

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 2017 to April 2018, compared to the previous six months (May 2017 to October 2017) and the same six months last year (November 2016 to April 2017); 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 14 December 2017, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Criminality in and around East Chesterton
- County line drug dealing; and
- To continue to recognise the need for Akeman Street and Darwin Drive area to receive special police focus.

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.

Criminality in and around East Chesterton	
Objective	Targeted patrolling around the area due to ongoing issues and continuing work with partners.
Action Taken	<p>This priority was requested as an outcome from the last area committee meeting. Members of the committee reported concerns summarised as Fen Road*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Dangerous, anti-social and inconsiderate driving. □ Intimidation and criminal public order offences. □ Criminal damage, specifically egg-throwing and the use of ball-bearing weapons to smash windows. <p>Further concerns were raised which covered a wider area of the north of the city:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ General anti-social behaviour (ASB) and the perception of lawlessness, including young people gathering in groups and using mopeds off-road. □ Concern around police visibility. □ Concern about reporting of ASB and crime not being following through or actioned by police. <p><u>Update on Fen Road</u></p> <p>Since the last area committee meeting, a separate public meeting has been held, led by local residents and councillors. Insp. Rogerson and the City Council's Safer Communities Manager, Lynda Kilkelly, attended. This provided a good opportunity for the two local agencies responsible for tackling ASB to understand the specific concerns. The following immediate actions have been taken by the police:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Community Action Team (CAT). The CAT has now been assigned specifically to patrol and deal with tackling ongoing issues (see above*). This team is focused and targeted at

just a few acute areas around the South area of the County, meaning more regular patrols and enforcement can be assured independently from any demands on our regular police teams who service 999 calls and emergencies. Regular patrols have resulted in two of the “problem cars” being seized and the identification of a group of young males (and their cars) who are now being targeted for enforcement.

- Community intelligence and reporting is being reviewed daily. Any calls made to police which are not “emergencies” (so can’t be serviced immediately) are collated and assessed. What does this mean? It means that we have been able to link all online reports and calls via 101/999, and start mapping where and when problems are occurring. As a result, the CAT is now able to focus on the very few specific people, cars, times and locations where issues are occurring. We have also been able to build stronger cases against individuals having mapped all the cars that have been reported against descriptions, locations and times. This is ongoing work.
- We have reviewed several hundred previous calls and investigations. Victims and witnesses have been revisited or contacted. We are doing this as we begin to build civil cases against regular or repeat offenders. This has been key to obtaining section 59 (Police Reform Act) seizures of cars.
- Communication. We have been placing a lot more information in the public domain using eCops and social media. We remain sensitive to the concerns of the community around sensational media reporting. We feel it right to place as much information in the public domain as possible. We have encouraged journalists to patrol with us and will continue to try and work as productively as we can with the local media.
- The traffic collision investigation which triggered some heightened concern is still ongoing. From the public meeting we were provided with some dash cam footage which will assist us. We have apologised and acknowledged a time delay in picking up this footage, a concern which was aired at our public meeting. We thank the owner of the footage for their diligence in ensuring we obtained it. Given the complexity of the investigation there was no impact on the time line of the investigation. DI Savill remains the senior investigating officer, and has updated us that his team are actively pursuing lines of enquiry. It may realistically be a few more weeks before we know the outcome; this is not an

	<p>unusual timescale, as we seek to follow all the necessary guidance from the CPS.</p> <p><u>The next steps.</u> As well as traditional police work, we have formed a multi-agency group to look at the longer term issues, looking at the causal factors behind the behaviour, criminality and communities concern. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Cohesion between the settled and travelling communities. □ Road safety and environmental design of the area. □ Community mapping of resources. □ Long-term engagement and confidence work. □ Proactive bids for funding to allow the partnership to start implementing long term renewal projects. <p>We are also looking in the longer term at how we might continue enforcing ASB and driving offences. The current increase in police presence will not provide any realistic longer term solution, so as part of the long term planning we will be looking at how we neutralise the current issues by designing them out rather than rely on enforcement.</p> <p>Police have offered to be part of a residents’ committee. We await further invites to these meetings and see this as a good way to be visibly accountable to you. We are also now looking at formally appointing a volunteer from the community who will be able to work with us from within the team, to influence how we work and feedback progress to the community. For the moment the Police will lead on bringing together a multi-agency working group to look at this, with a view to this being adopted as a standalone group which involves all partners given the significant community concern. The police team’s concern long term is that we cannot rely on enforcement to solve the underlying problems that exist in the community, and this is reflected in our short and long term plans.</p>
<p>Current Situation</p>	<p>Looking ahead:</p> <p>Fen Road – All the above matters will continue and we will retain this as a local priority.</p> <p>Wider ASB – Given the acute nature of the Fen Road issues our resources have been focused here. PCs Eleanor Bacchus and Jess Denniff will now start looking at some of the wider issues. We believe that we need to understand from our next area committee meeting the other hot spot areas and areas of concern and adopt a similar approach to the above to start to problems solve some of the longer standing concerns.</p>

	<p>The committee may wish to discuss and specify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Which areas of concern may need more information passing to the community? (can we tell you more). □ Provide an update on community confidence and concern. □ Provide any additional information they may help both agencies respond.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Tracy Williams, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

County line drug dealing	
Objective	Dealing with offenders and protecting the vulnerable in the area.
Action Taken	Warrants have been executed in numerous properties in the area and 29 individuals have been arrested for possession with intent to supply within the time period given. PS Paul Street has been leading the team instigating these warrants and the proactive activity remains ongoing. A verbal report will be given at the committee meeting.
Current Situation	This work is ongoing and will continue, we can continue to report back on this area of work, but it is not necessary for the committee to set it specifically as an action as it will remain ongoing as one of the Constabulary's Priorities.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Tracy Williams, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

To continue to recognise the need for Akeman Street and Darwin Drive area to receive special police focus	
Objective	Police reassurance patrols in the area
Action Taken	Due to the arrest, remand and subsequent conviction of the Ali brother for the murder of James Cromwell, the requirement for police attendance in and around Darwin Drive and Akeman Street has notably decreased. Patrols in the area are no longer a local priority.
Current Situation	My recommendation is that this is no longer a priority.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Tracy Williams, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

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The force priorities remain:

- Dwelling burglary
- Serious sexual offences
- Child exploitation
- Modern day slavery
- Domestic abuse
- Visibility

Emerging issues:

- Summer and hot weather related ASB in green and open spaces
- Domestic and alcohol related violence during the World Cup season

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The Safer Communities team has investigated a number of serious cases of anti-social behaviour (ASB) across the north of the city. Some of these cases have required enforcement action to be pursued: two Notices of Seeking Possession were served on properties where serious ASB occurred.

Performances of Chelsea's Choice (a play that explores issues around child sexual exploitation) were held in the north of the city, both for the community and students from Year 9/10.

Safer Communities arranged for a re-deployable CCTV camera to be installed on Grumpy's Corner, due to reports of continuing ASB. Subsequently, there was significant improvement in the area. However, reports suggest the activity may have been displaced to other local areas: this is being looked into.

The Safer Communities team continues to work with the police and other agencies on other ASB issues in East Chesterton.

4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CURRENT CRIME & ASB INCIDENT LEVELS BY WARD

			Dwelling Burglary	Other Burglary	Violent Crime / *with injury	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Vehicle	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
AREA	City North	Nov 17 – Apr 18	125	18	364 / 98	26	19	83	119	82	265	355	1456	419
		May 17 – Oct 17	124	68	475 / 116	23	24	157	204	97	203	499	1874	718
		Nov 16 – Apr 17	67	69	400 / 106	23	31	184	146	111	221	458	1710	556
WARDS	Arbury	Nov 17 – Apr 18	36	6	77 / 21	10	5	21	27	22	49	90	343	89
		May 17 – Oct 17	29	21	103 / 33	7	9	41	48	29	54	146	487	156
		Nov 16 – Apr 17	14	15	83 / 21	5	6	45	31	32	44	121	396	122
	East Chesterton	Nov 17 – Apr 18	30	7	100 / 26	3	3	22	22	7	104	84	382	82
		May 17 – Oct 17	33	16	139 / 28	3	6	33	31	12	55	132	460	124
		Nov 16 – Apr 17	16	23	99 / 26	3	8	36	27	4	52	105	373	131
	King's Hedges	Nov 17 – Apr 18	36	1	125 / 35	6	5	18	24	33	56	93	397	149
		May 17 – Oct 17	38	22	155 / 36	9	5	40	48	42	51	133	543	273
		Nov 16 – Apr 17	21	10	142 / 41	5	9	66	37	52	59	123	524	187
	West Chesterton	Nov 17 – Apr 18	23	4	62 / 16	7	6	22	46	20	56	88	334	99
		May 17 – Oct 17	24	9	78 / 19	4	4	43	77	14	43	88	384	165
		Nov 16 – Apr 17	16	21	76 / 18	10	8	37	51	23	66	109	417	116

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

We seek views from this committee on those local issues that the police and partner agencies can work together to action and report on at the next committee meeting.