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18th February 2013

Ref: Mr Yusaf Patel, request 255024.

http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/cctv_camera_locations_7#outgoing-255024
dated 14/02/2013.

Dear Sir,

Ref: Your FOIA request number 255024 made 15th February 2013.

You appear to have made two identical FOIA requests, the other being made on 14th February 2013

(http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/cctv_camera_locations_6#outgoing-254929).

I intend to deal with this second request and not respond to the first request, to simplify the amount of work required.

You asked the questions below, for ease of reply I have inserted numbers into your request:

Dear Hackney Borough Council,

I require disclosure of all fixed CCTV camera locations for which Hackney Council is the Data Controller, [1] and all those cameras located in the borough.

Confirm [2] the street location, building name or number, postcode, [3] whether the camera can pan, zoom and tilt, [4] whether the camera can record sound (and [5] whether this facility is being used) or [6] has loudspeakers.

If you have access to CCTV cameras but are not the Data Controller also [7] provide details of these [8] stating the name of the Data Controller and [9] state whether your CCTV is made available to other Data Controllers regularly eg live feed to Police or bus/train companies, [10] if all CCTV location footage is accessible to other Data Controllers then you can confirm this, [11] in the event that some locations are made available and others are not you will need to provide details for each location

Is [12] automatic facial recognition technology being used, and [13] how long is the footage stored for? [14] What is your policy regarding deleting/discarding of footage.

Confirm [15] the location(s) used to view and store the CCTV footage and [16] confirm whether this function is carried out by your staff or [17] provide details of any other organisation performing this function

Finally I require a list of [18] CCTV suppliers, [19] manufacturers and [20] models used

Yours faithfully,

Mr Patel

Answers:

1. I am not able to advise you of the location of all cameras located in the Borough as most of them belong to others – you need to approach others for this data.
2. Regarding those cameras where the Council is the Data Controller, information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant is exempt by virtue of section 21 of the Act. I would advise you that a general list of areas in which CCTV cameras are installed is available on our website via the following link: <http://hackney.gov.uk/safer-communities-safetey-in-your-community-cctv.htm> . However the Authority has the right to refuse to comply with a request if an exemption applies. The Authority believes that to provide you with the exact locations of the all Public Space Surveillance CCTV cameras in the Borough is exempt under section 31(1) (a) of the Act which provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime and disorder, and section 31(1)(b) where disclosure would prejudice or be likely to prejudice the apprehension or prosecution of offenders. Section 31 is a qualified exemption in that the Authority must apply the public interest test in weighing up whether there is a stronger public interest in disclosing the information or applying the exemption. In this case the Authority has decided that the public interest lies in maintaining confidence in law enforcement and the criminal justice system and the confidentiality of specific operations. The Authority therefore believes that these would be prejudiced if this information was made available. The Authority also believes that an exemption also exists under section 38 of the Act which provides that information is exempt if its disclosure would be likely to endanger the safety of an individual. Section 38 is a qualified exemption in that the Authority must apply the public interest test in weighing up whether there is a stronger public interest in disclosing the information or applying the exemption. In this case the Authority has decided that the public interest lies in applying the exemption as the public interest lies in protecting the health and safety of employees of the Authority. It believes that releasing this information would be likely to endanger the health and safety of employees. We do not hold records of all other non-Public Space Surveillance cameras (such as security cameras, process management cameras, reversing cameras) locations in a format that can be released and to investigate, list and collate these locations would exceed the financial limits set out in the Act.
3. We do not have records of which of the cameras are Pan, Tilt and Zoom (PTZ) cameras in a format that can be released and to investigate, list and collate these details would exceed the financial limits set out in the Act.
4. Many of the smaller cameras have built in microphones as they come from the manufacturer, to enable use in intercoms etc, however we do not have any records of any of these being fitted, or not fitted.
5. We have no such systems.
6. We have no such systems.
7. I am not able to advise you of the location of CCTV cameras to which we have access other than those owned by the Council, as they belong to others – you need to approach others for this data.
8. I do not know the names of the Data Controllers for the organisations owning cameras to which we have access other than those owned by the Council – you need to approach those other organisations for this data.
9. Yes.
10. Please explain this question as I do not understand what it is you are asking for.
11. Please explain this question as I do not understand what it is you are asking for.
12. No.

13. Not applicable due to answer [12].
14. The Councils policy is that when video footage required for evidence is no longer required it will be deleted. Any video footage not required for evidence is also deleted. Any required for training purposes is retained.
15. There are numerous locations used to view CCTV footage, we have no control over where people view it after it has been taken from us.
16. Yes.
17. This includes, but is not limited to, any bona-fide authority with an investigative function and any CPS staff member, Court staff member, Solicitor or Barrister with lawful access to view video footage. I am unable to provide all the addresses of these.
- 18-20 I would suggest you use an internet search engine and you will get a list of these firms, our installation consists of component parts from 1,000s of suppliers. Our installation & maintenance contractors use goods from a wide range of suppliers, many of whom we do not know the original suppliers details of, as they come through a supply chain.

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