

## **Certifications granted by the Secretary of State for Transport for approved devices, CCTV and associated evidence-recording equipment for Brighton & Hove City Council**

“This is Brighton & Hove’s position on the validity of its current Secretary of State for Transport Approved Device Certifications. This position statement has been prepared having consulted VCA who are the agency appointed by Secretary of State to review the applications and issue the certification on their behalf.”

Brighton & Hove City Council first applied for certification in October 2011. Certification was granted in January 2012, under the certification numbers PAD057 and BLAD054 for Parking and Bus Lane enforcement respectively. The certification has existed since then and has been updated several times.

There was a change to the underlying legislation in May 2022 and when Brighton & Hove City Council updated their system after that date a new certification number, EAD057, was provided that covered both Bus Lane and Parking enforcement. Although the certification number changed the certification letter explains that the new number “includes and replaces PAD057 and BLAD054” and therefore the certification was maintained continuously.

The Vehicle Certification Agency accepts a system change either by sending an email or by sending both an email and a replacement certification letter. New letters, except for the first, have an issue number. This combination makes the letters unique.

The format of the certification letters has evolved since the certification scheme began in 2007. The current certification letter contains several dates:

- The issue date of the letter (shown in the top right-hand corner)
- The “Effective from date” – this is the date the certification was first issued or when an update was accepted by The Vehicle Certification Agency.
- The date when the local authority first applied for certification, which for Brighton & Hove is 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011.
- In addition, a date may appear as part of the description of the Technical Construction File, i.e. the application, that forms the basis for the certification.

Earlier certification letters included the make and model of the camera. However, several years ago the Vehicle Certification Agency and the Department for Transport deemed this unnecessary and therefore this no longer appears on more recent letters.

Each time the Vehicle Certification Agency accepts an update the email states that certification remains valid, i.e. continues. The most recent letter issued to Brighton & Hove City Council was in April 2024, EAD057 Issue 2 and is a replacement for the previous certification letter. Since then, the Vehicle Certification Agency has also

accepted an update from Brighton & Hove City Council by sending just an email without a letter.

As well as their own certification, local authorities can enforce under the umbrella of one or more manufacturer's certifications. Brighton & Hove City Council have done this and currently use an enforcement system covered by Videalert's EADM058 certification and an associated declaration form specific to Brighton & Hove City Council.

The Vehicle Certification Agency's process under manufacturer's certification is very similar except that the letters are referred to as acknowledgement letters and the content is slightly different. The first application by Brighton & Hove City Council under Videalert's EADM058 certification was made in January 2024 and the EADM058 acknowledgment letter was issued to Brighton & Hove City Council in February 2024.

In summary Brighton & Hove City Council have held valid certifications since January 2012. Granted by the Secretary of State for Transport, for CCTV and associated evidence-recording equipment for the purposes of the Civil Enforcement of Road Traffic Contraventions (Approved Devices, Charging Guidelines and General Provisions) (England) Regulations 2022.

Signed by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Julie Saxby', written on a light grey background.

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