

Witness Name: Colin Michael Wilderspin

Statement No: WITN0224018

Dated: 02/12/2025

IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTTINGHAM INQUIRY

SECOND WITNESS STATEMENT OF COLIN MICHAEL WILDERSPIN

I Colin Michael Wilderspin c/o Nottingham City Council, Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham NG2 3NG **will say** as follows: -

- 1 This witness statement is served in response to the Rule 9 Request dated 28 October 2025, regarding the issue of CCTV coverage and police liaison on 13 June 2023. I confirm I have previously provided a statement to the Nottingham Inquiry ('the Inquiry') dated 19 November 2025. This is my second statement to the Inquiry.

- 2 I confirm that I am employed by Nottingham City Council as the Strategic Director of Communities and have held that position since December 2023. My professional address is Nottingham City Council, Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham NG2 3NG.

Personal background

- 3 In my current role as Strategic Director of Communities I am responsible for all community services, heritage sites, and most relevant for this issue, the Community Protection Team, including the Woodlands CCTV Control Room and its staff. The CCTV control room operates a 24/7 service.

- 4 I have worked in my current role as Director of Communities since December 2023. Prior to that in April 2023 I was Interim Director of Communities. Before that I was employed as a Consultant Contractor by Nottingham City Council as a Community Safety Consultant. At the same time, I also worked as interim Head of Community Safety and Neighbourhoods at Brent Council.

- 5 I have worked for local authorities since joining the LGA Graduate Scheme in 2008 and have specialised in community safety since 2011. I am experienced in partnership working with external organisations.

Overview of the Nottingham City Council CCTV Service

- 6 The Woodlands is Nottingham City Council's CCTV monitoring and control centre. It provides 24/7 monitoring of the city's public space CCTV network and supports public safety, crime prevention, incident escalation, and coordinated response with Nottinghamshire Police and other emergency services. The service also provides a range of out-of-hours functions on behalf of the Council.

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- 7 The Woodlands was developed in 1998 to consolidate legacy CCTV control rooms and support city-centre safety priorities. It is owned and managed by Nottingham City Council and operates as a secure operational site.
- 8 The Woodlands control room monitors 285 public space CCTV cameras across Nottingham, as well as 15 redeployable cameras. These are located in and around the city centre and neighbourhoods. In addition, the Woodlands also receive feeds for CCTV cameras located in the Council's car parks, housing blocks and corporate buildings. Location of CCTV Cameras within Nottingham City can be found via this link: https://geoportal-nottmcitycouncil.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/df2bf0314b184b449ff595df02e320cf_83/explore
- 9 The Woodlands Control Room work closely with the Nottinghamshire Police to help with the prevention and detection of crime. To this end:
- CCTV Operators have access to the Police Airwave talk group and dedicated telephone lines for incident escalation
 - Nottinghamshire Police have a direct feed providing viewing facilities locally, enabling them to access selected CCTV cameras for operational purposes when required

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10. The CCTV room is part of my division and is overseen by a Head of Service. The CCTV Team structure consists of an Operations Manager, who oversees the Integrated CCTV Control Room Manager, the Business and Contracts Manager and two Media Management Admin Officers. The Integrated CCTV Control Manager has four Team Leaders, who manage a staff of 22 CCTV operatives. Operational delivery is maintained on four on, four off rota, 24/7, 365 days a year.
11. All staff working in the control room are vetted to Non-Police Personnel Vetting ('NPPV') Level 2 (full). Prior to employment, full pre-employment screening is undertaken, including identity, employment history, reference and right-to-work checks. Only staff with appropriate vetting and training are permitted access to restricted systems, sensitive information or secure areas.
12. At the time of the Nottingham attacks on 13 June 2023, three CCTV Operators were on duty within the Woodlands control room with supervision provided by the on-site Team Leader following the service's standard shift structure.

CCTV Policies and Procedures

13. There is no statutory duty for the Council to operate a CCTV service. However, across the United Kingdom, the majority of CCTV services come under local authorities. In Nottingham, the CCTV Service is funded and operated by the Council and supports the Council's statutory duty to work in

partnership to reduce crime and improve community safety in Nottingham.

The Council are the responsible organisation for the management and compliance of CCTV and the system is fully funded by the Council.

14 The Council's role in respect to CCTV, has a wide remit, and due to the service being 24 hours is often used to support partners including the police in conducting their duties. The CCTV Service's functions and roles include the following:

- The detection and prevention of crime and anti-social behaviour
- Reducing fear of crime and provide reassurance to the public through the provision of public space CCTV system public safety
- To facilitate the apprehension or prosecution of offenders
- To support a safe and efficient operation of the road network
- To support the management of the road network
- To protect Council buildings, staff, land and other public buildings
- To provide assistance to emergency services
- Reducing violent or aggressive behaviour towards staff and the public
- To assist with Health and safety matters
- To comply with lawful requests under the GDPR and DPA.

15 We have a Procedures Manual and CCTV Policy in place that the control room staff adhere to [WITN0224019] [NOCC0000012]. The Procedures

Manual holds over 100 pages and contains sensitive information as to how the Woodlands CCTV Control Room operates [WITN0224019].

- 16 There is in place between Nottinghamshire Police and the Council an information sharing agreement for the CCTV footage [NOCC0000004] (Information Sharing Annex – CCTV Neighbourhood Safety Operations) [NOCC0000005] (Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire Police Information Sharing Agreement). This permits access to that information by the Police if they make a formal request in writing. Once it is requested and sent across to the Police, the CCTV footage is deleted in accordance with the retention periods set out in our CCTV policy [NOCC0000012]. This complies with British standard BS7958.

Police liaison from 13 June 2023 to 15 July 2023

- 17 In terms of the specific request made by the Police for access to the CCTV footage, I confirm that on 13 June 2023, radio contact was received by the CCTV control room at 04:38 hours from the Police. The Police asked by way of the police radio system, Airways, for access to CCTV footage. This was logged on our records as event 105 – 87 [WITN0224006] (CCTV Incident Report dated 13 June 2023). That footage was viewed and accessed by the CCTV operative and the request closed off on our system at 04:42 hours.
- 18 Subsequent requests were received at 05:37 hours. The Police had requested access informally, but in accordance with the information sharing

agreement, a written request was made by Nottinghamshire Police for access to all of the CCTV footage [WITN0224008] (CCTV Media Request dated 13 June 2023). That was dealt with and provided in accordance with the documents attached above [NOCC0000005] [NOCC0000004].

19 We had a further seven media requests from the Police up to and including the 15th July [WITN0224008] (CCTV Media Request dated 13 June 2023) [WITN0224009] (CCTV Media Request dated 14 June 2023) [WITN0224010] (CCTV Media Request dated 15 June 2023) [WITN0224011] (Witness Statement for Release of CCTV dated 19 June 2023) [WITN0224012] (CCTV Media Request dated 29 June 2023) [WITN0224013] (CCTV Media Request dated 3 July 2023) [WITN0224014] (Witness Statement for Release of CCTV dated 5 July 2023).

20 Woodlands CCTV staff heard the incident information over the Airways as mentioned previously. CCTV staff would have been aware of any conversation over the police airwave. Following notification, Woodlands CCTV staff monitored the area and carried out CCTV playbacks on Ilkeston Road but were unable to locate the offender at the time [WITN0224006] (CCTV Incident Report dated 13 June 2023). CCTV staff informed the Police of CCTV playback results. I understand from speaking to CCTV staff that Police confirmed that a property near the incident location had a CCTV camera and that this camera has picked up the whole incident, in which the offending male is seen to stab the male and female. The property in question was privately

owned. The Police then placed a crime scene around the area [WITN0224006].

- 21 The Daily Woodlands Handover Notes serve as a rolling log of incidents occurring during a shift. It is maintained in a Word document by the on-duty CCTV Shift Supervisor in the Woodlands Control Room. The handover logs are an internal document and are not shared with third parties; their purpose is to update staff during the handover process. Two separate handover logs are required within each 24-hour period: one for the day shift (07:00 – 19:00) and one for the night shift (19:00 – 07:00). I attach copies of the handover notes at [WITN0224020] (Extract of Handover Notes dated 13 June 2023 – 07:00) [WITN0224021] (Extract of Handover Notes dated 13 June 2023 – 09:00) [WITN0224022] (Extract of Handover Notes dated 13 June 2023 – 17:10) [WITN0224023] (Extract of Handover Notes dated 13 June 2023 – 19:05) [WITN0224024] (Extract of Handover Notes dated 14 June 2023 - 07:00) and [WITN0224025] (Extract of Handover Notes dated 16 June 2023 – 18:00).
- 22 The handover document uses a built-in template to ensure accurate and structured recording of information. The Shift supervisors will input the relevant details into the appropriate sections. For example, the 'City Section' is for details on incidents occurring within the City Centre, whereas the 'Neighbourhood Wards' section outlines incidents outside the City Centre. The 'Visitors' section contains details of any visitors to the control room.

- 23 At the start and end of each shift, each control room supervisor conducts an informal handover to review all logged information.
- 24 I have checked our documents and logs and the information that refers to the 'Private CCTV' only appears on the CCTV Incident Report [WITN0224006]. This information was not included in the handover notes and log. I am aware that the information would have come from Nottinghamshire Police to the CCTV Operator, but there is no information to state if this information was over the phone, or via the Police Airways at the time.
- 25 Police officers attended the Woodlands CCTV Control Room and carried out lengthy CCTV checks on the public space cameras and Urban Traffic Control ('UTC') cameras. The Police also took witness statements from staff and requested the release of CCTV media footage. Below is a table prepared using the information from the visitor log, which contains the dates and times the police visited the CCTV control room:

Company name	Arrival	Activity date/time	Activity type
NOTTS POLICE	14/06/2023 12:34:37	14/06/2023 12:34:37	IN
NOTTS POLICE	14/06/2023 12:41:36	14/06/2023 12:41:36	OUT
NOTTS POLICE PC220	13/06/2023 08:51:41	13/06/2023 08:51:41	IN
NOTTS POLICE PC220	13/06/2023 15:57:21	13/06/2023 15:57:21	OUT

NOTTS POLICE	14/06/2023 10:57:31	14/06/2023 10:57:31	IN
NOTTS POLICE	14/06/2023 16:34:21	14/06/2023 16:34:21	OUT
NOTTS POLICE GI463	13/06/2023 08:52:35	13/06/2023 08:52:35	IN
NOTTS POLICE GI463	13/06/2023 15:57:12	13/06/2023 15:57:12	OUT
NOTTS POLICE DC 533	13/06/2023 08:53:35	13/06/2023 08:53:35	IN
NOTTS POLICE DC 533	13/06/2023 15:57:17	13/06/2023 15:57:17	OUT

26 For the sake of completeness, I attach a copy of the original spreadsheet containing this information together with the staff log spreadsheet outlining when staff entered and left the control room on 13 June 2023 and 14 June 2023 [WITN0224026] (InVentry Visitor Log) and [WITN0224027] (InVentry Staff Log).

27 There were no issues identified with communication between Police and CCTV control room at the time of incident or since the incident. An information sharing agreement was in place and remains in place [NOCC0000004] [NOCC0000005].

CCTV coverage

28 With regards to lessons learned, the CCTV Service reviewed crime and anti-social behaviour ('ASB') data to identify hotspots around the city centre to

ensure sufficient CCTV coverage around the city centre. Although it would be ideal if we had additional CCTV covering all areas, this would be deemed excessive and outside of the Commissioners Code of Practice.

- 29 CCTV coverage may be expanded for various reasons, including for new buildings and expected increases in future footfall, like the newly completed Broad Marsh Car Park and the new green space in Nottingham city centre. The design of new buildings will factor in where these cameras are needed and will be budgeted accordingly. Any new cameras other than this are driven by police statistics or areas with high levels of ASB or crime, such as fly-tipping hotspots. In some instances, Police and Crime Commissioner can offer funded initiatives which are restricted to specific areas.
- 30 The council are not aware of any concerns or issues that have been raised on the coverage of CCTV across the City.

Surveillance Audits

- 31 For the sake of completeness and ease of reference, I will now turn to the surveillance audits, which were already dealt with in my first witness statement but touch on the points raised in this Rule 9 request. Surveillance audits are undertaken by the Security Systems and Alarms Inspection Board ('SSAIB'). These audits assess compliance with the 12 Guiding Principles set out by the Surveillance Camera Commissioner and the BS 7958 on CCTV

management and operation. I outline the 12 Guiding Principles in my first witness statement, but for the sake of completeness, are as follows:

- a Use of a surveillance camera system must always be for a specified purpose which is in pursuit of a legitimate aim and necessary to meet an identified pressing need.
- b The use of a surveillance camera system must take into account its effect on individuals and their privacy, with regular reviews to ensure its use remains justified.
- c There must be as much transparency in the use of a surveillance camera system as possible, including a published contact point for access to information and complaints.
- d There must be clear responsibility and accountability for all surveillance camera activities including images and information collected, held and used.
- e Clear rules, policies and procedures must be in place before a surveillance camera system is used, and these must be communicated to all who need to comply with them.
- f No more images and information should be stored than that which is strictly required for the stated purpose of a surveillance camera system,

and such images and information should be securely deleted once their purposes have been discharged.

- g Access to retained images and information should be restricted and there must be clearly defined rules on who can gain access and for what purpose such access is granted; the disclosure of images and information should only take place when it is necessary for such a purpose or for law enforcement purposes.
- h Surveillance camera system operators should consider any approved operational, technical and competency standards relevant to a system and its purpose and work to meet and maintain those standards.
- i Surveillance camera system images and information should be subject to appropriate security measures to safeguard against unauthorised access and use.
- j There should be effective review and audit mechanisms to ensure legal requirements, policies and standards are complied with in practice, and regular reports should be published.
- k When the use of a surveillance camera system is in pursuit of a legitimate aim, and there is a pressing need for its use, it should then be used in the most effective way to support public safety and law

enforcement with the aim of processing images and information of evidential value.

I Any information used to support a surveillance camera system which compares against a reference database for matching purposes should be accurate and kept up to date.

32 I confirm that we have had "good" ratings in relation to those audits on the following dates: 14/06/2022, 21/06/23, 14/06/24, with the most recent being 30/06/25 [WITN0224002] (SSAIB Audit Report dated 14 June 2022) [WITN0224003] (SSAIB Audit Report dated 21 June 2023) [WITN0224004] (SSAIB Audit Report dated 14 June 2024) [WITN0224005] (SSAIB Audit Report dated 30 June 2025).

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed: ... **GRO-B**

Print name: ... COLIN WILDERSON

Dated: ... 2nd DECEMBER 2025

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No	Inquiry URN	Document Description
1	WITN0224019	Nottingham City Council Control Centre Manual for CCTV Scheme
2	NOCC0000012	Nottingham City Council CCTV Policy
3	NOCC0000004	Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire Police Information Sharing Annex – Neighbourhood Safety Operations (CCTV)
4	NOCC0000005	Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire Police Information Sharing Agreement
5	WITN0224006	CCTV Incident Report dated 13 June 2023
6	WITN0224020	Extract of Handover Notes dated 13 June 2023 – 07:00
7	WITN0224021	Extract of Handover Notes dated 13 June 2023 – 09:00
8	WITN0224022	Extract of Handover Notes dated 13 June 2023 – 17:10
9	WITN0224023	Extract of Handover Notes dated 13 June 2023 – 19:05
10	WITN0224024	Extract of Handover Notes dated 14 June 2023 - 07:00

No	Inquiry URN	Document Description
11	WITN0224025	Extract of Handover Notes dated 16 June 2023 – 18:00
12	WITN0224007	Witness Statement for Release of CCTV dated 13 June 2023
13	WITN0224008	CCTV Media Request dated 13 June 2023
14	WITN0224009	CCTV Media Request dated 14 June 2023
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22	WITN0224002	SSAIB Audit Report dated 14 June 2022
23	WITN0224003	SSAIB Audit Report dated 21 June 2023
24	WITN0224004	SSAIB Audit Report dated 14 June 2024
25	WITN0224005	SSAIB Audit Report dated 30 June 2025

