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Dear Ann-Marie Hagan,

Thank you for your recent correspondence on behalf of South Dublin County Council.

My Department published the General Scheme of the Circular Economy Bill 2021 on 15

June 2021. It is my intention to facilitate not only the use of CCTV, but also the use of a broad range of Audio Visual Recording equipment under the Bill in order to combat littering and illegal dumping.

As can be seen in the General Scheme, it has already been proposed to amend the Litter Pollution Act and the Waste Management Act.

https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/89838-circular-economy-bill-2021/

gov.ie - General Scheme of the Circular Economy Bill 2021 (www.gov.ie)

A combination of legislation and guidance will help to ensure that the processing of personal data may be carried out by local authorities tasked with enforcing both litter and waste law, thus providing an important deterrent in order to protect our environment from the scourge of littering and illegal dumping, while at the same time respecting the privacy rights of citizens.

I trust this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

Ossian Smyth

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