

## **Safer Communities CCTV update 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

### **Debden:**

- As of 2-July-2012 we have 56 of the 62 cameras online.
- The final electrical work to connect the remaining 6 wireless cameras will be carried out Wednesday 4th July. Also on this day further focus and angle work will be carried out under my supervision.
- W/c 9th July the wireless and support brackets will be erected in Debden after which the linking up of the wireless network will commence at the Civic Offices.
- It is predicted that we should have a fully commissioned live system by the end of July notwithstanding any major problems.
- We will be arranging a full site tour and demonstration of the new system in early August for Members.

### **Borders Lane:**

- A significant upgrade of this system was identified after Bruce the Bookmakers closed down leaving our recording unit for the CCTV exposed and vulnerable. The CCTV cameras for this area are almost a decade old and are having to use archaic housing and separate infra-red lighting to operate. The new cameras will be less intrusive cosmetically and use new all in one technology. The recording device does not meet Council CCTV standards and has also been replaced and relocated for better security.

### **Loughton High Road:**

- There have been a number of on-going issues with the six High Road cameras and over £1,000k has been spent on various investigatory work to try and resolve the failing system. With the closure of Loughton Police station after 6pm each day and in light of other historical issues with the Loughton Town Partnership (Fete Banner catenary wires interfering and damaging cameras), it is appropriate to re-visit this scheme and make sustainable improvements through improved design and advancements in wireless and camera technology. Although not as comprehensive, the High Rd can be tied into something similar to the Broadway with controllable capability from CCTV HQ at Epping. Loughton is one of our main artery systems which the Police rely on quite heavily. A full design and solution will be provided in the Autumn 2012. As a contingency and to support the current system we have deployed three mobile cameras on a temporary basis.

### **Epping High Road:**

- Planning permission was submitted in May 2012 to extend the CCTV system along Epping High Road beyond Station Road. Although Epping CCTV is still in its infancy stage it has already proved successful in resolving a number of crimes (details available on request). If planning is approved the expansion will be complete by late summer 2012.

### **Stonards Hill, Epping:**

- EFDC are working closely with Epping Town Council by providing CCTV design and guidance to provide a scheme at Stonards Hill. After years of vandalism and most recently damage to the children's play area a solution has been proposed where ETC will fund and EFDC will manage a CCTV

system on their behalf. The design proposes cameras linked wirelessly to the works depot at Stonards and cameras will cover the Jack Scilly pavilion, play area, public car park and works compound. Quotations have now been submitted to ETC.

**Olympic Torch Relay:**

- EFDC are providing additional mobile CCTV support for the torch relay in Waltham Abbey on 7th July. Two cameras have been deployed at the top of Sun Street/ Sewardstone Road and will record crowds and traffic for the duration of the event. Both cameras will be under the control of Safer Communities on the day from Waltham Abbey Town Council.