

<b>APPLICATION NO.</b>	DC/10/51860	<b>ASSISTANT:</b>	JBB
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>			
<b>DATE RECEIVED:</b>	19th February 2010	<b>LANDFILL:</b>	

**As amended on:**

<b>Name and Address of Applicant</b>	<b>Name and Address of Agent</b>
Mr Martin Port Po Box 80 Trinity Street Oldbury B69 4LN	

<b>Description of Proposal</b>	<b>Situation of Proposal</b>
Proposed construction of a 10m high column equipped with a CCTV camera.	Rhodia Rattlechain Lagoon Johns Lane Oldbury

1. Recommendation

It is recommended that permission be granted subject the fitting of a fixed plate behind the camera to prevent it from being able to look into nearby residential properties in Callaghan Drive.

2. Observations

The application refers to a waste lagoon that lies to the east of Johns Lane. There are residential properties to the south, an industrial estate to the west, a railway line and canal to the north and the former Duport's Tip to the east.

It is proposed to install a cctv camera just to the south west of the waters edge. It will be a full pan, tilt and zoom camera mounted on a 10m high pole and is for security surveillance purposes only. The applicant has written separately to nearby residents assuring them that the camera will not be able to view their properties.

The application has been publicised by site notice and neighbour notification letters. No objections have been received to date. In answer to a query from a resident, the applicant has confirmed: -

- (i) There will be no lighting to enable the equipment to be used at night;
- (ii) A small fixed plate will be installed behind the camera to prevent it from being able to look into nearby residential properties in Callaghan Drive.

The Inland Waterways Association has requested that the privacy of canal users will be similarly protected.

Because of its isolated location and the nature of the waste materials in the lagoon, the site is quite hazardous. It is therefore sensible to install a surveillance camera so that the site can be monitored from the company's headquarters in Oldbury. Subject to the protection of the privacy of nearby residents, it is recommended that permission be granted. However, I am not convinced that the camera will be sufficiently close to the canal to require a similar protection for canal users.

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### 3. Reason for Recommended Decision

Because of its isolated location and the nature of the waste materials in the lagoon, it sensible to install a surveillance camera provided that the privacy of nearby residents is protected.

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### 4. Relevant History

None relevant

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### 5. Central Government Guidance

None relevant