

Council: 13 September 2005

Administration Policy Item: Cllr. Matthew Offord

No Cash Cameras

Council notes with dismay the ALG meeting that decided to push ahead with decriminalised traffic enforcement through CCTV only.

Council notes that this move meant the ALG abandoned pilots investigating manual traffic enforcement, which is regarded by many as a fairer and more effective method.

Council believes that this decision, pushed through by Labour and Liberal representatives, will lead to a rash of "Cash Cameras" across London, designed to squeeze money out of motorists at "easy" sites.

Council conversely believes that traffic enforcement must be designed to cut congestion and manage road use; it should not be used as a tool to make money.

Council welcomes the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport's statement that he will be proposing that Barnet will not be part of this scheme to squeeze cash out of motorists using CCTV.

Council calls on Cabinet to continue to oppose these cash cameras. Council also asks Cabinet to work with the ALG to find a fairer and more effective means of traffic enforcement, including manual enforcement, one that would be acceptable to all residents of this Borough and of London.