



The Association of British Drivers

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Privacy Rights of London Motorists Ignored Again

It has been revealed that access by police to congestion charge cameras in London is to be unrestricted. No longer will it be required to be justified by investigation of specific crimes, but will in future be real time access to all the data whenever they want it.

This provides new opportunities for snooping on ordinary citizens and tracking your every movement.

In addition it was accidentally revealed that this would apply to all road pricing cameras (and they will be required even if other systems such as "tag and beacon" are used to collect charges as cameras are required for enforcement). This is despite Tony Blair's response to the petition by 1.8 million people against road pricing only a few weeks ago when he said "*But any technology used would have to give definite guarantees about privacy being protected – as it should be*". Such privacy rights and guarantees have just been abolished!

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About The Association of British Drivers (ABD)

The ABD is the leading independent organisation which represents the interests of private motorists in the United Kingdom. We campaign to protect the rights of individual road users and believe that road transport is a beneficial and essential element in the UK transport infrastructure. We oppose excessive taxation of motorists and are against tolls and road usage charging. We also campaign for more enlightened road safety policies. The Association is a "not for profit" voluntary organisation which is financially supported primarily by its individual members. More information on the ABD is available from our web site at www.abd.org.uk