

Installation of CCTV

The survey ran for 4 weeks. Properties in the proposed area received information about the proposals and a survey through the door and via email for those whose details we had.

15 responses were received in total.

1) Do you agree with the installation of CCTV in the areas proposed?

Options	Number
Yes	10
No	4
No opinion	0

2) Please explain your answer: Key points summarised:

Privacy Concerns

- Several residents feel that CCTV cameras are directly invading their privacy, especially when positioned to face their homes.
- Some object to being monitored by multiple cameras when leaving their house, feeling treated like criminals.

Support for CCTV

- Many residents support CCTV installation to improve safety and reduce crime and antisocial behaviour.
- Specific incidents such as car vandalism, drug dealing, fly tipping, and dog fouling were cited as reasons for needing surveillance.
- Some believe CCTV will help deter vandalism, protect children and adults, and create a cleaner, safer environment.

Concerns About Broader Implications

- A few residents expressed distrust in the council's motives, linking surveillance to broader concerns like "15-minute cities," facial recognition, and government control.
- There is frustration about perceived council decisions, such as housing allocations contributing to local issues.

Community Experience

Long-term residents shared their experiences of occasional trouble and past incidents like bin area fires.

Some feel the situation has improved over time, while others believe more proactive measures (like peacekeepers) would be better than surveillance.

3) Do you have any further comments? - Key points summarised:

Support for CCTV and Safety Improvements

- Some residents support initiatives like CCTV to reduce criminal and antisocial behaviour in Cannock.
- Specific hotspots such as abandoned garages on Keble Close and alleyways near Harrison Road were mentioned as needing coverage due to drug activity and rubbish accumulation.
- There is hope that cameras will improve security and deter drug dealing.

Concerns About Surveillance and Priorities

- Several residents strongly oppose surveillance, citing concerns about privacy and “Big Brother” tactics.
- Some feel the funding could be better spent on:
 - Supporting the homeless
 - Revitalising the town (e.g. clearing weeds, improving aesthetics)
 - Strengthening communities and supporting local businesses
 - Restoring community events like Christmas fireworks

Scepticism and Mixed Feelings

- A few residents are unsure whether the cameras will be effective or even operational.
- Some acknowledge past issues but note things have been quieter recently.