

# 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 the six months of June 2017 to November 2017, compared to the previous six months (December 2016 to May 2017) and the same six months the previous year (June 2016 to November 2016); 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 20 July 2017, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- County lines issues;
- Responding to street life ASB issues in Mill Road; and
- Road safety in known hot spot areas.

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.

<b>County lines issues</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Combatting 'county lines' drug dealing.
<b>Action Taken</b>	Over the last few months, there has been considerable activity taken in relation to County lines drug dealing in the east of the city as part of the wider activity against the problem, city wide. Since we have begun implementing parts of the Local Policing Review, staff from the Prevention Teams have extended their remit to cover the whole of the new South Area; specifically, warrants and searches on Great Eastern Street, St. Matthew's Street, Corrie Road and Perse Way have resulted in numerous arrests of known drug dealers from out of the county, as well as the recovery of substantial amounts of drugs, primarily crack cocaine. Stolen vehicles have been found being used by these individuals, sometimes linked to serious crime in other parts of the county and country. Numerous Section 8 disruption notices have been issued to addresses across the east, to support Cambridge city housing providers in dealing with tenants who support these criminals by allowing them to use their premises.
<b>Current Situation</b>	Residents' groups are still reporting issues with drug dealing in their neighbourhoods to the police, either directly or via third parties like Crimestoppers, on a frequent and regular basis. The Prevention Teams are always busy taking action on this intelligence and are frequently making arrests and seizing large amounts of criminal property in the form of drugs and the money associated with it.
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeant Jim Stevenson, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

<b>Responding to street life ASB issues in Mill Road</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Dealing with anti-social behaviour in the Mill Road area, particularly that caused by persistent street drinking or begging.
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p><u>Cambridge City Council</u></p> <p>The City Council's Safer Communities team has been working with the police to tackle issues with rough sleepers and begging on Mill Road. Complaints have been received about individuals begging, rough sleeping and causing nuisance, such as aggressive behaviour, persistently begging from customers in nearby shops and restaurants, shouting at passers-by and generally displaying intimidating behaviour outside St. Barnabas Church. Partnership working is currently ongoing to ensure the identified individuals have support, can access accommodation, if required, and where necessary enforcement action is taken to prevent further incidents.</p> <p>Fitzroy Street and Burleigh Street continue to attract a high number of individuals begging and rough sleeping in doorways. Partnership work is ongoing to deal with individuals when identified, offering support where required. We are aware that a number of these individuals have access to accommodation. The City Council put on extra emergency beds during the colder weather to ensure no one has to sleep outdoors, however we are aware that people are still sleeping out.</p> <p><u>Cambridgeshire Constabulary</u></p> <p>The work around the issues of street-based ASB on Mill Road is part of the wider work undertaken by both the police and City Council. The work has two parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The work that we undertake with a number of support agencies to divert the people involved in this type of behaviour. This has a wide number of benefits as not only does it reduce the number of incidents that any given person is involved in, but it also is beneficial for the person in question themselves.</li> <li>• The work on targeted enforcement action, both against prolific offenders as well as areas such as the Mill Road Cemetery. These patrols have led to a number of offenders being dealt with. Evidence is continuing to be gathered around problematic individuals and work is ongoing to address their offending behaviour by way of Criminal Behaviour Orders. The Public Spaces Protection Order which is in place around a number of locations at the city</li> </ul>

	end of Mill Road remains in place and effective in reducing the amount of problematic behaviour in the areas covered.
<b>Current Situation</b>	<p><u>Cambridge City Council</u>  In the past few days, the City Council has had a number of emails from members of our broader partnership and members of the public about the emergency cold weather provision and people apparently being turned away because Jimmy's is full. This is what some people on the street have said. A further claim is that there are not enough beds being put on for women and that women have to use accommodation shared with men. We can confirm that none of this is true. There are 30 beds in Jimmy's and a further 3 in The Victoria Project (TVP) on Victoria Road. There are also 15 beds in the churches now available. During the most recent period of cold weather provision (8/12 – 17/12), the number of people who turned up for beds at Jimmy's and TVP peaked at 24 and fell as low as 13. The average for the period is 16. There are 6 beds exclusively for women at Jimmy's but this could be increased to 16. The highest recorded number of women seeking a bed during the cold weather period just gone is 4. We are keen to ensure we counter these claims when given the opportunity as it may put off vulnerable people from approaching Jimmy's when there is somewhere warm and safe for them.</p> <p><u>Cambridgeshire Constabulary</u>  This work continues as part of the work carried out by the team and will continue going forward.</p>
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeant Jim Stevenson, Cambridgeshire Constabulary / Lynda Kilkelly, Cambridge City Council

<b>Road safety in known hot spot areas</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	To promote and enforce road safety, especially in areas identified as of specific community concern.
<b>Action Taken</b>	CrashMap data identified Mill Road, East Road and Barnwell Road as the primary roads where collisions have occurred in the last 24 months. The majority of these incidents involved vehicles and cycles pulling out of junctions or onto roundabouts, so speed was either not a factor or recorded as a secondary one. Residents have also highlighted Tenison Road and Whitehill Road as other areas of concern. Enhanced patrols of these areas have been carried out by the East Team PCSOs, the City Council's Parking Services department and the Special Constabulary focusing on the key areas highlighted above. Most of the traffic offences dealt with have been parking

	offences; however we have also issued Fixed Penalty Notices for obstruction where possible.
<b>Current Situation</b>	Clearly road safety in Cambridge is an important issue for many residents, commuters and regular visitors to the city. Many of the issues are ones of road geography, parking provision and loading bay provision, which are outside of the control of the police or Parking Services. A city as densely populated and as frequently visited as Cambridge is always going to have some issues around traffic management, especially at busy periods, both daily and seasonal.
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeant Jim Stevenson, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

### 3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

#### Cambridge City Council

The Safer Communities team works across the east of the city with both individual residents and communities to address concerns around nuisance and anti-social behaviour. It has continued to lead a piece of work with rough sleepers and drug users accessing East Road garage block. More recently a possession order was granted and a warrant was obtained to remove people using individual garages. We have also worked with colleagues in the Council to make the area more secure to prevent further instances of this occurring.

The team also took tenancy enforcement action against an individual who was responsible for persistent nuisance behaviour in their local area and the Council was granted possession of their property.

Two cases, where Neighbourhood Resolution was identified as a good way to resolve neighbour disputes, have been referred to the City Council's Neighbourhood Resolution Panel Co-ordinator.

The team organised a multi-agency task group to examine concerns that a small number of individuals across the city are targeting adults at risk and exploiting them by taking over their properties. This is an on-going piece of work and the team will continue to work with the police and other agencies to explore solutions to this issue.

The team also arranged a conference to raise awareness about coercive control. Cambridge City Council is the first council in East Anglia to arrange such a conference and 170 members of the general public attended. It was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June at the Guildhall and was opened by Chief Executive, Antoinette Jackson, and chaired by Cllr. Ann Sinnott, Lead City Councillor on domestic violence and abuse. Guest speakers provided perspectives from Cambridgeshire Constabulary, survivors and academia, as well as Professor Emeritus Evan Stark whose award-winning book on *Coercive Control* (Oxford, 2007) was an important basis for the new offence of "domestic violence and coercive control" in England and Wales. Joanne Beverley, the sister of Natalie Hemming, attended the conference, saying: "My family recently took part in a documentary which aired on Channel 4 called 'Catching a Killer - The Search for Natalie Hemming'. I am glad to see the local authority in Cambridge taking a lead in promoting the laws around coercive control."

## **Cambridgeshire Constabulary**

There has been a recent spike in the number of burglaries across the city, particularly in the South and East areas, although there is a lot of police resource devoted to the investigation of these offences and the apprehension of the offenders responsible. A priority around high visibility reassurance policing and raising awareness of home security would allow us to contribute more effectively to this issue.

There has been a recent spike in ASB on and around Coleridge Rec, particularly associated with groups of young people upsetting the local 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
<b>AREA</b>	<b>City East</b>	Jun 17 – Nov 17	105	67	377 93 injuries	26	29	120	364	233	187	491	1,999	657
		Dec 16 – May 17	96	62	381 80 injuries	14	24	117	259	157	180	471	1,761	633
		Jun 16 – Nov 16	97	60	340 89 injuries	19	15	123	359	165	150	427	1,755	721
<b>WARDS</b>	<b>Abbey</b>	Jun 17 – Nov 17	21	20	129 29 injuries	3	9	49	48	53	59	156	547	191
		Dec 16 – May 17	33	23	129 27 injuries	4	12	49	37	38	67	148	540	173
		Jun 16 – Nov 16	22	18	119 36 injuries	5	5	41	61	41	36	124	472	215
	<b>Coleridge</b>	Jun 17 – Nov 17	32	14	71 21 injuries	5	9	17	47	56	38	94	383	125
		Dec 16 – May 17	33	13	78 14 injuries	3	1	20	29	43	43	72	335	153
		Jun 16 – Nov 16	22	21	62 20 injuries	4	2	27	39	39	32	86	334	149
	<b>Petersfield</b>	Jun 17 – Nov 17	29	15	108 20 injuries	12	2	19	210	90	41	139	665	221
		Dec 16 – May 17	9	10	112 24 injuries	4	6	19	156	50	34	152	552	198
		Jun 16 – Nov 16	34	10	99 21 injuries	6	3	25	206	53	36	152	624	246
	<b>Romsey</b>	Jun 17 – Nov 17	23	18	69 23 injuries	6	9	35	59	34	49	102	404	120
		Dec 16 – May 17	21	16	62 15 injuries	3	5	29	37	26	36	99	334	109
		Jun 16 – Nov 16	19	11	60 12 injuries	4	5	30	53	32	46	65	325	111

## **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

### **1. Coleridge Rec. ASB.**

Over the last few months, a number of issues involving an identified group of young people causing issues which have upset the local community have come to light. So far the group seem undeterred by the police and council ASB team's usual intervention tactics.

### **2. Dwelling burglary.**

The figures show an increase in the number of offences over the previous six months. This work will be in support of the Burglary Team and would be around targeted patrolling of locations across the area, which are subject to dwelling burglary as well as supporting residents with home security surveys and other crime prevention activity.

### **3. County line drug dealing.**

There continues to be areas in the east of the city where people are being put at risk but this kind of activity. The work around this would be around highlighting vulnerable people and dealing with offenders.

### **4. Road safety.**

This is a core role for the team and this would be a continuation of the patrols around this issue as well as a review of the areas we are targeting.

### **5. Safeguarding young people.**

This is a key function of the team and the adoption of the CSE priorities that have been previously set in other areas. The work around this priority would be in partnership with other agencies to identify and deal with risks. This would cover CSE and other types of risk.

### **6. Mill Road ASB.**

This continues to pose an issue to local residents and businesses in the area and involves several confirmed offenders. Much of the work is long term and requires considerable investment of resources alongside staff from the City Centre Team.