

CAMBRIDGE CITY CUMULATIVE IMPACT POLICY REVIEW 2020

Three years data has been analysed, though it should be noted that we are dependent upon crimes and incidents having an 'alcohol' marker which is not reliably the case. Additionally, in May 2018 Cambridgeshire Constabulary converted to a new Crime recording system, which again required an 'alcohol' qualifier to be recorded against a crime for it to be included in these statistics. These figures relate to all alcohol related crimes and incidents recorded within the Cambridge Ward areas that have been identified using the recording systems – 'Crime File', 'Command & Control 3' and 'Athena'.

From the information that is recorded below, it can be seen that in Cambridge there is a general correlation between the ward areas with the highest number of licenced premises and the number of alcohol related crime and incidents.

		Alcohol Related Crime and Incidents				
WARD	Licenced Premises	WARD	Apr2017- Mar2018	Apr2018- Mar2019	Apr2019- Mar2020	TOTAL
Market	245	Market	1151	714	813	2678
Petersfield	62	Petersfield	254	188	228	670
Trumpington	51	Trumpington	195	182	228	605
Abbey	33	King's Hedges	198	133	199	530
Coleridge	32	Abbey	159	160	198	517
Castle	32	West Chesterton	150	157	185	492
Newnham	32	East Chesterton	158	100	160	418
Romsey	26	Arbury	163	121	111	395
King's Hedges	24	Coleridge	144	108	141	393
Arbury	24	Romsey	104	92	108	304
Cherry Hinton	22	Queen Edith's	126	68	85	279
East Chesterton	16	Cherry Hinton	79	59	77	215
West Chesterton	14	Castle	74	53	58	185
Queen Edith's	11	Newnham	45	33	37	115
TOTAL	624	TOTAL	3000	2168	2628	7796

There has been an overall ~12% decrease in the number of alcohol related crimes and incidents recorded in Cambridge between April 2017-March 2018, and April 2019-March 2020.

The table below shows the highest 15 streets in Cambridge for reports of alcohol related crimes and incidents between April 2017 – May 2020. Ten of these streets being located within the existing City Centre Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ). Hills Road and Mill Road also located in existing CIZs.

ROAD NAME	Crimes & Incidents April 2017 - May 2020	WARD
St Andrews Street	382	Market
Mill Road	232	Petersfield/Romsey
Hills Road	215*	Petersfield/Trumpington/Coleridge

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Chesterton Road	211	West Chesterton/Arbury
Sidney Street	201	Market
Downing Street	200	Market
Regent Street	198	Market
Newmarket Road	165	Abbey
Milton Road	158	West Chesterton/Kings Hedges
East Road	143	Market
Parkside	136	Market
Lion Yard	117	Market
Guildhall Place	116	Market
Rose Crescent	116	Market
Market Hill	107	Market

* excluding alcohol related crimes and incidents recorded at Addenbrookes hospital, Hills Road.

MARKET WARD

The main hot spot areas for alcohol related crime and incidents in Market Ward, are focused on St. Andrews Street, Sidney Street, Downing Street and Regent Street. With St. Andrews Street accounting for 14% of all the alcohol related crime and incidents in Market Ward. Sidney Street, Downing Street and Regent Street all account for approximately ~7% respectively. This shows a continued requirement for the presence of the current city centre CIZ.

COLERIDGE

Coleridge Ward has seen a small reduction of ~7% in the overall alcohol related crime and incidents from the period March 2014- February 2017 to March 2017- February 2020. However, over the same period the percentage of these crimes and incidents occurring on the Cambridge Leisure Park has seen a significant reduced from 30% to only ~9%, indicating that the presence of the current CIZ has been effective.

PETERSFIELD/ROMSEY

Despite the combined figures for these two wards showing a ~5% reduction in the overall alcohol related crime and incidents from the period March 2014- February 2017 to March 2017- February 2020. There are still two 'hotspot' areas, namely; Mill Road and Hills Road.

Mill Road:

- A total of 232 (~22%) of all recorded alcohol related incidents and crimes in Petersfield and Romsey Wards occurs on Mill Road.
- There is a total of 44 Licensed Premises on Mill Road, made up of premises with on-licences, off-licences and both.
- Between 1st March 2019 – 29th February 2020 the police recorded 26 'street based' alcohol related incidents (not crimes) along the Petersfield section of Mill Road. The vast majority of these incidents refer to: street drinkers being

abusive to members of the public, concerns for the safety of people 'passed out' on the path, or persons walking in the road, presenting a danger to themselves and other road users. Additionally, a number of calls to assist ambulance staff who are trying to assess/treat uncooperative, vulnerable persons who are under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

PETERSFIELD AND TRUMPINGTON

Hills Road:

- Over the 3-year period a total of 215 (~12%) of all alcohol related crimes and incidents within the Wards of Petersfield, Coleridge and Trumpington were recorded along Hills Road, not including those recorded as occurring at Addenbrookes hospital, Hills Road.
- The vast majority of these records indicate that the offending party was intoxicated, resulting in violent behaviour, with some leading to an assault, or displaying aggressive behaviour in a public place.

It is evident from the general downward trend in alcohol related crime and incidents that current CIZs are effective and are having a positive impact. However, the previously identified hotspots for these types of crimes and incidents continue to be problematic areas in Cambridge City, and therefore it is recommended that the current Cumulative Impact Zones remain in place.

WEST CHESTERTON

It should be noted that over the last 3 years the statistics show that Chesterton Road is a hotspot area for alcohol related crimes and incidents.

There is a small section of Chesterton Road within Arbury Ward, but its majority is in West Chesterton Ward. Chesterton Road features 4th in the table for the highest alcohol related crimes and incidents which is concerning as it isn't located within any of the existing CIZ. The city centre CIZ borders the southern bank of the River Cam, and Chesterton Road is located just north of the river.

As a comparison with Mill Road, between 1st March 2019 – 29th February 2020 the police recorded 21 'street based' alcohol related incidents (not crimes) along Chesterton Road.

The vast majority of this incidents refer to incidents involving street drinkers being abusive to members of the public and shop staff, begging, fighting amongst themselves. Additionally, as with Mill Road we have recorded a number of calls to assist ambulance staff who are trying to assess and treat unwilling, vulnerable people who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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The majority of these reports are centred around the 'Mitcham's Corner' area, and roads leading off it. The areas include; the parade of shops and businesses on Milton Road (as far as Springfield Terrace), the section of Chesterton Road from Croft Holme Lane, along to Ferry Path, and the section of Victoria Avenue, north of the River Cam.

There appears to be a disproportionately high level of alcohol related crimes and incidents in this area of the West Chesterton ward, considering it only has 14 licensed premises. However, a high percentage of these premises are located within this 'hot spot' area. ~23% of all recorded alcohol related crimes and incidents occur along Chesterton Road. Therefore, consideration should be given to extending the city centre CIZ to include this area, or to create a new CIZ for this relatively small geographical area.