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Dear Sharon

Witney CCTV Scheme

Thank you for your letter regarding Witney town centre's CCTV, triggered by the recent critical failure of equipment located in the monitoring control room, based in Witney Police Station.

We were able to apply a short-term, temporary fix to keep the system operational, meaning no loss of coverage. However, to clarify the point made in your letter, the £44,365 capital investment recently made by West Oxfordshire District Council was not a repair. The new installation is a state of the art, digital monitoring and recording system.

Whilst the existing analogue cameras are compatible with the digital monitoring equipment, to gain optimum use of its full functionality there is every intention to implement a planned programme of activity during 2023 to replace all of the cameras with digital, high definition ones. This would attract further capital investment in excess of £200,000.

I trust this gives your Council the assurances needed for its continued financial support for Witney's CCTV scheme, which includes the 365 days monitoring as well as the equipment.

Yours sincerely



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