation and topped up using the Pay & Display budget.
- (c) Into the longer term future the Council is unlikely to be in a position to continue with the maintenance of existing public space CCTV systems and communities that wish to retain them would need to find their own funding for CCTV installation and maintenance.

5.2 Risk and Mitigations

- (a) Police Scotland has intimated that due to current limited CCTV coverage it is often unable to progress reports of crime/incidents. Should additional cameras not be installed this situation would continue.
- (b) Whilst the existing public space cameras were only replaced in May/June 2014, other parts of the existing system, i.e. cabling, are part of the original installation in 1997. Whilst there is currently an annual revenue budget allocation available to maintain existing public space CCTV systems across Scottish Borders Council, the level of this budget may not be sufficient to repair/replace any major failure of a CCTV system. Into the longer term future the Council is unlikely to be in a position to continue with the maintenance of existing public space CCTV systems and the mitigation is for communities that wish to retain them to find their own funding for CCTV maintenance.

5.3 Equalities

There will be no adverse impact on any of the equality strands as a result of the proposed changes.

5.4 Acting Sustainably

There are no significant economic, social or environmental issues associated with this report.

5.5 Carbon Management

It is anticipated that there are no significant implications from the proposals contained in this report.

5.6 Rural Proofing

As this report is not a new or updated policy or strategy document it does not require to be rural proofed.

5.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes which are required to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals in this report.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Service Director Strategy and Policy, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR and the Clerk to the Council have previously been consulted and their comments their comments have been incorporated into this report.

Approved by

Service Director Commercial Services Signature

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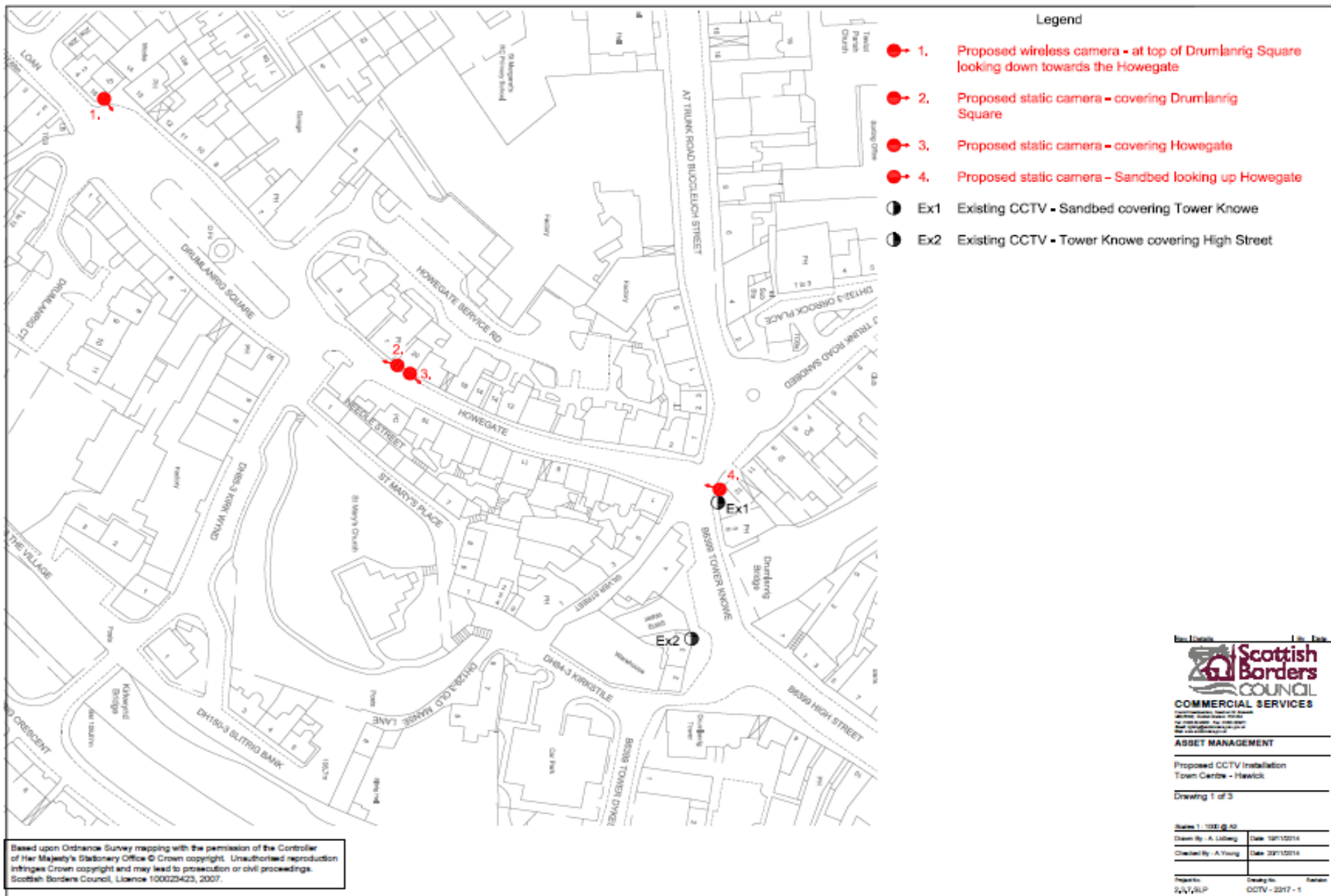
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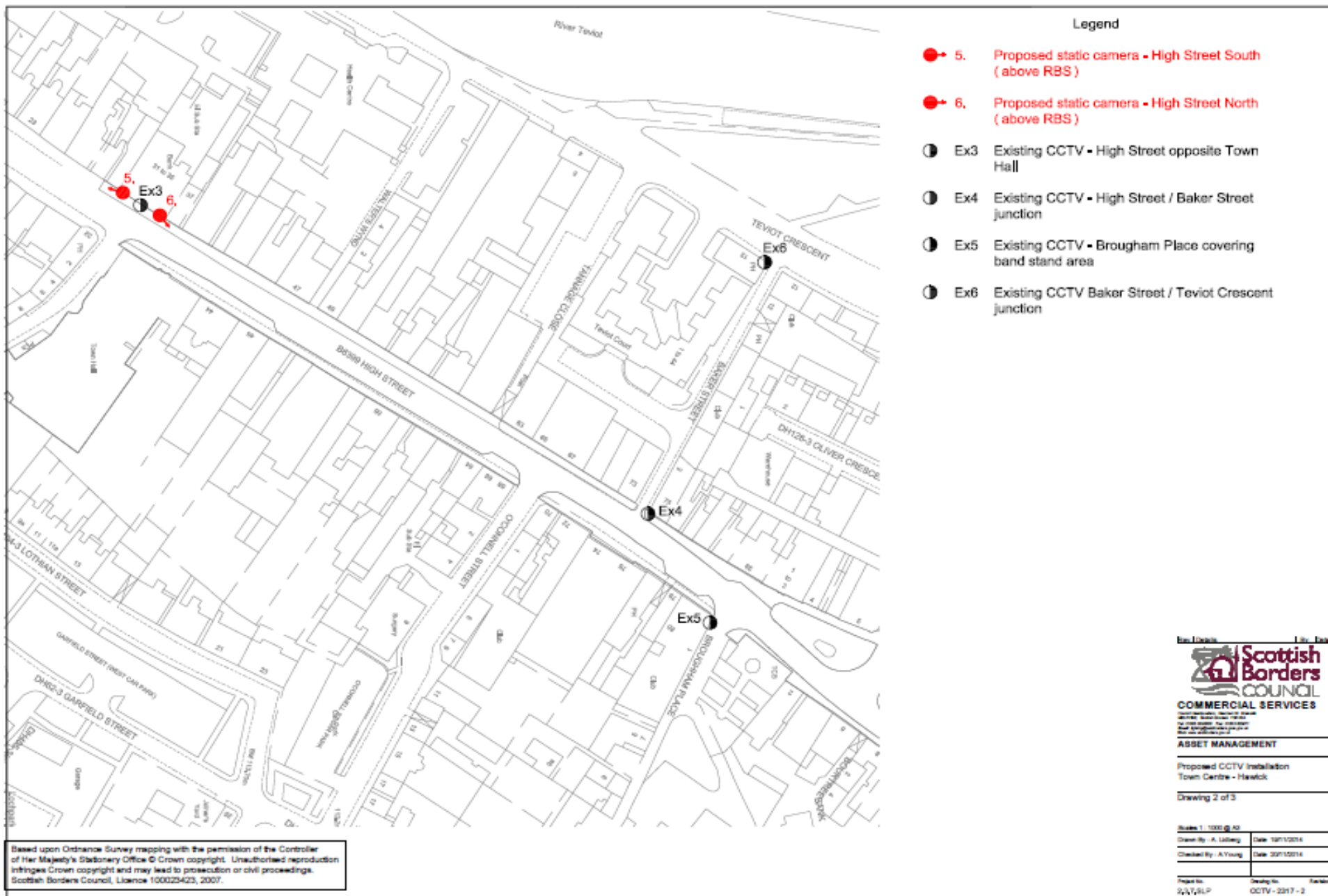
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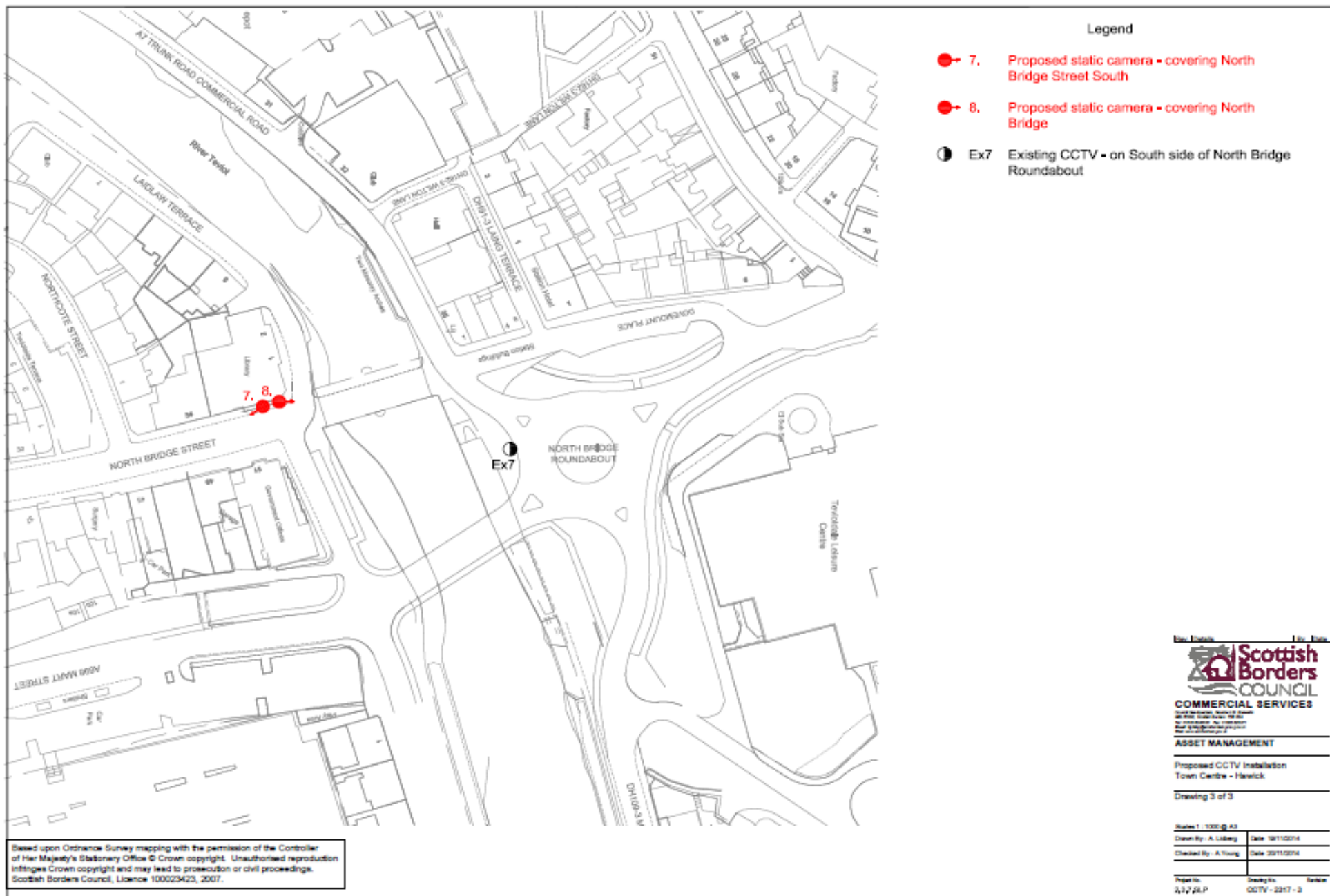
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APPENDIX D

ESTIMATED COST OF THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SPACE CCTV CAMERAS

Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Town Centre cameras linked to existing Digital Recorder in Town Hall			
Static camera at Sandbed looking up Howegate	1	£1,850.00	£1,850.00
Static camera on High Street at RBS looking south	1	£1,350.00	£1,350.00
Static camera on High Street at RBS looking north	1	£1,350.00	£1,350.00
Total			£4,550.00
North Bridge Street cameras linked to new Digital Recorder in Library			
Installation of new digital recorder	1	£650.00	£650.00
Static camera looking to North Bridge Street	1	£750.00	£750.00
Static camera looking to North Bridge	1	£750.00	£750.00
Total			£2,150.00
Howegate cameras linked to new Digital Recorder to a suitable Council owned premises			
Installation of new digital recorder	1	£650.00	£650.00
Static camera looking down Howegate	1	£750.00	£750.00
Static camera looking into Drumlanrig Square	1	£750.00	£750.00
Total			£2,150.00
Drumlanrig Square camera linked by Wireless Transmitter to a suitable Council owned premises			
Static camera at top of Drumlanrig Square looking down towards Howegate	1	£750.00	£750.00
DVT-WT1.5 Wireless Transmitter	2	£670.00	£1,340.00
(Note - wireless camera would require a clear line of site between camera and transmitter)			
Total			£2,090.00
Grand Total			£10,940.00

