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Dear Tony,

Thank you for the work that you and your work strand leads have undertaken in creating and publishing your National Surveillance Camera Strategy. I appreciate the effort already expended, but the work really starts now with the implementation.

Let me reinforce that this is not a government strategy as the Surveillance Camera Commissioner is independent from Government. This strategy is entirely the work of you and your extended team. I am particularly impressed by the pro bono support you have harnessed from across the surveillance camera community.

You are covering some important issues in the strands and implementation should ensure that surveillance camera use by a range of users across England and Wales is in compliance with the code, proportionate and effective and protects the privacy of individuals as enshrined in our legal framework. I look forward to seeing the detail of the delivery plans, especially how relevant authorities will use the code to drive up the effective and proportionate use of surveillance camera systems.

I support this initiative and look forward to hearing about progress driving up standards of use of surveillance cameras across England and Wales. I wish you the very best with the launch of your strategy.

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