

Councils Warned against CCTV Cost-Cutting, AlertSystems Responds

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The UK has between 4 and 5.9 million CCTV cameras, one of the largest figures across the world, but some councils are rumoured to be considering cutting their usage due to limited funding. A leading industry figure has advised local authorities to think twice about this method of saving money.

Tony Porter, the surveillance camera commissioner, said: "Most people recognise the utility of CCTV for supporting law enforcement. To degrade the capacity may have an impact on police. It may well be that they will find it increasingly difficult to acquire the images that will help them investigate crimes."

Porter also said that people living in England and Wales are the safest they have been since the Crime Survey began in 1981. He stated that the presence of CCTV cameras should be the choice of elected local councillors who should represent residents' views.

A spokesperson for AlertSystems, providers of security solutions across Britain, said: "The benefits of CCTV on Britain's streets are there for everyone to see. It provides business owners and members of the public with peace of mind and deters troublemakers from breaking the law. Therefore, it would be endangering businesses and citizens if vital cameras were switched off.

"At AlertSystems our cameras have effective features such as thermal imaging that identify criminals through 24-hour surveillance which helps reduce crime rates throughout the UK."

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