

# **Total Recorded Crime, Violence and Anti-social Behaviour within the Proposed Cumulative Impact Zones in Wolverhampton**

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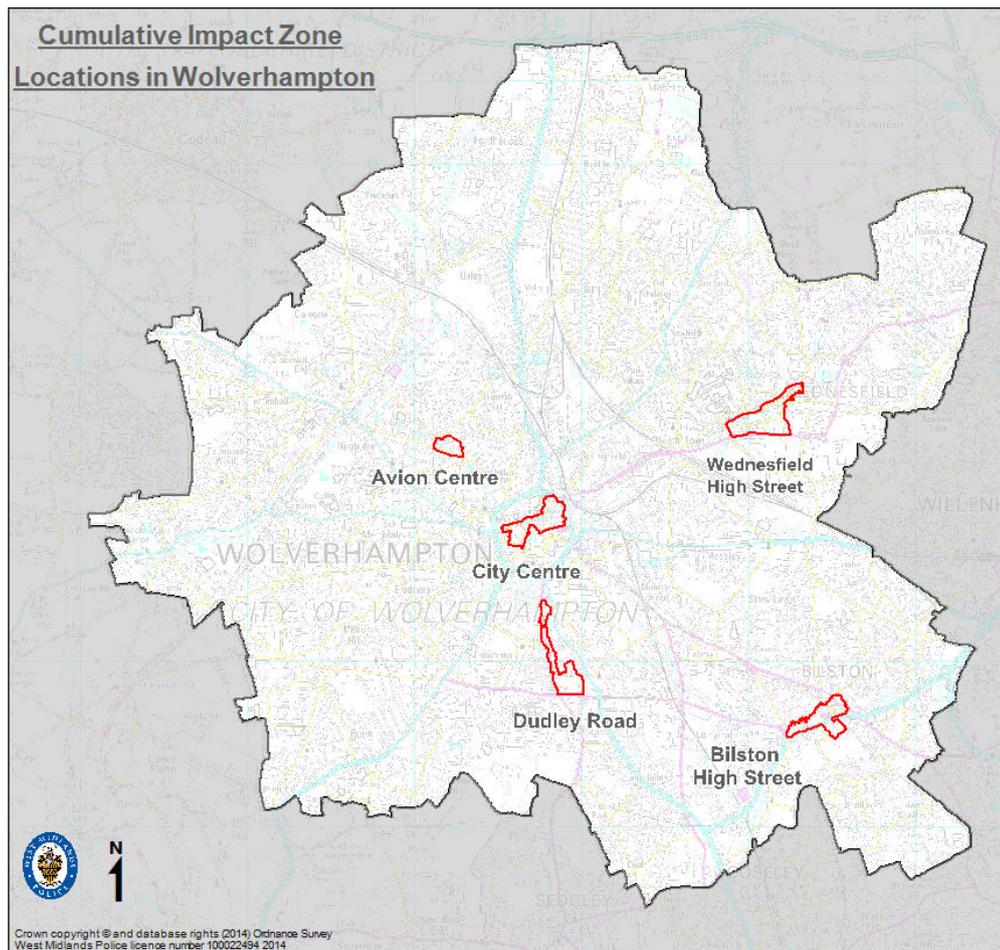
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## 1.0 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of total recorded crime, with a focus on violence, within the five proposed cumulative impact zones in the City of Wolverhampton. Anti-social behaviour data is also included for each zone.

The areas outlined in red on the map below shows the cumulative impact zones currently in operation within the City of Wolverhampton:



## **Methodology**

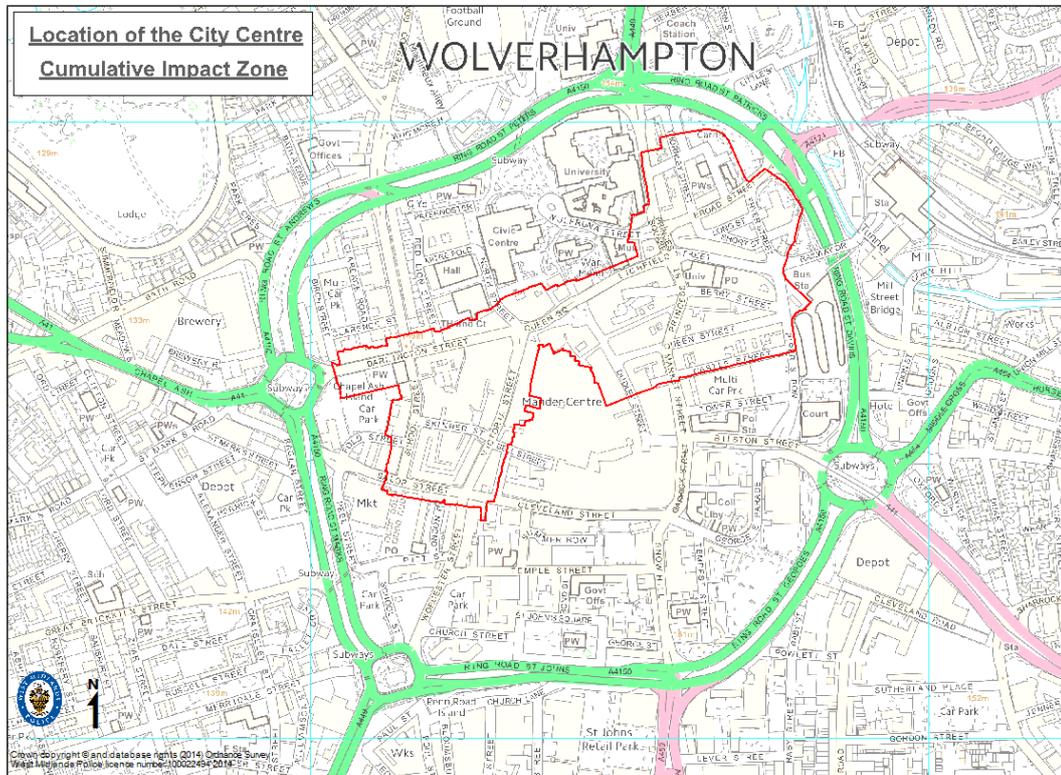
Data used in this report is sourced from West Midlands Police Crimes system. All data refers to the date on which an offence was recorded, and was downloaded for the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014. In previous reports, data around the involvement of alcohol was used, but as this relied on the accurate use of markers and was often found to not present a true picture of offending, this report will use offences that fall within the category of Violence instead to assess performance within the cumulative impact zones.

For the City Centre cumulative impact zone only, offences that were committed during the night time economy (NTE) were determined by comparing the Date and Time First Committed to the Date and Time Last Committed for offences committed between the hours of 20:00hrs and 05:00hrs the following morning, or where the offence times fell just outside this range but the majority was within the range.

Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) data is sourced from the OASIS command and control system, where all logs finalised as Anti-social Behaviour and recorded as first occurring between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were retrieved for analysis.

## 2.0 Analysis

### 2.1 Proposed Extension of the City Centre Cumulative Impact Zone



Wolverhampton City Centre has a low resident population. However, there is a high transient population of workers, commuters, shoppers, students and people visiting entertainment premises. As a result, crime levels are characteristically higher in this area; particularly around violence and theft. The City Centre Neighbourhood is situated within the St Peter's ward, and is one of the current red Priority Areas, where issues including street drinking, begging/vagrancy and business crime. The area that the cumulative impact zone covers contains a high concentration of both retail and licensed premises.

The table below shows levels of total recorded crime (TRC) and violent crime within the cumulative impact zone, broken down by year, since October 2011:

| Year                                   | Total Recorded Crime          |                                      |                         | Violence                      |                                      |                         |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|  | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within CIZ during Night Time Economy | % Within CIZ during NTE | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within CIZ during Night Time Economy | % Within CIZ during NTE |
| 1st October 2011 - 30th September 2012 | 987                           | 384                                  | 39%                     | 339                           | 215                                  | 63%                     |
| 1st October 2012 - 30th September 2013 | 998                           | 365                                  | 37%                     | 300                           | 185                                  | 62%                     |
| 1st October 2013 - 30th September 2014 | 896                           | 317                                  | 35%                     | 310                           | 182                                  | 59%                     |

TRC within the cumulative impact zone has reduced by 10% (or 102 offences) in the last 12 months when compared to the previous 12 month period, following a slight increase from the 2011/12 period. The reduction seen in the most recent period is significant in comparison to that seen for the City as a whole (a slight increase of 0.8%).

Levels of offences in the cumulative impact zone that fall within the violence category have increased slightly (3%, or 10 offences) in 2013/14 compared to the previous year. The City as a whole experienced an 11% increase during the same period.

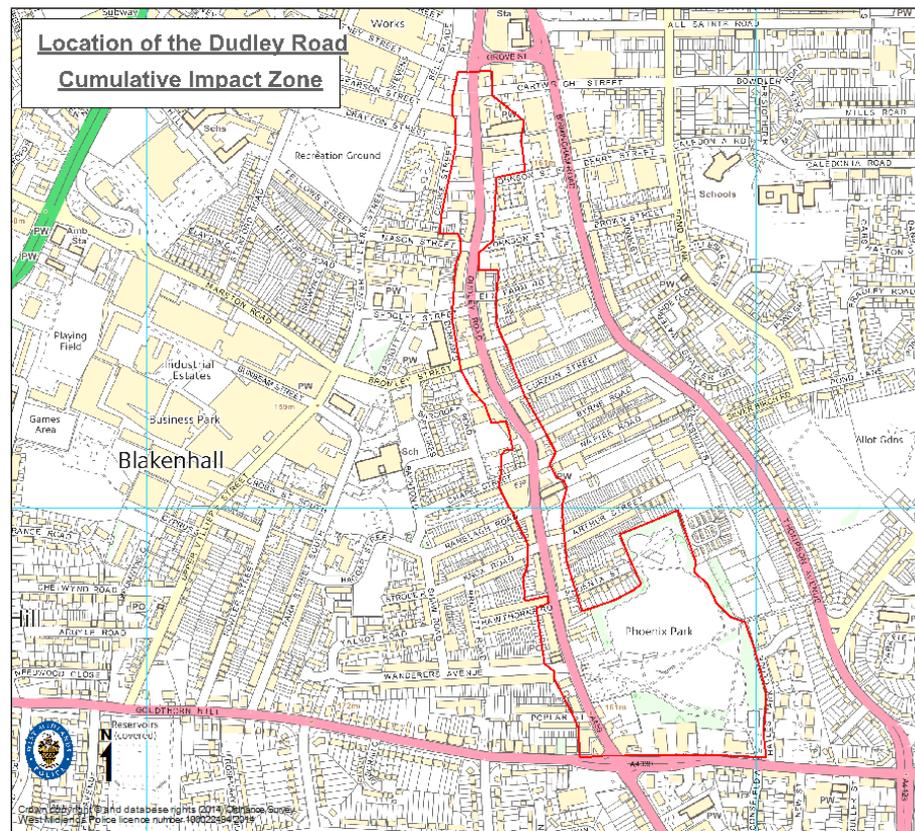
The proportion of TRC and violent offences committed within the cumulative impact zone that is related to the night time economy (NTE) has remained relatively stable across the three 12 month periods detailed above, with a reduction seen each period.

The table below shows anti-social behaviour (ASB) levels within the cumulative impact zone during the 3 periods analysed:

| Year                                   | Antisocial Behaviour          |
|--|-------------------------------|
|  | Within Cumulative Impact Zone |
| 1st October 2011 - 30th September 2012 | 280                           |
| 1st October 2012 - 30th September 2013 | 445                           |
| 1st October 2013 - 30th September 2014 | 333                           |

It can be seen that while levels did increase between October 2011 and 2012, they have since reduced by 25%, or 112 incidents, compared to the previous period. For the most recent period, 37 locations have more than 2 incidents recorded against them in the 12 month period. The majority of these locations are licensed premises.

## 2.2 Dudley Road Proposed Cumulative Impact Zone



The Dudley Road is one of the main arterial routes in the Wolverhampton Borough. It runs from the City Centre to the North toward the Dudley Borough boundary. It is densely populated with retail premises such as jewellers, grocers and clothing shops that are generally owned and operated by members of the Asian community. A number of these stores have off licences. In addition, there are 3 public houses along this road. Phoenix Park sits at the south end of the Dudley Road, where Police patrols have previously been increased due to nuisance drinking and reported anti-social behaviour.

The cumulative impact zone sits within the Blakenhall Ward, and is also situated within the All Saints and Blakenhall red Priority Area. Issues identified during Priority Area work include business crime, prostitution, illegal immigration and domestic violence.

The table below shows levels of total recorded crime (TRC), violent crime and anti-social behaviour within the cumulative impact zone, broken down by year, since October 2011:

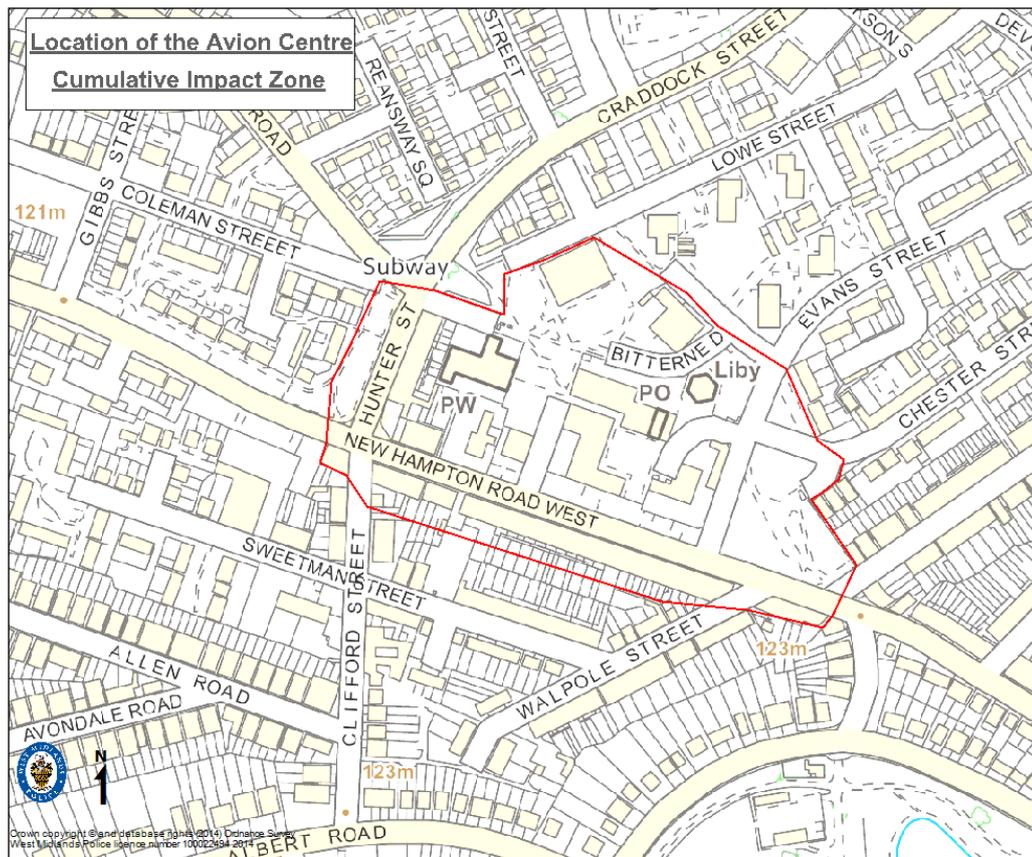
|  | Total Recorded Crime          | Violence                      | Antisocial Behaviour          |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Year                                   | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone |
| 1st October 2011 - 30th September 2012 | 124                           | 39                            | 26                            |
| 1st October 2012 - 30th September 2013 | 139                           | 48                            | 29                            |
| 1st October 2013 - 30th September 2014 | 105                           | 39                            | 56                            |

TRC within the cumulative impact zone has reduced by 24% (or 34 offences) in the last 12 months when compared to the previous 12 month period, following an increase from the 2011/12 period. The reduction seen in the most recent period is significant in comparison to that seen for the City as a whole (a slight increase of 0.8%).

Levels of offences in the cumulative impact zone that fall within the Violence category have also reduced (19% or 9 offences) in 2013/14 compared to the previous year. The City as a whole experienced an 11% increase during the same period.

Levels of ASB in this cumulative impact zone have increased during each 12 month period analysed, and have almost doubled this period compared to the previous period. Two locations show as repeat locations of note, with 14 and 5 incidents respectively. Over half of the initial circumstances for these incidents state that alcohol is a factor.

## 2.3 Avion Centre Proposed Cumulative Impact Zone



The Avion Centre in Whitmore Reans sits across two wards; Park and St Peter's. It is also situated within one of the red Priority Areas and was highlighted as one of the main issues for this area. Drug dealing and nuisance drinking along with associated anti-social behaviour have been highlighted as problematic by both agencies and residents. There are both off licences and public house premises within the vicinity, as well as a bookmaker where issues are often reported.

The table below shows levels of total recorded crime (TRC), violent crime and anti-social behaviour within the cumulative impact zone, broken down by year, since October 2011:

|  | Total Recorded Crime          | Violence                      | Antisocial Behaviour          |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Year                                   | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone |
| 1st October 2011 - 30th September 2012 | 60                            | 29                            | 28                            |
| 1st October 2012 - 30th September 2013 | 77                            | 24                            | 44                            |
| 1st October 2013 - 30th September 2014 | 60                            | 22                            | 43                            |

TRC within the cumulative impact zone has reduced by 22% (or 17 offences) in the last 12 months when compared to the previous 12 month period, following an increase from the 2011/12 period. The reduction seen in the most recent period is significant in comparison to that seen for the City as a whole (a slight increase of 0.8%).

Levels of offences in the cumulative impact zone that fall within the violence category have also reduced slightly (8% or 2 offences) in 2013/14 compared to the previous year. The City as a whole experienced an 11% increase during the same period.

Levels of ASB in this cumulative impact zone had increased between 2011/12 and 2012/13, but have reduced slightly this period by 1 offence (2%).

## Bilston High Street Proposed Cumulative Impact Zone



The Bilston High Street cumulative impact zone is situated within the Bilston East ward in the South East of the Borough. The area is mostly devoted to retail, with a large indoor and outdoor market that is visited by people from outside the area. There is a large Morrison's supermarket within the zone, and also off licences and public houses in the vicinity.

The table below shows levels of total recorded crime (TRC), violent crime and anti-social behaviour within the Bilston High Street cumulative impact zone, broken down by year, since October 2011:

|  | Total Recorded Crime          | Violence                      | Antisocial Behaviour          |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Year                                   | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone |
| 1st October 2011 - 30th September 2012 | 468                           | 64                            | 58                            |
| 1st October 2012 - 30th September 2013 | 514                           | 86                            | 91                            |
| 1st October 2013 - 30th September 2014 | 432                           | 67                            | 94                            |

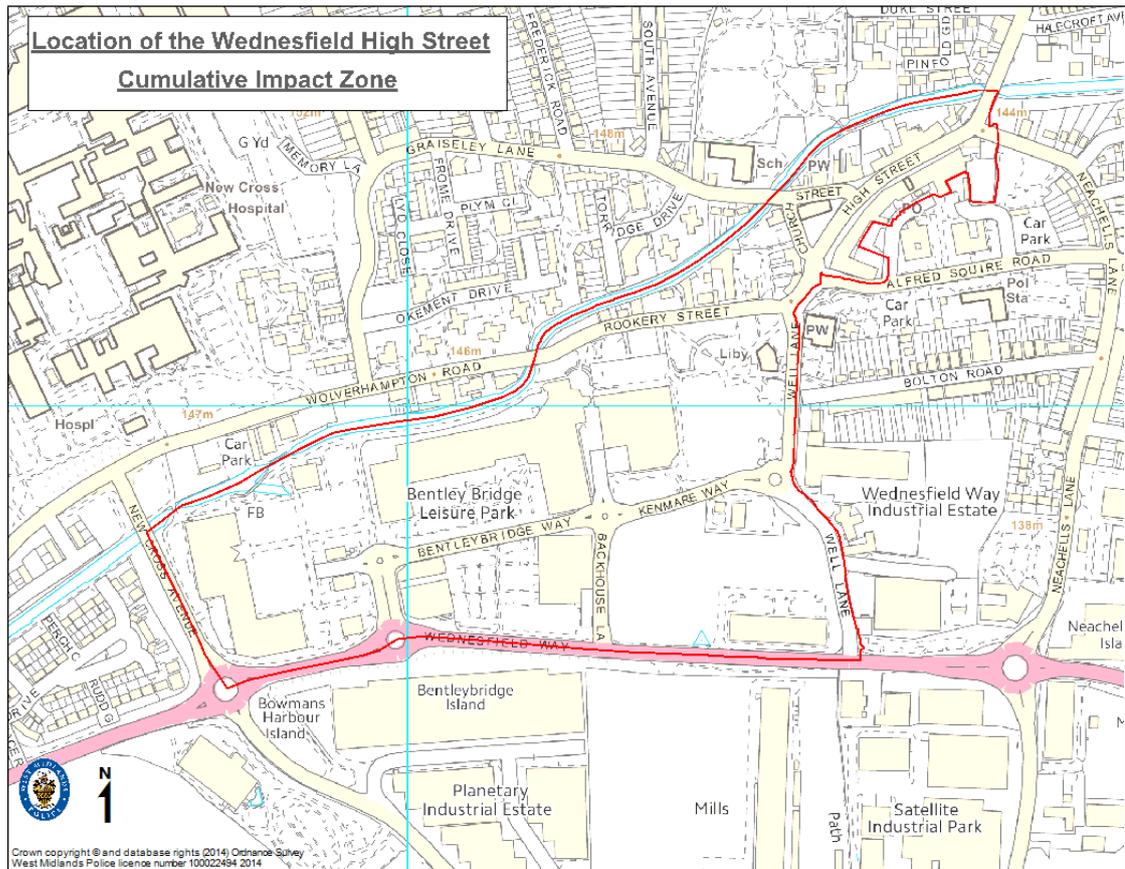
Total recorded crime within the Bilston High Street cumulative impact zone has reduced by 16% (or 82 offences) in the last 12 months when compared to the previous period, following an increase from the 2011/12 period. The reduction

seen in the most recent period is significant in comparison to that seen for the City as a whole (a slight increase of 0.8%).

Levels of offences in the cumulative impact zone that fall within the violence category have also reduced, by 22% (or 19 offences) in 2013/14 compared to the previous year. The City as a whole experienced an 11% increase during the same period.

Levels of ASB in this cumulative impact zone had increased each period, with a 3% increase seen this period. 12 locations experienced more than 2 incidents of ASB in the last 12 months, with the bus station and a Public House recording 8 incidents each.

## 2.4 Wednesfield High Street Proposed Cumulative Impact Zone



The Wednesfield High Street cumulative impact zone sits on the Bentley Bridge Neighbourhood in the Wednesfield South Ward, and covers both the High Street area and Bentley Bridge. The High Street contains a number of retail stores as well as public houses, while Bentley Bridge has an entertainment area comprising leisure facilities, restaurants (licensed) and fast food retailers. On the other side are large retail units, and a Sainsbury's supermarket. While the resident population within the cumulative impact zone is low, there are residential areas close by to the North. As would be expected, business crime is experienced at raised levels in this area.

The table below shows levels of total recorded crime (TRC), violent crime and anti-social behaviour within the cumulative impact zone, broken down by year, since October 2011:

|  | Total Recorded Crime          | Violence                      | Antisocial Behaviour          |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Year                                   | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone |
| 1st October 2011 - 30th September 2012 | 452                           | 63                            | 82                            |
| 1st October 2012 - 30th September 2013 | 448                           | 53                            | 75                            |
| 1st October 2013 - 30th September 2014 | 457                           | 41                            | 88                            |

TRC within the cumulative impact zone has increased slightly in the last 12 months when compared to the previous 12 month period, by 2% (or 9 offences), but generally TRC has remained relatively stable within this zone.

Levels of offences in the cumulative impact zone that fall within the violence category have reduced this period (23% or 12 offences) in 2013/14 compared to the previous year. The City as a whole experienced an 11% increase during the same period.

Levels of ASB in this cumulative impact zone have increased between 2012/13 and 2013/14, by 13 incidents (17%). 8 locations recorded more than 2 incidents during the last 12 months, with Hollywood Bowl recording the most (16), followed by the High Street (10 incidents).

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