

Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City East Neighbourhood

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1 INTRODUCTION

Aim

The aim of the Neighbourhood profile update is to provide an overview of action taken since the last reporting period, identify ongoing and emerging crime and disorder issues, and provide recommendations for future priorities and activity in order to facilitate effective policing and partnership working in the area.

The document should be used to inform multi-agency neighbourhood panel meetings and neighbourhood policing teams, so that issues can be identified, effectively prioritised and partnership problem solving activity undertaken.

Methodology

This document was produced using the following data sources:

- ❑ Cambridgeshire Constabulary crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident data for January 2016 to May 2016, compared to the previous like reporting period August 2015 to December 2015 and the same reporting period in 2015 and;
- ❑ Information provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team and the City Council's Safer Communities team.

2 CURRENT PRIORITIES

At the East Area Committee meeting of 28 January 2016, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- ❑ Continue to target the supply of controlled drugs
- ❑ Continue to target street based ASB in and around Mill Road
- ❑ Retain speed checks

The Neighbourhood Action Group assigned the actions to be taken and the lead officers for each of the priorities. The table below summarises the action taken and the current situation.

Continue to target the supply of controlled drugs	
Objective	Continue with the work against the supply of controlled drugs
Action Taken	<p>Due to an increase in the number of London drug dealers being stopped in Cambridge and found with bladed weapons, officers have further developed the “Op Hexham” drug strategy (which has previously been reported on) and undertaken a period of focused activity.</p> <p>A team of officers was formed for a six-week operation to target London dealers and persons here in Cambridge connected to them. Officers from the East policing team have worked side by side with these officers and a large number of arrests have been made.</p> <p>Thirty-six suspects have been arrested with the majority originating from London. A significant proportion of those arrested were found to be carrying weapons which have been recovered and taken off the streets. Drugs valued in the tens of thousands of pounds together with a similar amount of cash have been recovered.</p> <p>During the operation a number of drug users stated it was getting harder to buy drugs in Cambridge.</p> <p>Intelligence received also indicates that those in control in London are saying that Cambridge is becoming too difficult to operate in; Cambridge is not a financially viable market for the dealers in the terms of their loss of seized drugs and cash.</p> <p>Those found to be harbouring dealers for financial reward are</p>

	being prosecuted. If found in social housing, the housing officers and Safer Communities are being informed, who begin eviction action through the civil courts to run alongside the criminal courts. There is a high volume of cases which are currently ongoing.
Current Situation	<p>A number of incidents involving violence with weapons in the city brought about the creation of the dedicated team. During the operation and through continued actions after, we have seen a clear reduction in these types of incidents. Although it is clear we cannot eliminate drugs from the city, the actions taken enable us to manage the situation which is an ongoing need in all cities.</p> <p>Officers will continue to monitor the situation and encourage reporting. The city teams now review all drug dealing reports each morning and grades the risks to the community.</p>
Lead Officer	Sergeant Colin Norden, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Continue to target street based ASB in and around Mill Road	
Objective	Target street drinking and alcohol-related ASB in and around Mill Road
Action Taken	<p>Despite the numbers of street drinkers and rough sleepers dramatically increasing across Cambridge, particularly in the city centre, the number of ASB reports has not changed over a significant period in the East area.</p> <p>The East area team continues successful actions previously reported such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted patrols conducted by both the East area Problem Solving Team and the Street Life Officers. • Increased patrols • The use of dispersal power has been used when appropriate. <p>The level of compliance with the PSPO is still high and is being proportionately and effectively used.</p> <p>The East area Problem Solving Team continue to work closely with the City Council's Safer Communities team and various outreach services to divert and support those involved in alcohol related ASB.</p>
Current Situation	The situation continues to run at a managed level commensurate with the last report. Actions are clearly

	impacting so that levels have not increased. Continuing strategies in place will enable continued management of the ASB issue.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Colin Norden, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Retain speed checks	
Objective	Retain speed checks
Action Taken	<p>At the area meeting in January, it was agreed that the East area team would complete two days of action on Mill Road bridge. These were conducted at the start of March. The action resulted in a number of tickets to both drivers and cyclists. The feedback from the public was positive and although the high visibility days of action have not been repeated, enforcement has continued at the location and it forms part of officers' day to day work.</p> <p>Officers have been out with handheld laser speed enforcement devices in a number of locations including, but not limited to, Coldhams Lane, Mill Road, Tension Road, Barnwell Road and Hill Road; from this, a number of drivers were reported for summons/conditional fixed penalty.</p> <p>We have had numerous reports of parking concerns/problems on Station Road, with vehicles of all types mainly dropping off and picking up. The East area team have undertaken joint patrols with the council to reduce this.</p> <p>The police continue to receive reports of "road rage" incidents which are typically recorded as offences under Public Order legislation. The reports are increasing in evidential quality as members of the public are recording the incidents on body worn videos, helmet/dash cams and smart phones type devices. This makes taking the matter forward to court successful.</p>
Current Situation	Traffic offences are committed daily in Cambridge and enforcement action will continue to take place; however, it is important we do not single out specific type vehicle types or users as the offences are across all groupings. Everyone has a responsibility to follow the rules of the road and use common sense when needed.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Colin Norden, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Over a period of several months, a large number of burglaries were committed across at least three counties linked to the same offenders.

After making an arrest and recovering several stolen items from a burglary, the East team began to investigate other property seized, thereby uncovering the links to cross border incidents.

The team patiently reviewed a high volume of crime reports and made enquiries with victims which ultimately led to the identification of more offences and three associated burglars being arrested, charged and remanded pending trial.

A significant amount of goods, both in terms of volume and value, has been recovered and returned to victims of crime, which has included jewellery, personal IT and luxury cars.

Cambridge City Council

The Safer Communities team has been involved in cases of serious anti-social behaviour across the East area and actions have been taken to address this. For example, one tenancy undertaking was signed, three Notices of Seeking Possession were issued, one injunction was secured and the county court awarded possession of one property.

The team has been instrumental in resolving complaints of anti-social behaviour in the Riverside area, working with two housing associations, the police and other agencies. This involved serving three Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs). Since the ABCs have been signed, anti-social behaviour has decreased significantly and there have been no more complaints.

Members of the team attended a community day in Thorpe Way which was well attended by the local community. The team also arranged, with the support of Abbey people and colleagues from the County Council, a well-attended alcohol awareness training session. This session was specifically for professionals working in Abbey and with residents who live in Abbey.

A multi-agency task group has been working in the Abbey ward for the past year, tackling issues such as domestic abuse, healthy relationships and increasing reporting.

The Safer Communities team has been liaising closely with the police and homelessness agencies to tackle problematic rough sleeping in various locations, including the East Road and St. Matthew's Street garages. These areas have been referred to the City Council's multi-agency task and target meeting for regular action planning and monitoring and complainants are being updated on a regular basis. A number of garages identified as being used for drug taking have now been cleared and secured. Any individuals identified are being advised where they can access support and accommodation and have been left information cards including a map signposting them to the relevant agencies. Notices have been left warning that sleeping in the garages is not permitted. Where individuals are refusing to seek alternative accommodation legal action is being pursued.

4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CURRENT CRIME & ASB INCIDENT LEVELS BY WARD

			Dwelling Burglary	Other Burglary	Violent Crime	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Vehicle	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
AREA	City East	Jan 16 – May 16	42	62	251	11	4	78	225	105	131	347	1,256	547
		Aug 15 – Dec 15	74	66	198	13	13	57	282	93	123	288	1,207	497
		Jan 15 – May 15	50	41	195	9	13	56	267	125	139	319	1,214	494
WARDS	Abbey	Jan 16 – May 16	18	22	98	2	1	28	27	26	48	89	359	131
		Aug 15 – Dec 15	21	14	76	6	5	26	47	29	43	75	342	148
		Jan 15 – May 15	11	15	50	2	6	24	40	41	37	79	305	125
	Coleridge	Jan 16 – May 16	6	16	58	2	1	17	30	13	25	78	246	92
		Aug 15 – Dec 15	13	20	42	2	5	9	39	9	21	71	231	82
		Jan 15 – May 15	16	9	49	1	1	10	44	12	34	86	262	79
	Petersfield	Jan 16 – May 16	8	12	51	5	0	16	128	42	34	121	417	223
		Aug 15 – Dec 15	21	21	60	4	0	12	158	42	35	87	440	181
		Jan 15 – May 15	14	10	59	3	4	13	145	62	40	113	463	211
	Romsey	Jan 16 – May 16	10	12	44	2	2	17	40	24	24	59	234	101
		Aug 15 – Dec 15	19	11	20	1	3	10	38	13	24	55	194	86
		Jan 15 – May 15	9	7	37	3	2	9	38	10	28	41	184	79

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❑ To continue the momentum which has made Cambridge a hostile place for class A drug dealers to trade.
- ❑ Other priorities as set by the Committee.