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Dear Mr Blake,

Thank you for your e-mail of 12 May about photography in public places. Your e-mail has been passed to the Direct Communications Unit, and I have been asked to respond.

There is no legal restriction on photography in public places, and there is no presumption of privacy for individuals in a public place.

It is for the Chief Constable to ensure that Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) are acting appropriately with regards to photography in public places, and any queries regarding this should be addressed to the Chief Constable.

However, decisions may be made locally to restrict photography, for example to protect children. Any questions on such local decisions should also be addressed to the force concerned.

Yours sincerely

**Kevin Allen**