

Planning Officer's Report – LDCA APRIL 2025

APPLICATION	2025/11 – Installation of CCTV Cameras
PERMISSION SOUGHT	Full Permission
REGISTERED	4 March 2025
APPLICANT	Post & Customer Services Centre, St Helena Government
PARCEL	JT050024
LOCALITY	Back Yard of Post Office Building
ZONE	Intermediate
CONSERVATION AREA	Jamestown Historic
CURRENT USE	Commercial
PUBLICITY	The application was advertised as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Sentinel Newspaper on 6 March 2025.▪ A site notice displayed in accordance with Regulations.
EXPIRY	20 March 2025
REPRESENTATIONS	None
DECISION ROUTE	Delegated / LDCA / EXCO

A. CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

1. Sewage & Water Division	No Objection
2. Energy Division	No Objection – Comment & Sketch
3. Fire & Rescue	No Objection
4. Roads Section	No Objection
5. Property Division	No Response
6. Environmental Management	No Response
7. Environmental Health	No Response
8. Agriculture & Natural Resources	No Objection
9. St Helena Police Services	No Response
10. Aerodrome Safe Guarding	Not Consulted as Per Aerodrome Guidance
11. Economic Development	No Objection
12. National Trust	No Objection
13. Sure SA Ltd	No Objection
14. Heritage Society	No Response
15. Maritime	Not Applicable

B. PLANNING OFFICER'S APPRAISAL

LOCALITY & ZONING

This development site is at the Back Yard of the Post Office Building in Jamestown, where the plot is designated within the Intermediate Zone and Jamestown Historic Conservation Area. The Post Office Building is Grade II Listed.

Diagram 1: Location Plan



PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The Applicant proposes to install two CCTV cameras, positioned at two different locations; one on the external wall of the entrance to the mail sorting office, at the rear of the Post Office and one affixed to the external, south-facing wall of the Waste Management Office Building, located in the Car Park area at the rear of the Post Office Building.

The dimensions of each CCTV camera are; height of 7cm and diameter of 14.9cm. The reason for the installation of the two CCTV cameras, is to provide additional security to this area that is the main hub for various Government offices and operations and housing assets, including vehicles.

Diagram 2: CCTV Camera Schematic

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AXIS M4317-PLVE Panoramic Camera

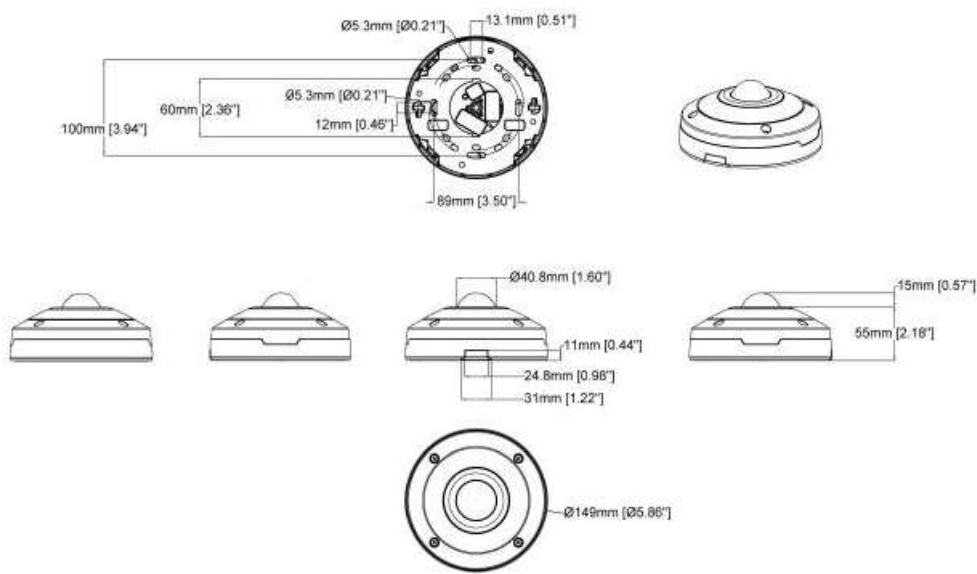
6 MP dome with 360° view and deep learning

With a 6 MP sensor, this discreet mini dome offers excellent image quality and a complete 180° or 360° overview. Featuring a stereographic lens and Sharpdome 388, it delivers greater sharpness at the edges of the image. Built-in IR illumination with individually controllable LEDs ensures clear, reflection-free footage and excellent image quality even in low light or complete darkness. A deep learning processing unit enables unique opportunities for analytics based on deep learning. Plus, AXIS Object Analytics can detect and classify humans, vehicles, and types of vehicles. Furthermore, Axis Edge Vault protects your Axis device ID and simplifies authorization of Axis devices on your network.

- > Complete 180° and 360° overview
- > Built-in IR with individual IR LEDs
- > Support for deep learning analytics
- > Built-in cybersecurity features
- > Digital roll for ease of installation



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Technical drawing showing dimensions for the Axis M4317-PLVE Panoramic Camera:

- Top view: 100mm [3.94"], 60mm [2.36"], Ø5.3mm [Ø0.21"], 12mm [0.48"], 13.1mm [0.51"], 69mm [3.50"]
- Side view: Ø40.8mm [1.60"], 11mm [0.44"], 24.8mm [0.98"], 31mm [1.22"]
- Bottom view: 15mm [0.57"], 56mm [2.18"]
- Bottom view: Ø149mm [Ø5.86"]

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Diagram 3: Position of Camera 1



Diagram 4: Position of Camera 2

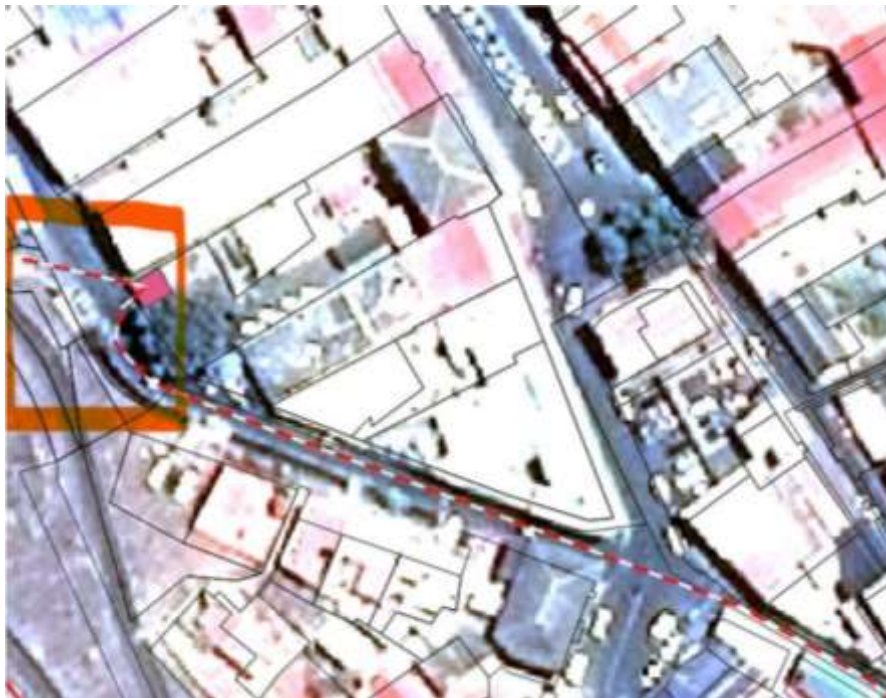


STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK & REPRESENTATIONS

There were no representations or objections received from stakeholders or any members of the public. However, a comment was made by *Connect St. Helena Energy* detailed below.

Connect St. Helena Ltd

Connect has Underground Cables as per the sketch. There may be Low Voltage UG cables also. If there is any trench work, need to obtain clearance.



LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

The relevant policies of the Land Development Control Plan (LDCP 2012 - 2022) that are applicable in the assessment of the proposed development are set out below:

- Intermediate Zone Policy IZ1
- Built Heritage Policies BH1, BH2, BH3
- Emergency and Public Services Policy ES1

OFFICER'S ASSESSMENT

In assessing this proposal, the installation of the two CCTV cameras will address and provide the need for additional security in this area, especially at times when it is not occupied.

ES1 Policy states *"Development permission will be granted for infrastructure necessary for the effective provision of emergency services appropriate to the island's development needs, including ambulance, fire and rescue; and for effective*

policing...” The CCTV cameras can be considered essential infrastructure in this central area of Government occupation and operations and housing of assets.

Policy BH1 b) indicates that development which affects historic structures and their setting and does not encourage, support and include its conservation...will not be permitted and BH1c) states that *“permission will only be allowed in Historical Conservation Areas if it enhances and protects the character of the Area by reference to scale, proportion, details and external materials”*. The proposal would introduce a modern (21st Century) development to the *“fine Victorian building”* (as described in the Crallan report of Listed Buildings, 1974), which was previously the Officer’s Mess but now The Post Office. It would not blend in or be of materials which would match the existing external materials, however, the CCTV cameras *would* be small, simple installations with muted colours, attached to the exterior of the Listed Building.

It is considered that the CCTV cameras are of very small scale with minimal visual impact, are located away from public viewpoints and will meet the aims of providing additional, higher level of security to this primary Government work area that also holds various Government assets.

Furthermore, the proposed development would be easily removable and are attached to the walls facing into the yard area, such that they would not result in any significant harm to the fabric or character of the Listed Building or on the special character and appearance of the Jamestown Heritage Conservation Area due to their siting away from public viewpoints.

A condition will be attached to require removal of this equipment if, for any reason, they are no longer required in these circumstances.

To conclude; this development proposal can be supported, as it would have no significant adverse effect on the Grade II Listed Building or on the special character and appearance of the Jamestown Historic Conservation Area or on general amenity or aesthetic of the immediate area. The proposal complies with the Intermediate Zone, Built Heritage and Emergency Services policies and therefore can be supported.