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CAMPAIGN GROUP RELEASES REPORT AGAINST CCTV

No CCTV has presented the case against CCTV in a 23-page Interim Report. The Report considers the use of surveillance cameras in the UK with particular reference to a proposed scheme in East Oxford.

The report focuses on media coverage, crime statistics, the climate of fear, the effectiveness of CCTV, the Home Office's national CCTV strategy, civil liberties concerns and some specific issues related to the East Oxford proposals.

"Surveillance cameras clearly present a serious threat to privacy and civil liberties and the alleged trade-offs of safety or security are unproven and vastly outweighed by the risk of creating a police state." (Page 3)

No CCTV hope to produce an extended report early in the New Year. The British public need to wake up to the dangers of modern surveillance.

"Anonymity is not a crime, in fact English common law is built upon a right to anonymity implicit in the right to walk down the street unchallenged provided you are not doing something specifically legislated against." (Page 13)

Better community reduces crime, technology does not.

The report can be downloaded from the press section of the No CCTV website - <http://www.no-cctv.org.uk/press>

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