

Installation of CCTV Cameras

Uxbridge Quaker Meeting House

Explanation

The Meeting House stands in its own grounds surrounded on all sides by low walls, three of which are listed, grade II.

Its location on the edge of the Uxbridge shopping centre and along two main roads brings a heavy footfall in its vicinity.

Further, the grounds are set back on one side behind the Friends Garden and Friends Walk.

Much of the surrounding garden has planted shrubs and trees, (some protected by TPOs), giving rise to secluded parts of the building's exterior with restricted site lines from the road, further restricted by the planting in Friends Garden.

In 1988 the building sustained serious damage due to an arson attack. Since then we have frequent 'visitors' to the garden which is regularly used by people meeting to drink alcohol and, on occasions, rough sleepers.

This summer as well as regular drinkers we experienced evidence of drug taking along with associated small fires being lit against exterior walls and graffiti sprayed.

As it is not possible to make the garden 'secure' we sought the advice of the Police Community Safety Team and the Borough's Community Safety Officer. Amongst other recommendations was the provision of CCTV linked to a recording device. Whilst the purpose of the installation is mainly deterrence, we will be able to record images of people moving around the exterior of the building.
