

Richmond Lock & Wier CCTV Cameras detailed information

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The pre-existing CCTV cameras installed at Richmond Lock & Wier are a mixture of operational and river traffic cameras, including for monitoring safety of river traffic through the lock as well as for the safety of staff. Richmond Lock and Weir, as an operational port facility is manned 24 hours a day 365 days a year which often involves lone working of lock keepers on site.

After a series of internal Port of London Authority Health & Safety reviews, it has been decided that some additional cameras would assist in providing the safe working environment required for PLA employees at Richmond Lock & Wier.

This is due in part to 7 incidences in the first 6 months of 2024 with intruders gaining access to the site, predominantly from the Surrey side of the facility, where lone worker lock keepers are present. The PLA are therefore proposing to install seven across the Richmond Lock and Weir facility to give better coverage, including current blind spots located around the site.

In total the PLA are proposing an additional seven cameras at Richmond Lock and Wier. This will result in seventeen cameras being present on site in total. All existing and proposed cameras are shown in the drawing RLW/C/1053

There are currently twelve cameras on site, permitted under application 14/3012/FUL. Of these two are proposed to be removed and three relocated. The location of all existing cameras can be found in the drawing RLW//1024 B1.

Removed cameras:

The two cameras proposed to be removed are currently situated on the wall of the Surrey side lockmaster offices along the adjacent tow path (Identified as cameras 8 & 9 on drawing RLW/C/1024 B1). These are considered not to be required as cameras 4 & 8 on drawing RLW/C/1053 give a better view of the access points to the site.

Relocated cameras:

Proposed Camera 11 (RLW/C/1053) is proposed to be moved slightly to the north of its existing position for a broader view of the lock area and adjacent pontoon.

Proposed Cameras 6 & 7 (RLW/C/1053), are proposed to be relocated from the North and South corners of the Toll Booth on the Surrey side to the West Corner, to capture both angles of the footbridge and associated steps.

Proposed new cameras:

The seven additional cameras shown in the drawing RLW/C/1053 – 5, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, are to significantly increase site coverage, and to minimise risk from a lone working perspective, including by covering current blind spots where health and safety issues have been raised.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 depicts the current camera locations and proposed locations for new cameras.

Appendix 2 provides details of the type of the proposed cameras, along with the fixings proposed for securing the cameras. The numbers of the new cameras correspond with the appendix 2 document titles and drawing RLW/C/1053.