
HAWICK CCTV

Report by Service Director Commercial Services

TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM

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1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report details the current Public Space CCTV camera provision in Hawick after the installation of additional Public Space CCTV cameras within the central area of the town during 2015.**
- 1.2 There are currently fifteen Public Space CCTV cameras located within the central area of Hawick (See Appendices A, B and C).
- 1.3 Eight of the current Public Space CCTV cameras were installed after funding was approved by the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum in January 2015.
- 1.4 Police Scotland was consulted on the locations of the additional cameras.
- 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:-**
 - (a) **Notes the current Public Space CCTV camera provision in Hawick after the installation of eight additional cameras during 2015.**
 - (b) **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.**

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 fifteen Public Space CCTV cameras located in High Street; Drumlanrig Square/Howegate; Tower Knowe; Sandbed; Baker Street; North Bridge Street; Commercial Road (A7 at Leisure Centre Roundabout), see location plans in APPENDICES A, B & C.
- 3.4 Seven of the cameras in Hawick are part of the original CCTV system installed in 1997, although the cameras were recently replaced with modern Analogue, Pan, Tilt and Zoom, (PTZ), dome cameras under an insurance claim after a lightning strike.
The remaining eight cameras were installed after funding was approved by Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum in January 2015. These new cameras are modern Analogue Static cameras which are connected to existing CCTV camera system recording equipment located in the Town hall, or connected to new recording equipment located within other Council owned buildings.
- 3.5 Police Scotland were consulted on the location of the eight new cameras 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 additional eight cameras were installed during the summer of 2015 with the locations at Drumlanrig Square/Howegate; Sandbed; and High Street, being operational by the beginning of June. The remaining two cameras at North Bridge Street were installed and operational by the end of July, although these were subsequently replaced due to poor image quality.
- 3.7 Since the installation of all cameras, Councillors from Hawick and Hermitage ward have met with officers of the Council’s Infrastructure section and representatives of Police Scotland to discuss Hawick’s CCTV system. The meeting allowed a number of issues to be discussed and these included camera coverage positions and interruption of sight line. These issues have since been rectified.
- 3.8 It is unlikely that the Council will 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.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

- (a) The cost for the annual maintenance and operation of the additional eight public space cameras is estimated at £1,940, (including energy). The Council are currently funding these costs through its Asset Management Revenue Budget.
- (b) 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.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

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.

4.3 Equalities

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

4.4 Acting Sustainably

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

4.5 Carbon Management

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

4.6 Rural Proofing

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

4.7 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.

5 CONSULTATION

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

Approved by

Service Director Commercial Services Signature

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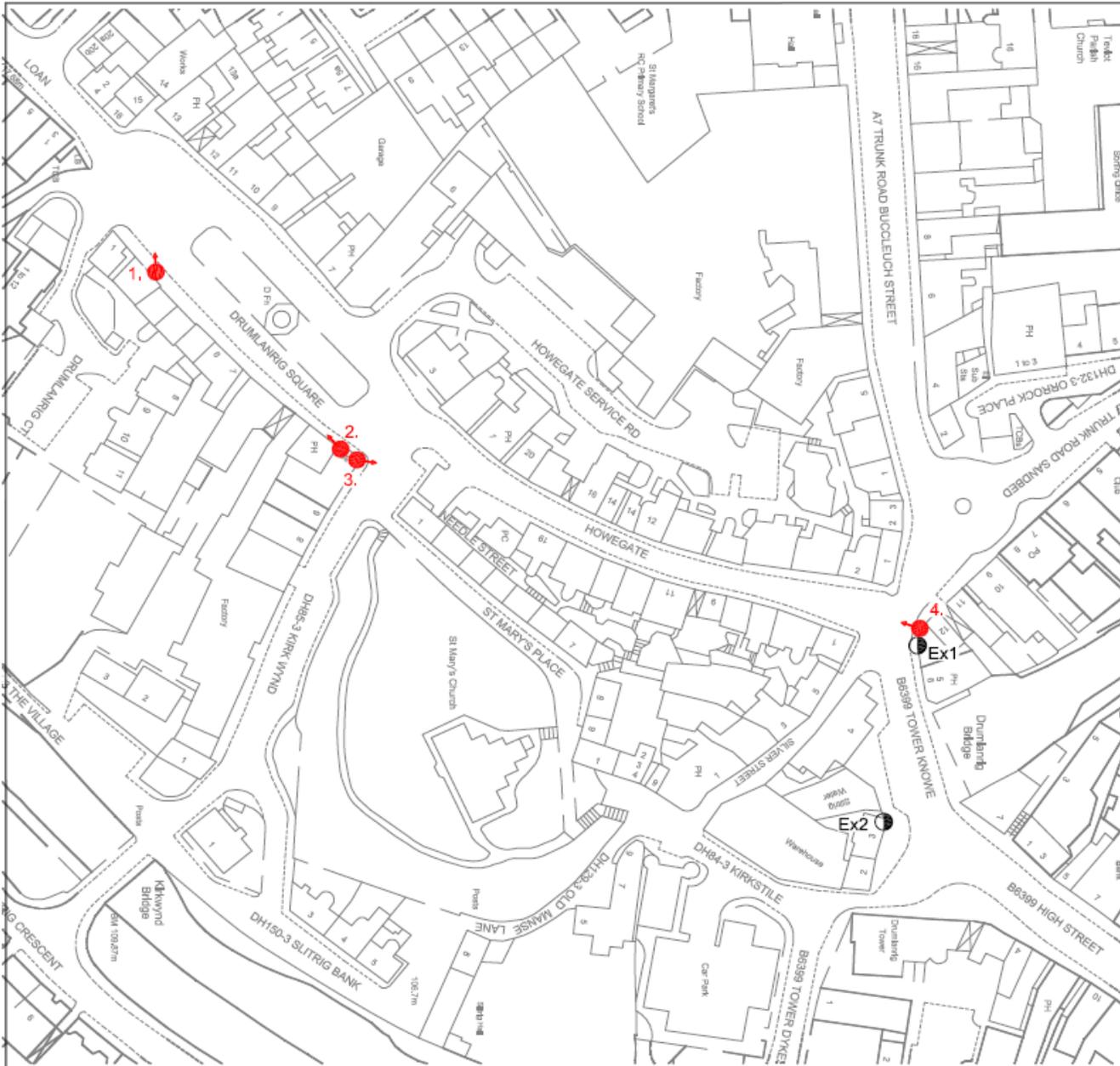
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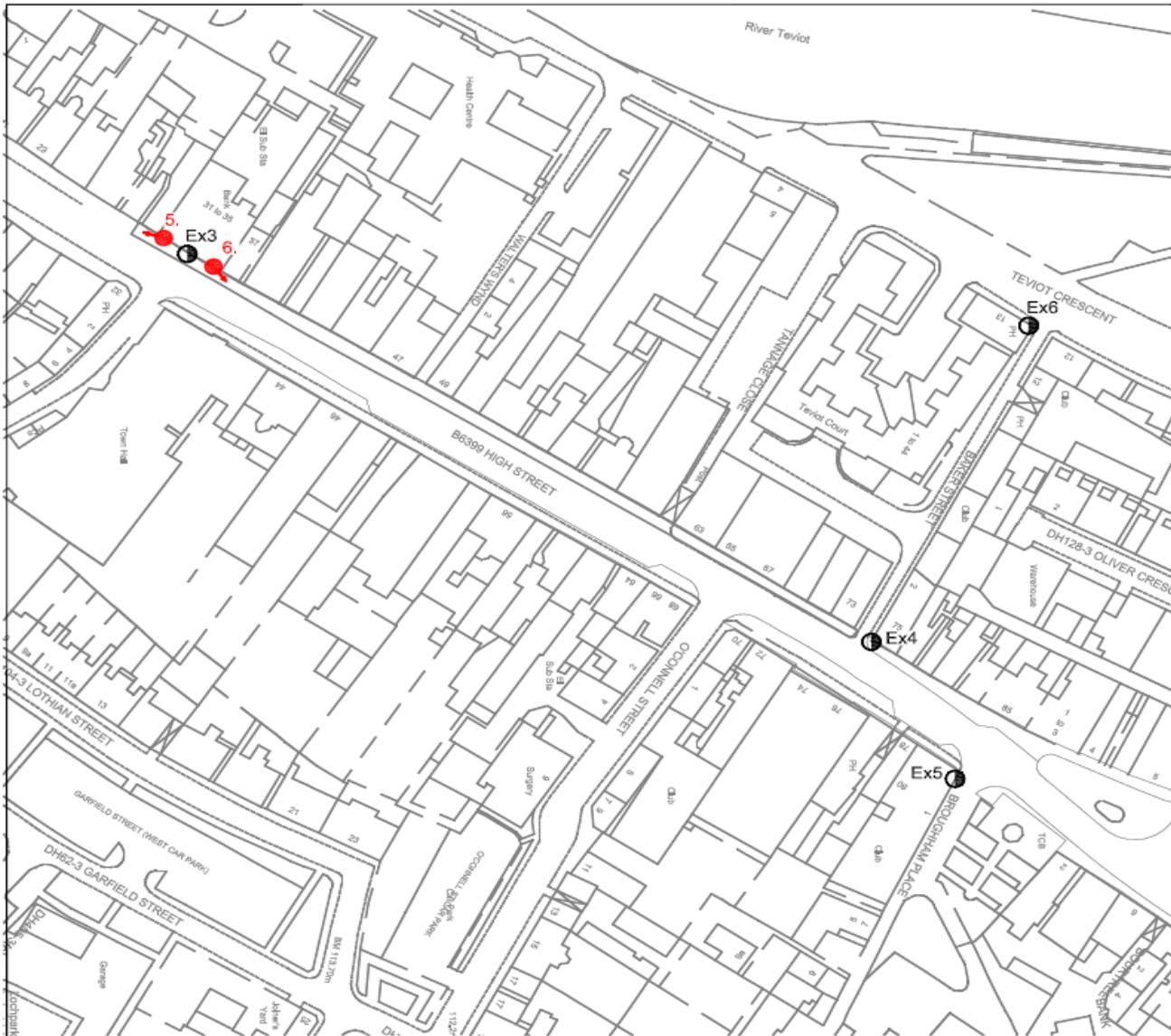


Legend

-  1. Static wireless camera - at top of Drumlanrig Square looking towards the Loan
-  2. Static camera - covering Drumlanrig Square
-  3. Static camera - covering Howegate
-  4. Static camera - Sandbed looking up Howegate
-  Ex1 Existing CCTV - Sandbed covering Tower Knowe
-  Ex2 Existing CCTV - Tower Knowe covering High Street

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Legend

- 5. Static camera - High Street South (above RBS)
- 6. Static camera - High Street North (above RBS)
- Ⓜ Ex3 Existing CCTV - High Street opposite Town Hall
- Ⓜ Ex4 Existing CCTV - High Street / Baker Street junction
- Ⓜ Ex5 Existing CCTV - Brougham Place covering band stand area
- Ⓜ Ex6 Existing CCTV Baker Street / Teviot Crescent junction

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