

Witness Name: Colin Michael Wilderspin

Statement No: WITN0224043

Dated: 04/09/2026

THE NOTTINGHAM INQUIRY

SEVENTH WITNESS STATEMENT OF COLIN MICHAEL WILDERSPIN

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

- 1 I am employed by Nottingham City Council as the Strategic Director of Communities and have held that position since December 2023.
- 2 I make this statement in response to the Rule 9 request from the Nottingham Inquiry (the “**Inquiry**”) dated 4 June 2026. This is my seventh witness statement and provides further information around the storage and retention of CCTV data from the ‘Follow Me’ unit.
- 3 Where the contents of this statement are within my personal knowledge, it is true. Where it is outside my personal knowledge, but derived from other sources, it is true to the best of my information and belief.

Storage and retention of 'Follow Me' data

- 4 Nottingham City Council operates 285 public space CCTV cameras and 15 redeployable cameras across the city of Nottingham. All cameras are operated using a form of integrated software known as a video management system ("VMS"). The VMS is serviced and maintained by Total Integrated Solutions ("TIS").
- 5 The VMS server is a hardware server that stores footage and data logs for the entire CCTV system. It is located within the Woodlands CCTV control centre.
- 6 The 'Follow Me' unit is a passive unit which takes the live CCTV video feed and patches it through to the police control room. I understand that this unit does not store the 'Follow Me' data independently and that it is instead connected to the main VMS system.
- 7 All actions carried out by CCTV operators are recorded on the VMS server. These data logs act as an audit trail showing who accessed which CCTV cameras, at what time, and whether it was patched through to the police control room via the 'Follow Me' unit.
- 8 It is my understanding, and that of Nottingham City Council as a corporate body, that this 'Follow Me' data is stored on the VMS server for approximately three years before it is automatically overwritten. However, the Control Room VMS was under a replacement programme in 2023, starting in May but not fully commissioned until December, during a programme of upgrades to the CCTV network. Any data stored on the legacy system was automatically deleted when the migration took place unless specifically marked for retention.

9 Accordingly, Nottingham City Council no longer holds the 'Follow Me' data from
13 June 2023 and the earliest available data is from December 2023.

Statement of Truth

I believe the contents of this statement to be true. I understand that proceedings 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 of its truth.

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Signed:

Dated: 04/09/2026
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