

**Joint statement on police and private company use of facial recognition surveillance  
in the UK**

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**“The signatories to this call are rights organisations, race equality organisations, technology experts, parliamentarians and academics.**

**“We hold differing views about live facial recognition surveillance, ranging from serious concerns about its incompatibility with human rights, to the potential for discriminatory impact, the lack of safeguards, the lack of an evidence base, an unproven case of necessity or proportionality, the lack of a sufficient legal basis, the lack of parliamentary consideration, and the lack of a democratic mandate.**

**“However, all of these views lead us to the same following conclusion:**

**“We call on UK police and private companies to immediately stop using live facial recognition for public surveillance.”**

**SIGNATORIES**

David Davis MP

Diane Abbott MP (Shadow Home Secretary)  
Darren Jones MP  
Kate Green MP

Jo Swinson MP (Leader of the Liberal Democrats)  
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Norman Lamb MP (Chair of Science and Technology Committee)  
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Layla Moran MP  
Tim Farron MP  
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Lord Strasburger  
Lord Clement-Jones

Caroline Lucas MP  
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**25 rights, race equality and technology organisations**

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Ada Lovelace Institute  
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Article 19  
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Football Supporters Association  
Foxglove  
Future Advocacy  
Index on Censorship  
INQUEST  
Institute of Race Relations  
Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants  
Liberty  
Netpol  
Open Rights Group  
Police Action Lawyers' Group  
Privacy International  
Race Equality Foundation  
Race on The Agenda  
Runnymede Trust  
Statewatch  
StopWatch  
The Monitoring Group  
Tottenham Rights  
Centre for Crime and Justice Studies

### **Technology academics and experts**

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### **Barristers**

Leslie Thomas QC (Garden Court Chambers)  
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