

(CCC) Catalytic converter theft in Cambridge

Please can you confirm whether Cambridge City Council holds any information produced in the last five years which relates to the matters of:

- a) Catalytic converter theft in Cambridge - including, but not limited to, in Cambridge City Council car parks.
- b) How such theft could be reduced, and how much any proposed methods for doing so would cost.
- c) Whether any of the proposed methods for doing so should be implemented.

Response

a) Reports received regarding catalytic thefts over the past 5 years
20/11/20 Queen Anne Terrace car park, level 3. catalytic theft from car, reported to police and breakdown service called
15/4/21 Queen Anne Terrace car park, level 5. catalytic theft from car, advise to report to police and insurer provided contact for CCTV service
2/9/20 Grafton East car park. Call from Grafton shopping centre security and later the same day from the customer. Customer flagged down passing police car reporting something suspicious happening in car park, it looked like someone was stealing a catalytic converter. Police patrolled the car park and found nothing

b) A1 sized signs put up at the entrance of all car parks, the signs warn that thieves operate in the area and advising to report anything suspicious to the police - cost £219
Increased staff patrols during the day and security patrols at night - existing staff so no extra cost
CCTV service requested to dedicate more time to monitoring our car park cameras for potential suspicious activity, no extra cost
Investigating installing additional PTZ CCTV cameras. Cost approximately £2500 per camera including cabling & labour, plus ongoing maintenance and monitoring costs currently unknown

c) Posters, patrols and focusing existing CCTV monitoring have already been implemented.

Unable to comment on whether these proposed methods should be implemented as no written documentation regarding this has been found

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk