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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ07631

Thank you for your request for information on Use of CCTV technologies.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

- 1. Can you confirm if you operate CCTV at recycling centres under your control?
- 2. Can you confirm all the alternative methods you have used to discourage flytipping at the recycling centres under your control?
- 2a. If you have used alternative methods (signage, website notices, posts to social media, campaigns), please detail and provide copies of communications and signage used.

In response to questions 1 and 2 we can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. The recycling centre is not managed by not Coventry City Council but by Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company.

To assist you further, contact details for Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company are available via their website: https://www.cswdc.co.uk/

3. Can you confirm if your Council uses CCTV technologies for the prevention, investigation or detection of litter or waste management related offences?

The Council uses CCTV for the prevention and detection of crime predominantly flytipping and other serious waste offences.

3a. If you do use CCTV technologies (for above) can you confirm under what parts

of the Waste regulations or Environment Protection act that regulate the processing of images of members of the public using CCTV footage did you use to establish your lawful basis?

The Council uses overt cameras, provide signage in the vicinity of the cameras. All data is managed in accordance with Surveillance Camera Commissioner's guidance (https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/surveillance-camera-commissioner) and associated data protection legislation.

Surveillance is undertaken in areas that have been deemed hotspots for criminal activity for the prevention and detection of crime.

3b. Please reference the specific parts of the legislation that regulate this type of data processing (CCTV recording) when outlining your legal basis for the use of CCTV technologies for the prevention, investigation or detection of litter or waste management related offences.

See response provided for Question 3. Other legislation is listed below:

- Data Protection Act 2018
- Environmental Protection Act 1990 S33.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully