

Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City North 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 the six months of November 2016 to April 2017, compared to the previous six months (May 2016 to October 2016) and the same six months last year (November 2015 to April 2016); and
- Information provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing team and the City Council's Safer Communities team.

2 CURRENT PRIORITIES

At the North Area Committee meeting of 15 December 2016, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- ❑ Tackling anti-social behaviour in the Darwin Drive/Akeman Street area
- ❑ Addressing speeding/dangerous driving on Fen Road; and
- ❑ Tackling anti-social cycling on pavements.

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

Tackling anti-social behaviour in the Darwin Drive/Akeman Street area	
Objective	To monitor and address issues of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the Darwin Drive / Akeman Street area.
Action Taken	The City Council's Safer Communities team have ensured that the re-deployable CCTV camera has remained in Akeman Street since being installed late last year. We have kept in contact with residents in the area and will continue to do so, as well as working closely with the police. The police have also been conducting extensive high visibility patrols in the area to reassure the wider community, and actively engaging with the Organised Crime Group. As well as this targeted enforcement work, the police and the City Council have been engaging with local communities to understand their concerns.
Current Situation	Since the re-deployable camera has been installed, there has been a significant reduction in the reports of ASB in Akeman Street and Darwin Drive. However, the police and the council have received reports of ASB in Erasmus Street which leads off Darwin Drive. We are working with residents and the police to tackle this.
Lead Officer	Lynda Kilkelly, Safer Communities Manager, Cambridge City Council

Addressing speeding/dangerous driving on Fen Road	
Objective	To address issues of anti-social driving and speeding among road users on and around Fen Road
Action Taken	To address this issue, the North Partnership and Prevention Team has undertaken targeted patrols in the area to provide a high profile presence to both prevent and deal with offences under the Road Traffic Act. As well as the work that has been

	undertaken by the team, there has been support from other departments within the force. Patrols have been conducted from our Road Policing Unit, which has been able to directly deal with a number of issues around the area. As well as this support, we have had significant support from the Special Constabulary and this has enabled us to conduct more targeted work in the area; this has yielded some significant, but sadly limited, results. As well as directed patrol and enforcement work, we have been carrying out engagement work around the area to not only gain a better understanding of the issues, but also to explain the effects to the community of the actions of the drivers. The work of the officers has highlighted other areas of concern which are now being addressed.
Current Situation	This work continues to address the situation.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Kevin Misik, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Tackling anti-social cycling on pavements	
Objective	To address issues of anti-social cycling across the North area.
Action Taken	The PCSOs within the North team have been conducting patrols to address this priority. These patrols have taken two forms: those which are targeted around the various schools and colleges in the area at both the beginning and the end of the day; and less targeted patrols around the area. During these patrols, cyclists found on the footpath have been challenged about their behaviour.
Current Situation	This work continues to address this situation.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Kevin Misik, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Over the reporting period, there are a number of issues which we would like to highlight to the committee to help them in making a decision around setting the upcoming priorities.

Combatting 'county lines' drug dealing.

Local policing is responsible for tackling serious and organised crime. This is prioritised by working in partnership to highlight and safeguard people who are vulnerable and may be taken advantage of in this matter. Resources would also be used to specifically target the criminality associated with drug dealing gangs and the multiple threats they offer.

Child sexual exploitation

There are a number of issues with young people in the north of the city who are either involved in inappropriate sexual relationships or are at risk of being taken advantage of in this matter. The constabulary already spends a considerable amount of effort in investigating this kind of offence and safeguarding those people who are at risk.

Anti-social behaviour around Fen Road

There continues to be issues around the area of Fen Road, as described in Section 2.

Theft from motor vehicle

There has been an increase in reports of theft from motor vehicle across the North of the city, which is reflected in the figures.

Anti-social behaviour in green spaces

The school holidays will be taking place over this reporting period and this time of year historically leads to an increase in such reports across the north of the city.

Road safety

Ensuring the safe use of the road system for all users continues to be a source of considerable work for Cambridgeshire police.

Cambridge City Council

The Safer Communities team continues to work with individual residents and communities across the north of the city to tackle nuisance and anti-social behaviour. The team served three Notices of Seeking Possession to council tenants where there has been identified persistent nuisance behaviour.

The Safer Communities team were leading on a committee action to tackle ASB in Akeman Street and Darwin Drive; details of this are listed in Section 2.

Grumpy's Corner had previously been raised as an issue in terms of anti-social behaviour. The Safer Communities team and the police worked with the landlord of the property to take action to tackle this nuisance and the shop has subsequently closed down and no further incidents of nuisance have been reported.

The area around Hazelwood and Molewood Close was emerging as a hot spot for ASB at the last area committee. The Safer Communities team are liaising with City Homes and the police in order to identify addresses and individuals and take appropriate action. A residents meeting was held to get information from, and to reassure, residents.

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 North	Nov 16 – Apr 17	67	69	400 (86 with injury)	23	31	184	146	111	221	458	1710	556
		May 16 – Oct 16	110	68	413	24	25	77	186	68	199	379	1549	763
		Nov 15 – Apr 16	83	34	307	11	13	87	105	63	159	313	1175	493
WARDS	Arbury	Nov 16 – Apr 17	14	15	83 (14 with injury)	5	6	45	31	32	44	121	396	122
		May 16 – Oct 16	25	14	111	7	5	14	43	15	49	100	383	200
		Nov 15 – Apr 16	20	8	69	2	1	26	24	20	40	65	275	122
	East Chesterton	Nov 16 – Apr 17	16	23	99 (20 with injury)	3	8	36	27	4	52	105	373	131
		May 16 – Oct 16	26	19	91	3	11	24	30	5	53	84	346	192
		Nov 15 – Apr 16	23	15	68	4	3	23	30	3	44	65	278	111
	King's Hedges	Nov 16 – Apr 17	21	10	142 (30 with injury)	5	9	66	37	52	59	123	524	187
		May 16 – Oct 16	28	14	129	8	4	26	22	36	63	113	443	204
		Nov 15 – Apr 16	25	3	121	3	7	19	11	31	50	82	352	154
	West Chesterton	Nov 16 – Apr 17	16	21	76 (18 with injury)	10	8	37	51	23	66	109	417	116
		May 16 – Oct 16	31	21	82	6	5	13	91	12	34	82	377	167
		Nov 15 – Apr 16	15	8	49	2	2	19	40	9	25	101	270	106

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

There are 6 recommendations of which the Committee is asked to nominate their Top 3 for focus over the coming months.

- **Combating 'county lines' drug dealing.**
This work will be a combination of partnership working to safeguard vulnerable people and enforcement work against offenders.
- **Child sexual exploitation.**
The work undertaken in relation to this priority will be above and beyond the work carried out in relation to this issue. It will be patrols of hotspot areas and other areas of vulnerability such as school gates to gather intelligence and deal with offenders.
- **Anti-social behaviour around Fen Road.**
This work will consist of increased patrolling of the area in question by members of the partnership team and supported by wider policing resources.
- **Theft from motor vehicles.**
This work will be increased patrolling of areas suffering from theft from motor vehicles.
- **Road safety.**
This work will be high visibility policing to prevent and detect offences and continuing to promote SpeedWatch.
- **Anti-social behaviour in green spaces.**
This work will consist of targeted patrols of the various green spaces across the area.