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You may be aware that, in March 2009, the Department for Transport required Westminster City Council to stop using wireless cameras for parking enforcement. This was because our wireless digital cameras did not meet the necessary resolution to obtain approved device certification, as required under the Traffic Management Act 2004.

Following a programme of technical upgrades, the Vehicle Certification Agency (VCA) has now certified our cameras and network for use in parking enforcement. We will therefore resume using our wireless cameras from 8th March 2010. Cameras have been deployed on-street in advance of this date, and red camera signs are being put up at each camera location seven days prior to the camera being switched back on to advise the public that CCTV is in operation.

The cameras are deployed at locations where they can help deliver the Council's objectives in respect of traffic management and crime and disorder. They serve multiple roles, or have been deployed following specific concerns, such as at known accident and congestion hotspots.

In addition to the 96 wireless cameras that are being switched back on in their previous locations, 19 new sites have been identified at which a camera can be deployed for the purposes of parking and traffic enforcement; these are highlighted in the table enclosed in the Ward Pack. If you have any comments about the proposed new camera sites prior to commencing enforcement, I would invite you to contact me.

Warning notices will be issued to the registered keeper of any vehicle identified as contravening the parking and moving traffic regulations for a two week period at all new camera sites only.

We will continue to review the locations of all cameras deployed across the City, to determine whether they should be moved from their current sites. When it is determined that compliance with the parking and moving traffic regulations has improved and there are no additional operational requirements for a camera at the location, we will relocate the camera to an alternative site using the criteria identified in the attached Ward Pack.

Please find more information enclosed in your Ward Pack, which also includes a map of deployed camera sites. Further information on parking regulations is available in the Council's 'Park Right' booklet, or on our website at www.westminster.gov.uk/transportandstreets/parking/cctv. If you have any specific questions, please contact parkingenquiries@westminster.gov.uk.

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