

Total Recorded Crime, Violence, Public Safety Welfare and Anti- social Behaviour within the Cumulative Impact Zones in Wolverhampton

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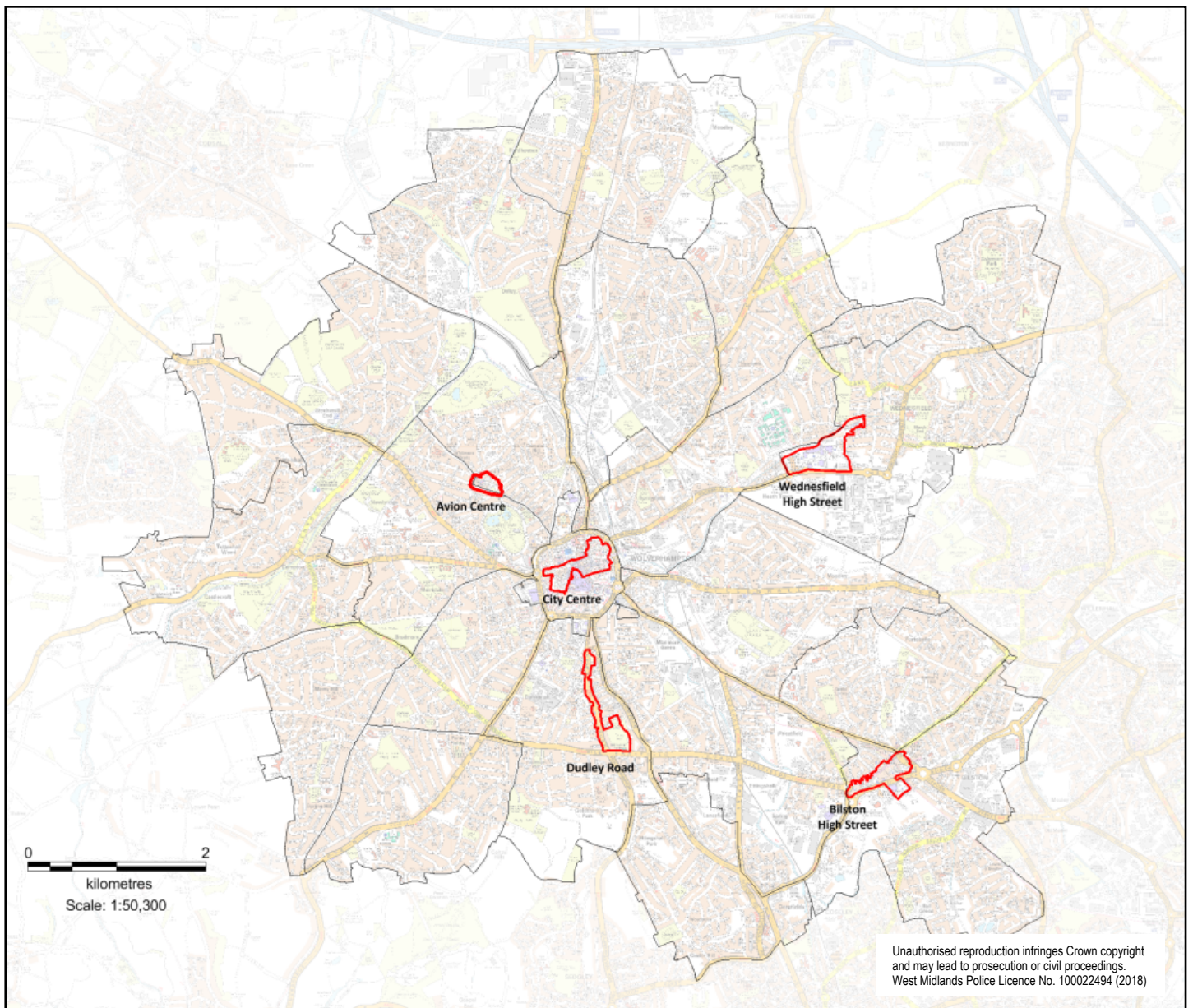
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1.0 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of total recorded crime, with a focus on violence, within the five cumulative impact zones in the City of Wolverhampton. Public safety welfare and anti-social behaviour data is also included for each zone.

The areas outlined in red on the map below show the cumulative impact zones currently in operation within the City of Wolverhampton:



Methodology

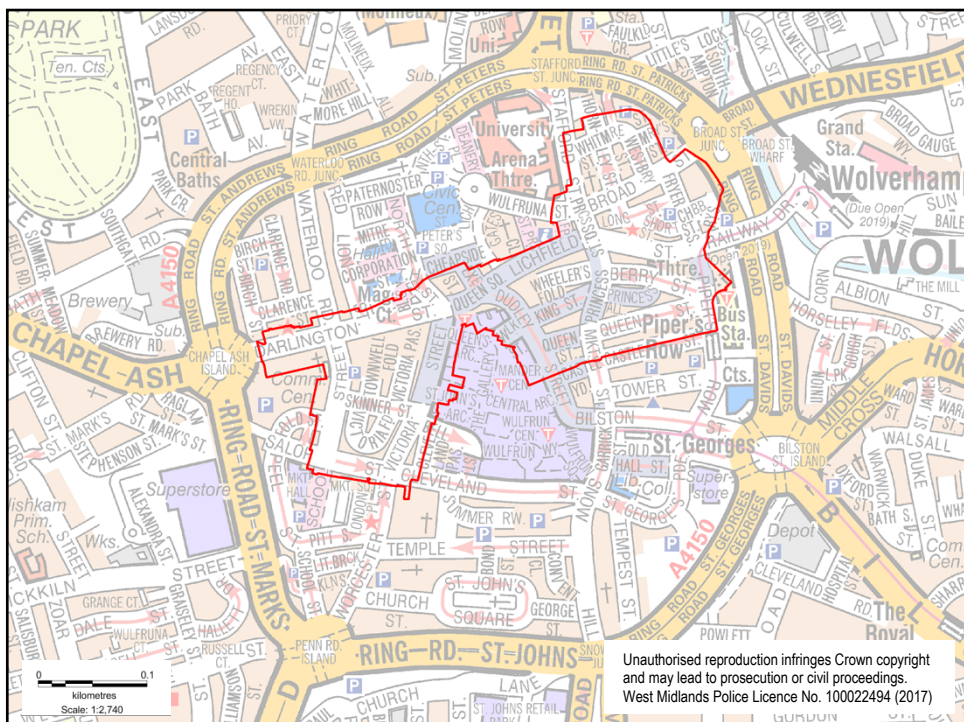
Data used in this report is sourced from West Midlands Police Crimes system. All data refers to the date on which an offence was recorded, and was downloaded for the period 1st October 2016 to 30th September 2017. In previous reports, data around the involvement of alcohol was used, but as this relied on the accurate use of markers and was often found to not present a true picture of offending, this report will use offences that fall within the category of Violence instead to assess performance within the cumulative impact zones.

For the City Centre cumulative impact zone only, offences that were committed during the night time economy (NTE) were determined by comparing the Date and Time First Committed to the Date and Time Last Committed for offences committed between the hours of 21:00hrs and 06:00hrs the following morning, or where the offence times fell just outside this range but the majority was within the range.

Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) and public safety welfare (PSW) data is sourced from the OASIS command and control system, where all logs finalised as anti-social behaviour or public safety welfare and recorded as first occurring between 1st October 2016 to 30th September 2017 were retrieved for analysis.

2.0 Analysis

2.1 City Centre Cumulative Impact Zone



As would be expected in a city town centre there is a high transient population who frequent the area for varied reasons, working, shopping or for the entertainment venues. A total of 5 years data has been collated from within the CIZ in the town centre. It shows that the Total Recorded Crime (TRC) reported within the area has remained stable throughout this period with a slight increase from 14/15 to 15/16. A 10% reduction has then followed in 16/17 from the previous year.

| Year | Total Recorded Crime (TRC) | | | Violence | | |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within CIZ during Night Time Economy | % Within CIZ during NTE | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within CIZ during Night Time Economy | % Within CIZ during NTE |
| 1st October 2012 - 30th September 2013 | 998 | 365 | 37% | 300 | 185 | 62% |
| 1st October 2013 - 30th September 2014 | 896 | 317 | 35% | 310 | 182 | 59% |
| 1st October 2014 - 30th September 2015 | 914 | 359 | 39% | 300 | 183 | 61% |
| 1st October 2015 - 30th September 2016 | 972 | 371 | 38% | 310 | 186 | 60% |
| 1st October 2016- 30th September 2017 | 871 | 335 | 38% | 315 | 160 | 50.8% |

**Total
Recorded
Crime
(TRC)**

Violence

Violence has remained stable in Wolverhampton Town Centre over the 5 year data period. Violence recordings in 2016/17 have seen an increase from the previous year by 1.6% and also the highest volume of incidents over the 5 year period.

In 2015/16 there were 310 violent offences in the CIZ area (**not** NTE). The CIZ area saw the same pattern of offences making up the picture of violent crime in this area as the previous year. 86 were Assault Occasion ABH (27.7%), Gorgeous Bar and Yates Wine Lodge having the highest number of offences. Common Assault accounted for 46 offences (14.8%), with Yates Wine Lodge and Gorgeous Bar again being the highest locations. There were 36 Malicious Wounding offences (11.6%), with Gorgeous Bar having the most offences. These 3 crime types equal 54.1% (168) of the violent offences in the CIZ area for the year.

In 2016/17, there have been a total of 315 violent offences recorded within the CIZ area (not NTE). The top offence recorded was Assault Occasion ABH (29.2%). Common Assault accounted for 12.4% of the total violence recordings followed by Malicious Wounding at 8%. Again, following on from the previous year, the hotspot locations of offences can be seen in Gorgeous Bar and Yates Wine Lodge.

Violence (NTE)

The NTE is between 21:00hrs and 06:00hrs.

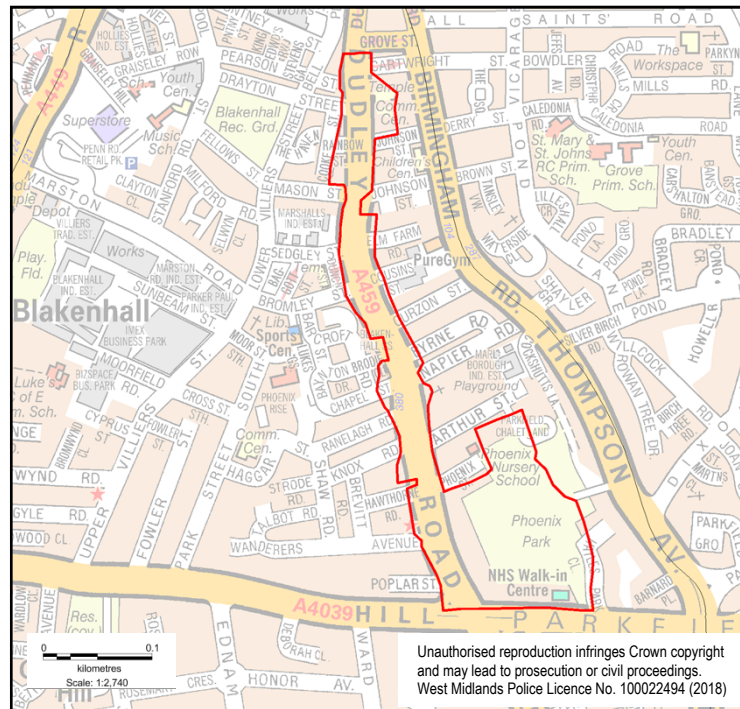
There has been a 14% reduction in violence within the night time economy with 186 offences in 2015/16 down to 160 offences in 2016/17.

The table below shows anti-social behaviour (ASB) and public safety welfare (PSW) levels within the cumulative impact zone during the last 3 years analysed:

| Year | Antisocial Behaviour | | | Public Safety Welfare | | |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within CIZ during Night Time Economy | % Within CIZ during NTE | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within CIZ during Night Time Economy | % Within CIZ during NTE |
| 1 st October 2014 - 30 th September 2015 | 107 | 51 | 47.60% | 442 | 189 | 42.70% |
| 1 st October 2015 - 30 th September 2016 | 241 | 99 | 41% | 1129 | 517 | 45.80% |
| 1 st October 2016- 30 th September 2017 | 223 | 87 | 40% | 1222 | 423 | 34.60% |

The table shows the figures for ASB and PSW within the CIZ area for a 3 year period. It can be seen that there is an increase in ASB from 2014/15 to 2015/16 which has been followed by a decrease in ASB in 2016/17 by 7.5% from the previous year. An increase in PSW recordings can be seen in 2016/17 by 8.3%, however; a decrease the NTE PSW recordings has been seen since the previous year with a decrease of 18%.

2.2 Dudley Road Cumulative Impact Zone



The Dudley Road is one of the main arterial routes in the Wolverhampton Borough. It runs from the City Centre to the North toward the Dudley Borough boundary. It is densely populated with retail premises such as jewellers, grocers and clothing shops that are generally owned and operated by members of the Asian community. A number of these stores have off licences.

The cumulative impact zone sits within the Blakenhall Ward, and is also situated within the All Saints and Blakenhall red Priority Area. Issues identified during Priority Area work include business crime, prostitution, illegal immigration and domestic violence.

The table below shows levels of total recorded crime (TRC), violent crime, anti-social behaviour and public safety welfare within the cumulative impact zone, broken down by year, since October 2011:

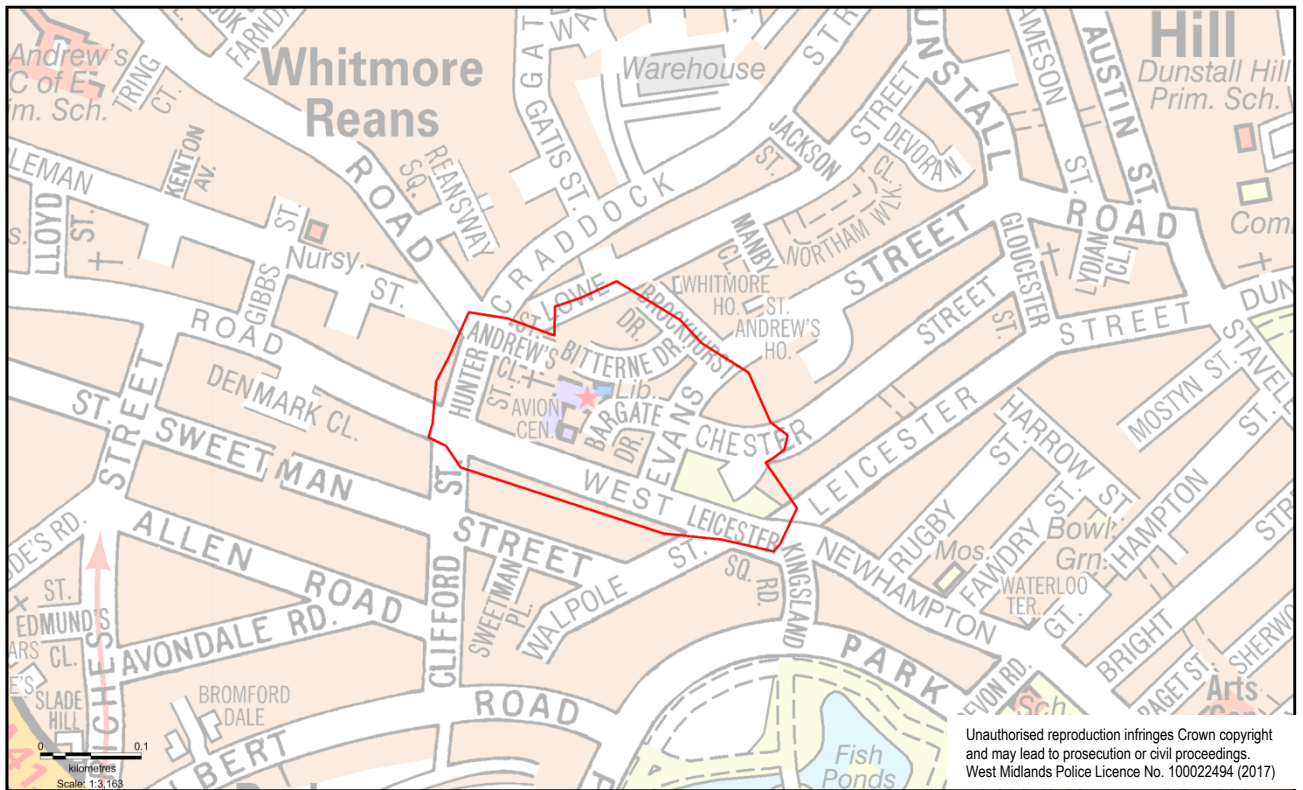
| | Total Recorded Crime | Violence | Anti-Social Behaviour | Public Safety Welfare |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Year | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone |
| 1 st October 2011 - 30 th September 2012 | 124 | 39 | 26 | 178 |
| 1 st October 2012 - 30 th September 2013 | 139 | 48 | 29 | 188 |
| 1 st October 2013 - 30 th September 2014 | 105 | 39 | 56 | 209 |
| 1 st October 2014 - 30 th September 2015 | 114 | 51 | 24 | 207 |
| 1 st October 2015 - 30 th September 2016 | 137 | 53 | 27 | 248 |
| 1 st October 2016- 30 th September 2017 | 109 | 52 | 51 | 164 |

TRC in 2016/17 has seen a decrease of 20% in offences compared to the previous year. The highest crime type was Assault Occasion ABH (14%), followed by Burglary Other Building (8.3%).

Since the same period in 2015/16, ASB has increased from 27 recorded offences; up to 51 recorded offences an increase of 88%. 11 reports (21.2%) of ASB incidents were located at Phoenix Park.

However; PSW has decline from 248 offences down to 164, a decrease of 151%. 11 reports of ASB were located at Phoenix Park.

2.3 Avion Centre Proposed Cumulative Impact Zone



The Avion Centre in Whitmore Reans sits across two wards; Park and St Peter's. It is also situated within one of the red Priority Areas and was highlighted as one of the main issues for this area. Drug dealing and nuisance drinking along with associated anti-social behaviour have been highlighted as problematic by both residents and agencies. There are both off licences and public house premises within the vicinity, as well as a bookmaker where issues are often reported.

The table below shows levels of total recorded crime (TRC), violent crime, public safety welfare and anti-social behaviour within the cumulative impact zone, broken down by year, since October 2011:

| | Total Recorded Crime | Violence | Anti-Social Behaviour | Public Safety Welfare |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Year | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone |
| 1 st October 2011 - 30 th September 2012 | 60 | 29 | 28 | 159 |
| 1 st October 2012 - 30 th September 2013 | 77 | 24 | 44 | 127 |
| 1 st October 2013 - 30 th September 2014 | 60 | 22 | 43 | 129 |
| 1 st October 2014 - 30 th September 2015 | 73 | 22 | 21 | 150 |
| 1 st October 2015 - 30 th September 2016 | 98 | 39 | 32 | 134 |
| 1 st October 2016- 30 th September 2017 | 89 | 45 | 48 | 138 |

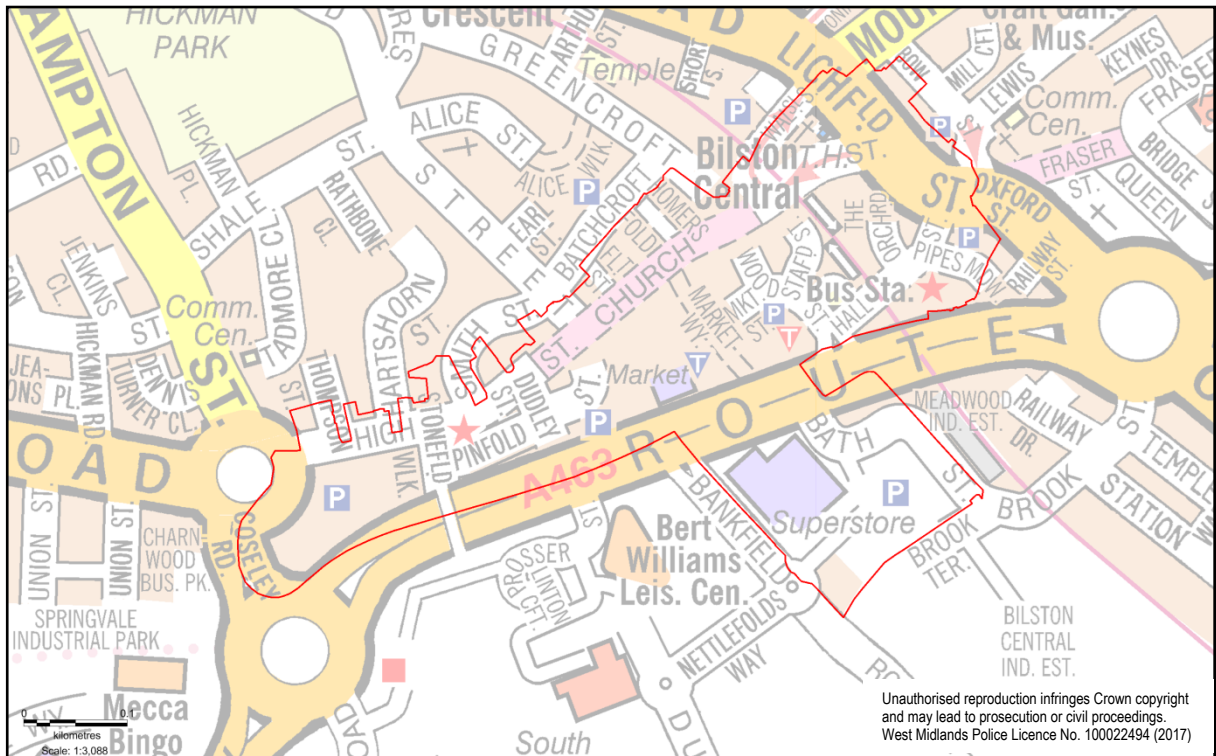
TRC within the period 2016/17 has decreased by 9% since the same period the previous year, 98 offences down to 89 offences. The highest recording offences were Assault Occasion ABH (13.5%), Theft from Shop or Stall (12.5%), followed by Common Assault (11.2%).

Violence has increased by 6 (15%) offences over the 12 month data period resulting in the highest number of offences recorded over the last five year period.

ASB has increased by 16 incidents (66.6%) compared to the previous 12 month period. 30 of the 48 ASB incidents recorded in 2016/17 occurred in the Avion Centre Bargate Drive.

There were 138 incidents of PSW recorded in the CIZ area during 2016/17. This is an increase of 4 (3%) incidents compared to the previous year.

2.4 Bilston High Street Proposed Cumulative Impact Zone



The Bilston High Street cumulative impact zone is situated within the Bilston East ward in the South East of the Borough. The area is mostly devoted to retail, with a large indoor and outdoor market that is visited by people from outside the area. There is a large Morrison's supermarket within the zone, and also off licences and public houses in the vicinity.

The table below shows levels of total recorded crime (TRC), violent crime, public safety welfare and anti-social behaviour within the Bilston High Street cumulative impact zone, broken down by year, since October 2011:

| | Total Recorded Crime | Violence | Anti Social Behaviour | Public Safety Welfare |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Year | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone |
| 1 st October 2011 - 30 th September 2012 | 468 | 64 | 58 | 406 |
| 1 st October 2012 - 30 th September 2013 | 514 | 86 | 91 | 391 |
| 1 st October 2013 - 30 th September 2014 | 432 | 67 | 94 | 371 |
| 1 st October 2014 - 30 th September 2015 | 381 | 84 | 78 | 425 |
| 1 st October 2015 - 30 th September 2016 | 481 | 98 | 75 | 429 |
| 1 st October 2016 – 30 th September 2017 | 618 | 107 | 100 | 439 |

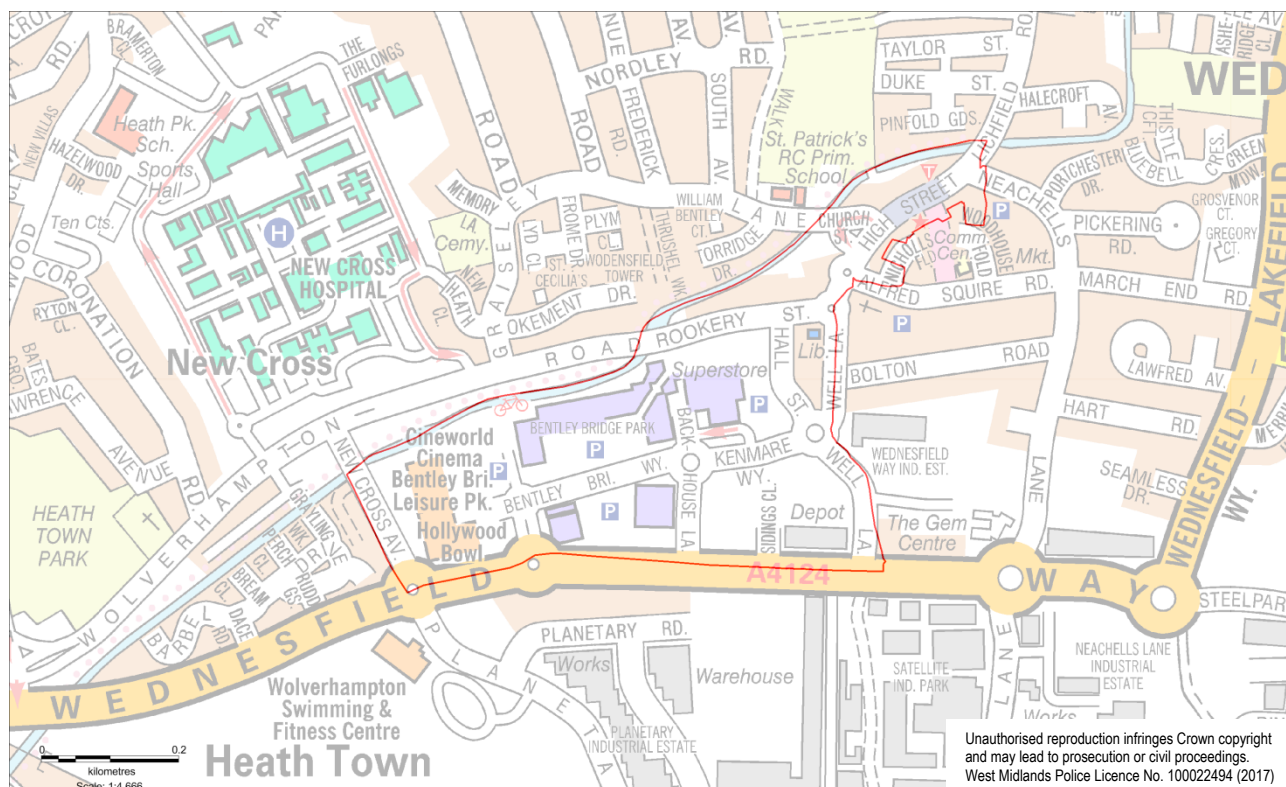
Total recorded crime within Bilston High Street cumulative impact zone has increased by 137 (28.5%) offences when compared to previous 12 months. The highest crime type within the CIZ was Theft from Shop/Stall, there 186 offences in the 12 months, 2016/17. 71 of these offences occurred at Morrisons, Bankfield Road, 76 at Iceland, Church Street.

Violence has increased from 98 in 2015/16 to 107 in 2016/17 resulting in an increase of 9.2% and again being the highest count during the last five year period.

There has been an increase in ASB incidents within the CIZ when compared to the previous 12 months. The numbers of incidents have risen by 25 (33%).

Public safety welfare has been stable within the CIZ over the past 5 years. A slight increase has been noted in the recording during 2016/17 of 10 (2.3%).

2.5 Wednesfield High Street Proposed Cumulative Impact Zone



The Wednesfield High Street cumulative impact zone sits on the Bentley Bridge Neighbourhood in the Wednesfield South Ward, and covers both the High Street area and Bentley Bridge. The High Street contains a number of retail stores as well as public houses, while Bentley Bridge has an entertainment area comprising leisure facilities, restaurants (licensed) and fast food retailers. On the other side are large retail units, and a Sainsbury's supermarket. While the resident population within the cumulative impact zone is low, there are residential areas close by to the North.

The table below shows levels of total recorded crime (TRC), violent crime, public safety welfare and anti-social behaviour within the cumulative impact zone, broken down by year, since October 2011:

| | Total Recorded Crime | Violence | Anti Social Behaviour | Public Safety Welfare |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Year | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone | Within Cumulative Impact Zone |
| 1 st October 2011 - 30 th September 2012 | 452 | 63 | 82 | 325 |
| 1 st October 2012 - 30 th September 2013 | 448 | 53 | 75 | 302 |
| 1 st October 2013 - 30 th September 2014 | 457 | 41 | 88 | 297 |
| 1 st October 2014 - 30 th September 2015 | 472 | 63 | 104 | 318 |
| 1 st October 2015 - 30 th September 2016 | 566 | 61 | 83 | 324 |
| 1 st October 2016 – 30 th September 2017 | 484 | 74 | 166 | 375 |

TRC within the cumulative impact zone has decreased by 82 (14.5%) offences when comparing this 12 month period to last year. There were 254 Theft from Shop/Stall offences, 104 occurred in Boots, Bentley Bridge Retail Park with 98 offences at Sainsbury's, Kenmare Way.

Violence offences in this CIZ have remained stable throughout the 5 year period studied. However; an increase has been seen during the last 12 months up to 74 offences, an increase of 21% from the previous 12 months.

An increase in ASB can be seen in this area when comparing 2015/16 with the current year, 83 incidents increase in the current year.

There were 375 incidents recorded as PSW; this is an increase on last year's figures of 50 (15.7%) incidents.