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## CCTV

The Town Council has made a decision to proceed with CCTV. We are keen that Marlborough continues to be a safe place to live, work and visit and need to know if you agree that an effective, legally compliant and value for money CCTV system is needed and installed in the town as part of an overall package in tackling crime and anti-social behaviour and to improve community safety.

It's not an easy decision with costs, requirements around the Protection of Freedoms and Data Protection laws and the actual levels of crime all having to be taken into consideration. Initial estimated costs are likely to be in the region of £25,000 - £35,000. Alongside installation, there will also be ongoing maintenance costs. The Town Council has already ring-fenced £20,000 towards this through savings and is working alongside the Chamber of Commerce to identify external funds. We are now looking at proposals from suppliers.

Prior to signing any contract, we feel that it's important to have your views on the overall principle of having CCTV in the town. There is also an opportunity for you to leave comments.



## CCTV IN MARLBOROUGH

Please let us know what you think by completing the relevant boxes below

Do you support the Town Council's decision to have CCTV in Marlborough?

Yes

No

Your Postcode

Additional Comments

Please return your completed surveys to  
Marlborough Town Council, 5 High Street,  
Marlborough, Wilts, SN8 1AA or respond to our  
online survey at

[www.marlboughtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.marlboughtowncouncil.gov.uk)

The consultation closes on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December  
2013

Thank you for taking part

## CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

### CCTV

#### 1. Summary

At the Full Town Council meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013, Town Councillors decided to undertake a consultation around the issue of CCTV in Marlborough. Over the last few years, CCTV has been debated and residents have been invited to express opinion through public meetings and unofficial straw polls. There has been no wide public consultation exercise by the Town Council about CCTV. It has also been prompted by the new Surveillance Code of Practice which urges local authorities to consult.

The consultation's aim was to find out if local people supported the Council's decision to install CCTV in Marlborough. As well as this question, all participants were asked to include their postcode and invited to add comments.

#### 2. Methodology

At the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November, wording to the draft consultation was amended and agreed. The survey was posted online on 8<sup>th</sup> November on the Town Council website at [www.marlboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.marlboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk). Links were posted on the Council's Facebook page, St John's website and Sparksite. The consultation was also included in the December edition of *Marlborough – Town and Country* and paper copies were available at the Library and Town Council offices. Posters were displayed on notice boards throughout the town. It was also promoted via Marlborough News Online and in editorial in the Gazette and Herald.

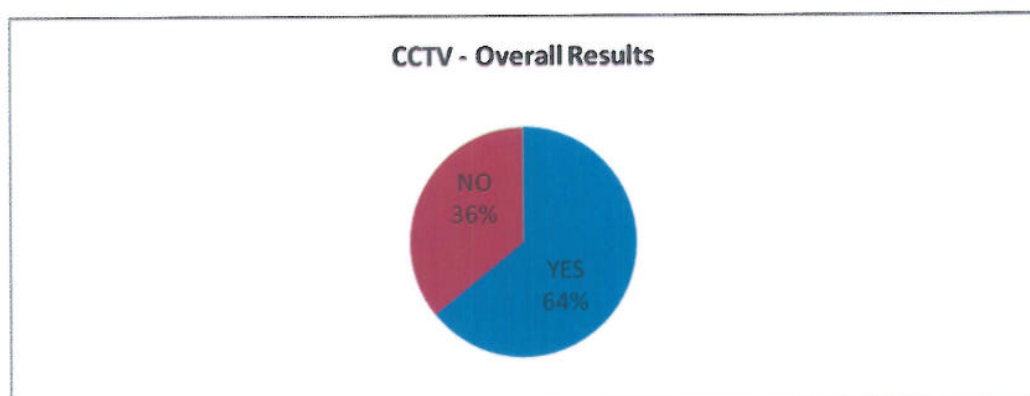
#### 3. Consultation Feedback – The Stats

The consultation ran from 8<sup>th</sup> November – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2013 (6 weeks). A total of **456** responses were received. Of these, **293 (64%)** were in favour and **163 (36%)** against. The outcome is broken down as follows:

ONLINE CONSULTATION	
YES	249
NO	151
<b>Total</b>	<b>400</b>

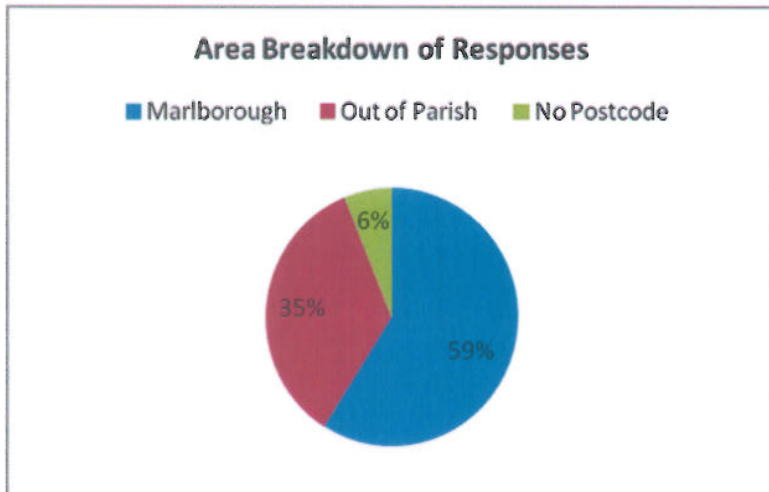
PAPER CONSULTATION (Town & Country, Council Offices, Library)	
YES	44
NO	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>

TOTAL RESULT	
YES	293
NO	163
<b>Total</b>	<b>456</b>

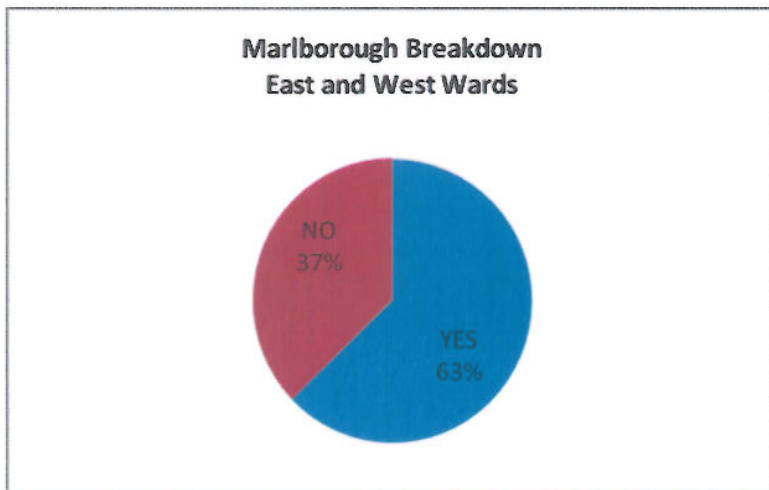


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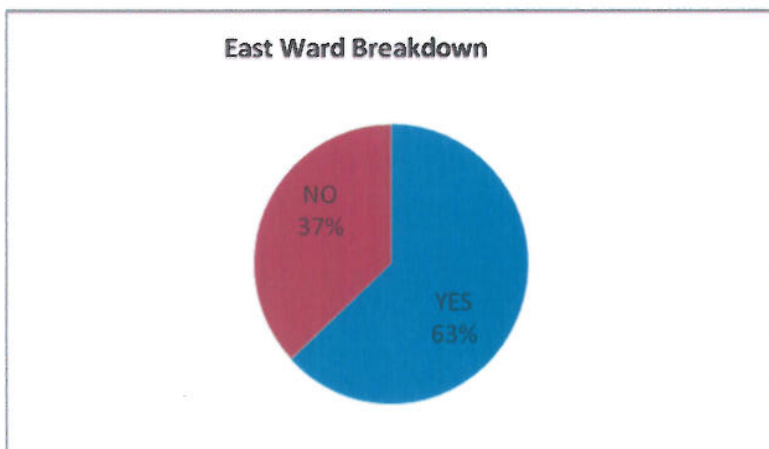
These overall results can be broken down further using postcodes. This way it can be seen how many responses were from Marlborough and from outside the parish. It is difficult to judge the demographics of those responding from outside the parish but they are likely to include pupils and parents at St John's and those people working in the town. The statistics for Marlborough have also been broken down into Wards - East and West. A total of 28 responses did not show a postcode (6% of all responses).



Responses Received	
Marlborough	269
Out of Parish	159
No Postcode	28
	456



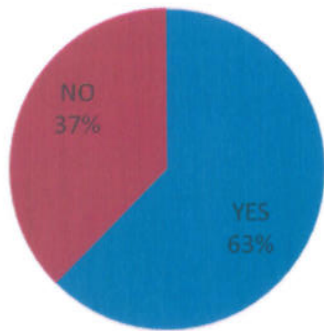
Marlborough Breakdown (East and West Wards)	
Yes	169
No	100
	269



East Ward	
Yes	87
No	51
	138

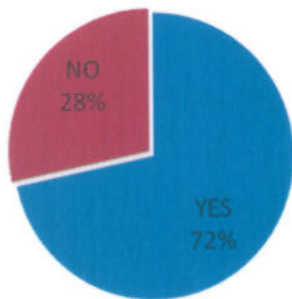


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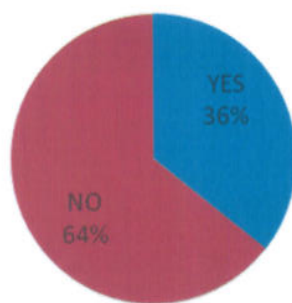
<b>West Ward</b>	
Yes	82
No	49
	131

**Out of Parish Breakdown**



<b>Outside of Parish</b>	
Yes	114
No	45
	159

**No Postcode**



<b>No Postcode</b>	
Yes	10
No	18
	28

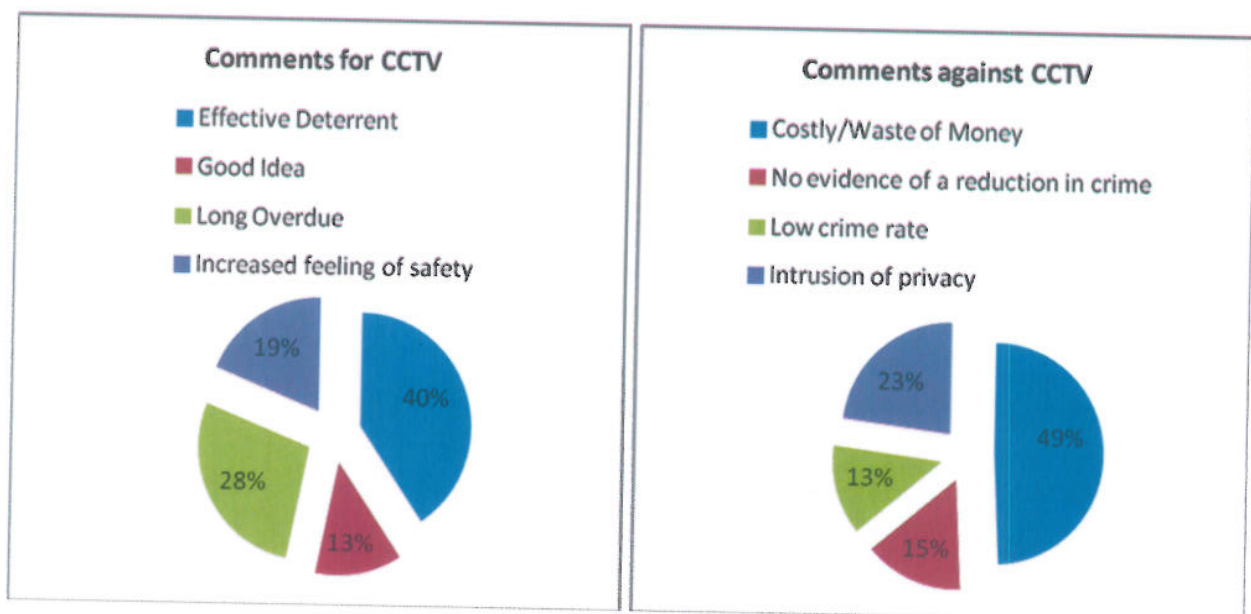
## 5. Observations

It is interesting to note that the response from both East and West Wards are very similar and shows that, together, the response from Marlborough is 63% in favour and 37% against (reflecting the overall result). Also, that those responding from outside of the parish voted overwhelmingly in favour of the decision to install CCTV (72% for and 28% against). The demographic of this group is not clear but, it is likely that they are parents and pupils from St John's, people who work in the town and those living in the surrounding area using the town as their service centre or tourists.

## 6. Additional Comment

Not all respondents left additional comments but where they did, most fell into broad themes. These were:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	
Yes	Effective deterrent and crime prevention Long overdue in Marlborough Increased feeling of safety Generally a good idea
No	Costly/Waste of public money Intrusion of privacy No evidence of a reduction in crime Low crime rate



Other comments included suggestions for sites, experiences of crime in the town, requests that a contribution should be made by the business community and more detail of cost. Also, that any system should be of high quality, that CCTV is no replacement for visible policing, that it will help improve the feeling of safety, it would help to provide evidence towards prosecution. A full list is at **Appendix 1**.

## 7. Conclusion

The statistics show that most feedback (64%) supports the Town Council's decision to install a CCTV system in Marlborough. The majority of comment shows that those supporting CCTV see it as a deterrent, which will give an increased feeling of safety and with many feeling that a system should have been in place some time ago. Those against CCTV (36%) see it as costly and a waste of public funds, an intrusion of privacy and that there is insufficient evidence to show that it will reduce crime rates.

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YES

Definitely – to stop High Street crime. We need it!
Excellent idea.
Safer environment, better for people and better for business.
Great idea.
It's a very good idea.
Long overdue.
CCTV is long overdue. It will help prevent crime e.g. the loss of the Mayors Chain.
Marlborough needs this deterrent against thieves.
CCTV is overdue in Marlborough.
Make chamber of Commerce pay for the running costs
Perhaps the media will then stop telling everyone that Marlborough is the only town without it, the results of which are obvious.
Sadly, we must move with the times to help us feel safer in the town.
This will improve security and make the town less attractive to criminals.
Sooner rather than later.
Provides 24 hour security for all.
To cover most areas of the town, the Parade. BackLane, London Road, etc
Long Overdue
Just go ahead and get it done! We may still have Mayoral chain if you had.
Right that CCTV will be in town
ASAP
I have worked with CCTV on the Isle of Wight and know that the system benefits the community
Long overdue
Sad but, necessary these days. Hopefully, it will increase security.
Stop dithering - we will be the target of criminals.
Good idea
CCTV can be an effective deterrent to crime/antisocial behaviour, but it should be borne in mind that it is only effective if a)of sufficient quality to identify people or vehicles in a range of weather and lighting conditions (which can be costly).
Definitely yes. I don't know why it has taken so long for it even to be considered.
Long overdue. Marlborough has let itself become a target for criminal and anti-social behaviour because it has no deterrent. Police cannot be in attendance 24 hours a day CCTV cameras work around the clock.
I believe at least one re-deployable camera is essential to home in on hot spots as various ASB that takes place moves around. Just the element of surprise and never being quite sure if a camera is around will deter some of the behaviours.
This long awaited CCTV will act as a deterrent and make us all feel a lot safer. Recent events in the Town has made this matter inevitability. We look to the Town Council to make the move now and not delay any longer.
I think it's a good idea as will help crime prevention and combat anti social behaviour
I agree with having CCTV, but will object to it if I the resident of the town has to accept taking the full cost of it in my council tax! I think local (High St) shops, pubs, offices etc should take at least 75% of the cost as after all they will benefit.
As a young person I would certainly feel more safe walking through the high street. Brilliant idea!!
The sooner the better
I would definitely like to see CCTV in Marlborough.



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I feel it is really important in view of the recent thefts in the town.
CCTV will act mainly as a deterrent. Unfortunately our over worked and under staffed police force cannot be everywhere at once. I would much rather have them on the street and interacting with the community.
Should be linked in with the college CCTV to enable savings and better coverage of the town
Most of the towns surrounding Marlborough have it. This town seems to be an easy target for thieves.
Not before time.
I have reservations about the ongoing cost year by year – have heard of not even a “ball park” figure.
Change is good and we need to get with the times
I believe if it can only help with 1 crime incident it is worth it!
I consider it a sensible idea to install CCTV. It will in my opinion, be a deterrent to an opportunist thief in the fact that it is there. Marlborough is a lovely town and needs to stay that way.
It's about time the Council got on with this and stopped pussy footing around. I have watched with dismay as certain councillors started from a hostile rejection of any scheme to one of benign support. I really dislike small town politics.
Following the recent spate of crime in the High Street with thefts and robberies we would actively encourage any CCTV in the town centre to protect businesses and discourage criminal activity. We feel Marlborough is being targeted for its lack of CCTV.
Long overdue.
Because it will be good for the town.
The scheme outlined is a good start and we hope that it will be extended as funds become available.
Over the years there have been numerous incidents - the most recent attack on Deacons Jewellers springs to mind - where the presence of CCTV cameras would probably have deterred those perpetrating it. It would also help in the identification of minor crime.
I commute to and from work on the High St by foot; having CCTV would make me feel safer. Only those with something to hide would feel it is not needed
Over due
CCTV cut crime in Devizes by almost 50%!
Feel it is essential to have CCTV in our High Street. Provide a greater sense of security and a deterrent for criminal and anti - social acts.
Fantastic about time too.
Absolutely essential as we are known to be a high quality Town Centre with no visible camera security in operation. We have had too many High Street robberies in the last few years.
This is a no brainer to the residents of Marlborough yet Marlborough Town Council has their own agenda and are blinkered in understanding the Towns need and CCTV should be a priority now.
Funny how the Town council can raise thousands, (or was is hundreds of thousands?), to improve the Town Hall, but can't raise the funds for CCTV to ensure protection for the whole town.
The Town Council should pay 100% of the cost.
Sadly, in this day and age CCTV is almost a minimum requirement for a town such as ours.
Due to all the shoplifting in the town and other crimes, I think it is vital. People will feel safer with CCTV around and hopefully it would cut crime
This should have been installed 10 years ago. Look at the crime it would have prevented
Definitely a good idea as long as the CCTV is monitored and maintained properly.
I fear that things are likely to get worse and it is better to take action earlier rather than later
About time. Robberies in town tell you they are needed



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Not before time and the theft of the Mayoral chain was another bit of proof re the need -the Town is a sitting duck for thieves.
I think CCTV coverage in Marlborough is long overdue and am delighted that the council are now proceeding with it.
It can only be a good thing and people with nothing to hide have nothing to fear from it.
It will assist in keeping at bay the recent spate of robberies especially if we inform larger areas like Coventry
As long as we don't have CCTV, we will be an easy target. It will surely serve as a deterrent.
It is sad that it comes to having CCTV but given that most people are law abiding, there is nothing to fear from the cameras.
The teenage sons of two of my friends have been viciously attacked after an evening out in Marlborough. In one case, there was clear CCTV footage from a local pubs own device and the attacker was convicted, as a result.
As long as funds from other necessary services has not been channelled to this project. Who will be monitoring the output and what will it be used for.
Without it we will be targeted as a soft touch.
This is a great idea - we need Marlborough to be a safe environment for residents, visitors, retailers & staff.
CCTV is an integral part of Crime Prevention. I strongly believe that due to the Town Councils very open dispute, it has brought unwanted attention to the Town and suspect which is why the Town has suffered some high profile crimes
Whether CCTV actually reduces crime is one argument. At this moment in time, any deterrent and any potential reduction in the fear of crime warrants CCTV installation a must.
Thanks for the notification. Regrettably this initiative appears to be rather too High-Street-centric for me to comment - it seems to lose sight of the fact that other areas of the town are at much greater risk of break-ins or vandalism.
Hope this happens very soon
Sadly, I think it is something that all towns need to consider these days, even Marlborough. With a rise in crimes such as pick pocketing, tampering with ATMs, not to mention occasional acts of violence (thank heaven we don't see too much of that).
ASAP
About time!
As I work for one of the town's retailers who has been targeted on several occasion with gang theft. I feel it is important to mention but I feel is being completely over looked, the effects these thefts have on the members of staff who work in the stores.
Please ensure the area around St Marys and Patton Alley is covered!
It is well over due our town needs and deserves to feel safe and this may go a little way to making that happen.
CCTV is way over due in Marlborough and I can't understand why the Town Council ( particularly certain Councillors) have not put this into operation some years ago. CCTV is not only useful for identifying criminals/shoplifters but very much acts as a deterrent.
It is really important to support local businesses. Not doing so encourages crime in the town centre.
Where have the worst crimes in Marlborough happened? Murder in Figgins Lane, rape in the Hughenden Yard area, to remember a couple. Don't forget people are too highly valued to carry insurance.
It's always a good idea to have such vigilance.
Of course there should be CCTV as a safety device! My daughter is at school in the town and I would feel more comfortable if there was CCTV there! I think it is unthinkable for Marlborough to not have this when much smaller towns such as Devizes have.



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CCTV will help solve crime and identify perpetrators of crime and bring them to justice . Also CCTV can help protect the community by providing visible information and data to a specific situation. It may also act as a deterrent for potential criminals.
Its about time Marlborough Town Councillors stop our town being a soft target from criminals!
Imperative because of burglaries, vandalism and for vulnerable teenagers, like my daughter who had just finished a work shift and was followed around town by man in car-at 9 on a Wednesday evening. Thankfully there was a police van in town for her to go to.
I think that if it helps prevent any sort of crime it is worth it. For those people who think it is an infringement of their privacy, if they're not doing any wrong it shouldn't have any effect on them.
I work in Marlborough and would feel safer with cameras, I also have 3 children that would benefit from the increased security they would provide.
CCTV would detract a lot of crime. Plus if a crime were committed it is valuable evidence. Should have happened years ago.
I work in town and I know how much this would benefit. People might not want to be watched but what is the problem if they aren't doing anything wrong? Also, people worry about being watched yet they all carry a mobile phone will traces their steps
Landmark fully stands behind the scheme, as we have from the day that we opened our doors to the public in March 2010. The system will be a vital weapon in perpetrating the people that see Marlborough as an easy target for theft.
I totally agree with the idea and benefits CCTV would bring, but please be considerate to the ""look and feel" so that we don't lose the character of the town and turn Marlborough into just any old town. Marlborough is a special place.
Yes...go ahead
I support the provision of CCTV as the father of two teenage daughters to enhance public safety in the town.
Keep this town safe and deter wrong doings
It's sad that it has come to this, but with recent events I feel it is now a necessity.
Why not I believe is the question we should ask.
Marlborough is seen as a soft touch for criminals, both locally and further afield. CCTV is an absolute must.
My children attend St. Johns school - I think it is a good idea
I think it is very important to have CCTV we have been too long without it. The sooner it happens the better.
As our postcode suggests, we do not live in Marlborough...however, my 12 year old daughter is schooled at St John's and next year my second daughter will attend the school. So I will be a constant visitor to the town for potentially the next 8 years.
Why wouldn't anyone want CCTV? It protects us all and deters criminals. Better late than never. It works out at about £3.00 per person in Marlborough. Please just do it!
If it helps to prevent crime then yes. However, I do not believe it should be funded by local businesses. I think it should be funded by councils and if local businesses want CCTV then let them fit their own in their own personal spaces to protect their properties.
We would like clarification of exactly where the CCTV is going to be located, outside school for example?
We need to keep Marlborough a lovely place to live in and our high street a safe place to spend time in and the cameras will help with this.
Excellent idea all towns in the UK benefit from CCTV
Sadly, I feel it has become necessary.
I have lived in this spot for 8 years. The alley way up to St Marys church and St Marys Church garden area needs CCTV as there is regular disturbance of the peace in the early hours of Saturday and Sunday mornings, when drunk people become loud and aggressive.



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I totally support a decision to proceed with CCTV in Marlborough. Having CCTV sends out all the right signals. Marlborough is not a soft touch nor are we trying pry into people's lives. It is simply a watchful eye in order to prevent crime.
Long overdue
I think its important that the town has CCTV coverage, otherwise it will be a magnet for shoplifters and pick pockets
We have noise disturbance and vandalism in our street. If CCTV doesn't deter criminals, perhaps it all provides evidence for prosecution.
Long overdue
I have teenage girls. Just knowing there is an extra eye on them will be a blessing. As a main town and a stopping place for all our villages, we need this. It is long overdue.
My son attends St John's school And catches the late bus back to Baydon from Marlborough High Street, the extra safety is important to us especially in the dark cold nights of winter.
Yes it should have been done years ago.
I support CCTV to feel safer
My daughter has just started at St. John's and while she isn't old enough to be walking around Marlborough by herself or with friends yet, there will inevitably come a time when she is.
Great idea.
It is about time really. Only criminals or those with something to hide need worry about CCTV. Just make sure they work and are put in the most appropriate positions, and are maintained so that they are there when they are needed.
About time. Much needed security measure.
Having worked the market for many years, many times have I seen lads beaten and bloodied. CCTV should have been installed years ago.
It is a good deterrent to criminals, if you are not doing anything wrong then you have nothing to hide.
Yes we need CCTV to feel a bit safer
If it had been in place an assault that happened to my daughter may have got to court and the man wouldn't have walked away!
It's a good deterrent to people who commit any social behaviour etc .
Badly Needed
Quality not cost
Who is going to be paying for it? Is the council tax going to increase next year to cover the cost?
Safety has to be no.1 !

**NO**

There are other ways of keeping streets safe.
Retailers should pay not the residents.
Expensive for little or no return.
If the Council has spare funds, they should use them to reduce the Council Tax.
The rich shop owners could pay for their own CCTV.
It is my money being wasted to make the posh shops feel better. How much are they investing to make me feel secure?
I think it unnecessary and would prefer the money to be used for young teenager, e.g. bus travel.
A criminal waste of money, has no one read Nick Fogg's report.
I strongly object to this proposal as a waste of public money. The low crime levels in Marlborough do not require CCTV for public protection and I object to being spied on whilst going about my business in the town.
I have seen no compelling evidence that it serves to reduce crime. There are parts of the country which are



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bristling with cameras where levels of crime still remain relatively high, and in Marlborough, which has had no CCTV, crime has remained relatively low.
CCTV is not going to prevent anything when the majority of the time most policing is done from outside the town.
Crime levels in Marlborough are already very low; we live in one of the safest places in the country. There is no evidence that CCTV has any effect on anti-social behaviour. Aside from that, I do not wish to have to pay for initial or ongoing costs of CCTV.
CCTV will not answer the policing “problems” of Marlborough. Crime in this town is low. Anti social behaviour needs bobbies on the beat, sanctions against those who sell alcohol and an understanding of this societies overall problems. Businesses can pay for CCTV.
This is a complete waste of public funds. I have lived in many towns and Marlborough is certainly at the top of the safety scale. We need to spend money on dealing with social issues.
There is no need for CCTV in the High Street. The prompt action from other shop-keepers and members of the public during the recent break in of the jewellers shop shows that we are a cohesive community. If shop-keepers want CCTV they should pay for it themselves.
Having listened to many arguments, for and against the installation of CCTV in our small rural market town, with its minute crime rates, I feel the basically very low level of crime preventable or prosecutable means this is a waste of money and resources.
Not needed, low crime rate, too expensive waste of money.
I feel that this is a waste of money. No end of studies is out there showing that CCTV has a negligible effect in pretty much every crime area except that in car parks. A camera cannot chase down and arrest a wrong-doer or intervene to prevent a mugging.
An unproven deterrent
CCTV is a waste of money which could be better spent on other community projects. It is wrong to film people on public land, especially when there is so little crime in Marlborough, this is an invasion of privacy.
Not needed.
I think it is stupid and that the police have nothing better to than spy and arrest the youth for smoking cigarettes, my son got harassed the other day for walking through the recreational ground at 20.45 on Saturday night with his hood up, he got questioned.
This country is becoming like George Orwell’s 1984
Waste of money!
CCTV is destroying our nation and our right as a people to feel free. We are not under the supervision of the State and therefore do not require monitoring! This is a breach of decency and compassion
Big brother much?
Doesn’t anyone have any privacy? A nation that can’t just get on and live life without wasting OUR money on these plans, which I’m sure will come over budget as most things do. Also when do people have any freedom?
Waste of money. Fix it by youth centres!!
No, this is a waste of taxpayer’s money! Ridiculous that this is even being thought of!
There is not enough crime in Marlborough to being spending such a large amount of money on CCTV! The rare occasions that crime does happen people get caught without spending £20,000! That money could be used a lot better.
I am against CCTV as it is a costly and ineffective deterrent to crime. But this consultation does not present residents with the full facts to make a decision. I Instead you have presented a biased and misleading case for people to respond to.
Just unbelievable, can we no more go on with our daily lives in our very own hometown without being surveyed, judged and victimised as a result of an unnecessary invested that will commercialise this towns authenticity?
DEFIANTLY NOT. A complete invasion of privacy!! Marlborough is a place to be proud of the fact,



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that even walking through the High Street you are NOT being constantly tracked/filmed by CCTV, and thinking it's alright to spend over 25K on it, what a joke.
Myself and many others I've spoken to feel that Marlborough is a perfectly safe place to live, no one I know has come into contact with anti social behaviour and we've lived in and around the town all our lives.
Reasons for NOT having CCTV 1) USP for the town is not having CCTV 2) If shops feel they need it they should pay for their own security. 3) The crime figures are do not show any difference between those places that have than those that do
THIS IS STUPID! A WASTE OF MONEY! Try thinking of a better way of using this available money, say public transport, homeless individuals or even just making Marlborough a better place to live.
I would rather see a traditional foot (or horse) police patrol on the high street which is more in keeping with the ambience, style and history of the town. It is not clear whether this move to CCTV is also aimed at monitoring parking in the town.
Where is the evidence that shows CCTV cameras reduce crime and anti social behaviour?
Not changing my view until we know the running and depreciation costs of this system, and how much the Chamber of Commerce is prepared to contribute.
Shopkeepers want it so they should pay for it not the Town Council who will no doubt increase the precept even more. In view of the £30,00 predicted shortfall in income 2014 financial year the precept increase could be considerable.
I believe CCTV is not the answer, the Deacons robbery took place in broad daylight with many witnesses, CCTV would not have prevented that. The Mayor's chain, not sure if CCTV would have stopped that. CCTV lots of money, could be spent on more visible policing.
Marlborough continues to be one of the safest places in England. Therefore this expenditure is unnecessary and monies, could be better spent on the young in the town.
Those businesses that would really benefit from CCTV can or already do have their own systems. A public system would be an expensive way of interfering with the day to day privacy of Marlborough's citizens and visitors.
Surely this consultation should have preceded the decision. I think it is a terrible waste of money to have CCTV. We are all responsible for our own security why should the shop keepers be treated differently.
We have enough intrusions into our daily life already.
There is no clear evidence from various research findings that CCTV reduces crime. Crime may merely be displaced from the city and in any case the initial impact lessens over time. Positioning is critical.
Waste of money, concentrate on more social housing.....or is that too common?????
The street crime rate does not justify a system like this, which has become simply a political football for local politicians to score points. CCTV will be an ugly addition to wherever it is placed and introduced big brother policing to our town.
Does the cost of breakage and crime that could sensibly be stopped in the areas CCTV will be placed annually exceed that estimated to install and manage the CCTV system pro rata over its lifetime?
How can you make a decision based on feelings and not facts? I think you will find if you were to speak to an insurance company Marlborough has one of the lowest crime figures in Wiltshire. I've owned shops in town for 9 years
This is going to be a white elephant.
Does not stop crime, money better spent on toilets, tourist centre, kids facilities etc.
Absolute waste of money, think what 55k plus could be used for in terms of benefitting the town rather than what i can only understand as an invasion of privacy thinly veiled as a response to incredibly overstated crime and anti-social behaviour levels.
This is a very safe town and I personally don't think CCTV would have stopped the recent thefts.
Not keen on BIG Brother
I don't consider CCTV an effective deterrent and therefore not good value for money as a way of



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combating crime. What about the ongoing costs? We have too much surveillance of our lives and it's a pleasure to know that Marlborough is a CCTV free zone.
There are better things to spend money on in Marlborough - part of the charm of living here is that, unlike other towns, your every move isn't watched. It should be down to the individual stores to install CCTV if they require it.
Waste of money!
This is a waste of our money; the money should be spent on providing better facilities for our people. We do not have a crime rate that justifies this expense. CCTV is used a sop to our citizens to make them feel safer.
The commercial community should bear the cost of CCTV as it is their property it will protect. Residents should not bear any cost as CCTV in the commercial area will not protect surrounding residential property.
The cost of CCTV should be borne solely by the commercial community as they are insisting on it to protect their property. The residents would not gain any protection from CCTV and it would not prevent car vandalism in St. Martins for instance.
We already have quite enough surveillance.
Does the level of crime really warrant such an expensive and intrusive measure? It is in most pubs and shops anyway.
CCTV is an intrusion to privacy and won't actually prevent crime. Appropriate policing would be much better.
Anti social behaviour and crime is minimal - I object to a further loss of privacy - one of the lovely things about Marlborough is how welcoming it is. CCTV will certainly send out the wrong message.
I think Marlborough is already a safe place to live. I believe CCTV to be an over-reaction to a very occasional problem and resent the intrusion implied by the system.
I hate the idea of being watched 24/7, but also understand the benefit of recording any crimes but would prefer if Marlborough could stay CCTV free.
I don't believe it should be down to the residents of Marlborough to pay for CCTV when shops (and in particular the jewellers) have the most to benefit.
Completely unnecessary and expensive. Also a massive intrusion into normal residents lives.
Incidents of crime in Marlborough are thankfully rare. I see no need for the expenditure or intrusion on our lives.
Let's resist the inevitable spread of surveillance, which infringes our rights to move around freely. We must not submit to paranoia and defensiveness.
Unclear problem, unclear benefits Unclear overall cost.
Waste of money, displaces crime and doesn't stop it. If the council has money to burn spend it on real police officers.
I can hardly believe you're considering this. People in this country, including people in Marlborough are having to choose between heating and eating and you really think this is where your attention and focus should be?
How can you justify spending that sort of money on a system which is an invasion of privacy and tantamount to spying. I would rather see the money spent on things which BENEFIT people and increase peoples wellbeing:
A lot of expense for little gain as far as I can see. Need a lot more information that showed the need and benefits before I would be able to say yes to this proposal
We are the most watched country in the world and I do NOT support the introduction of CCTV in Marlborough. Marlborough is a busy thriving town, there are lots of witnesses buzzing around town should any crime happen.
I don't think the council has established a clear need and doesn't have a robust method for measuring the

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results.
With talk of a substantial increase in the town precept next year this seems an odd time to be adding additional expense to the budget. Rates of crime in Marlborough are mercifully low.
Far too expensive and unnecessary in Marlborough.
It is an unnecessary invasion of privacy in a Town with a very low crime rate.
It is an expensive project which, as I understand it, is unlikely to have a significant impact on crime rates. While CCTV might make people feel safer, I'm not convinced it makes a difference to actual crime rates.
Many studies (Home Office and Academic) show that CCTV systems are not necessarily efficient in their overall impact on the incidence of crime. CCTV systems are complex to set up and expensive to run, maintain and update.
How can this be a valid public input to the decision making process when the Council has already taken the decision to proceed with the surveillance system?