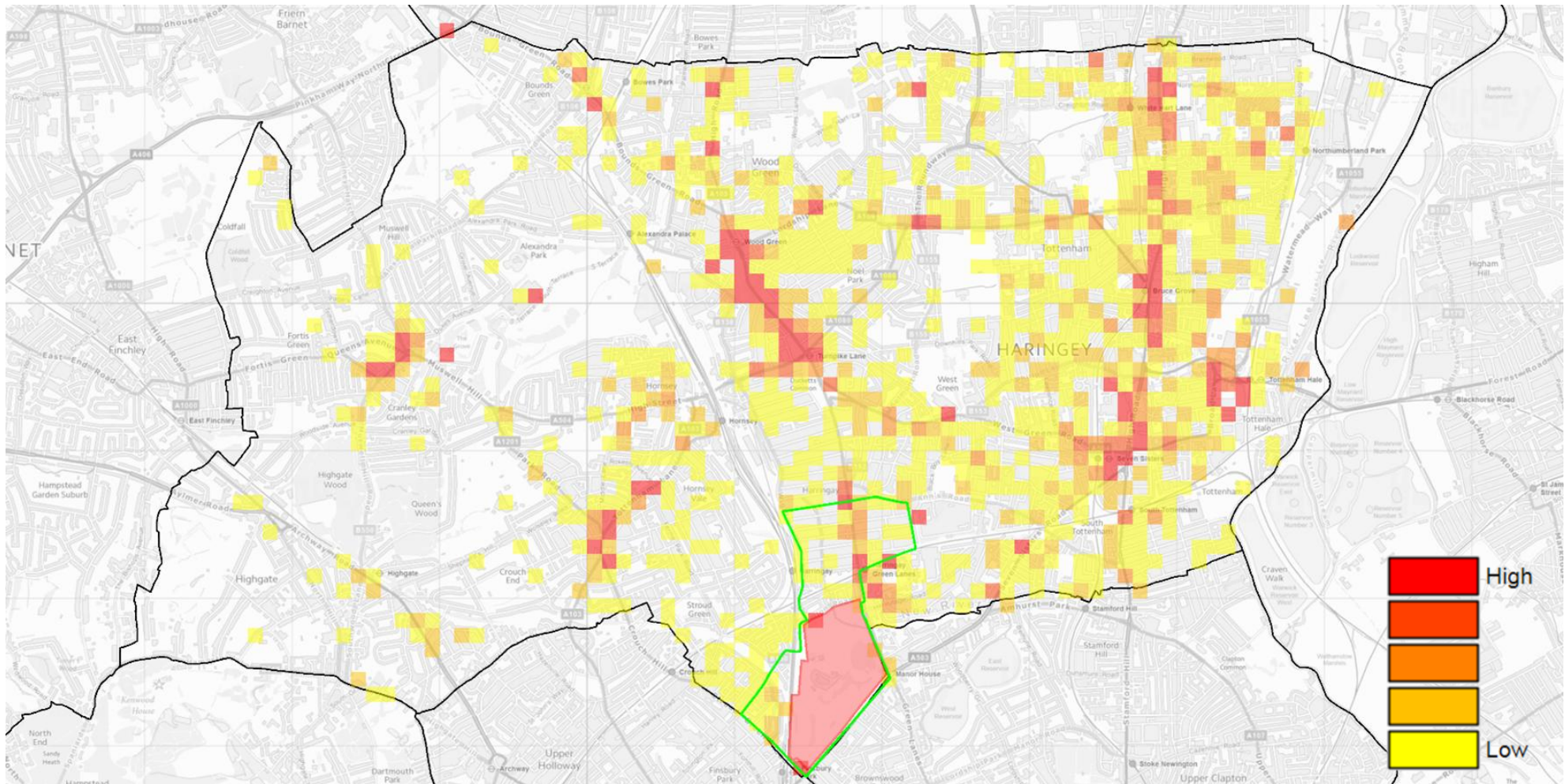

Appendix 2

Summary of recent ASB Activity within the proposed area
and enforcement/ prevention activities carried out in the area

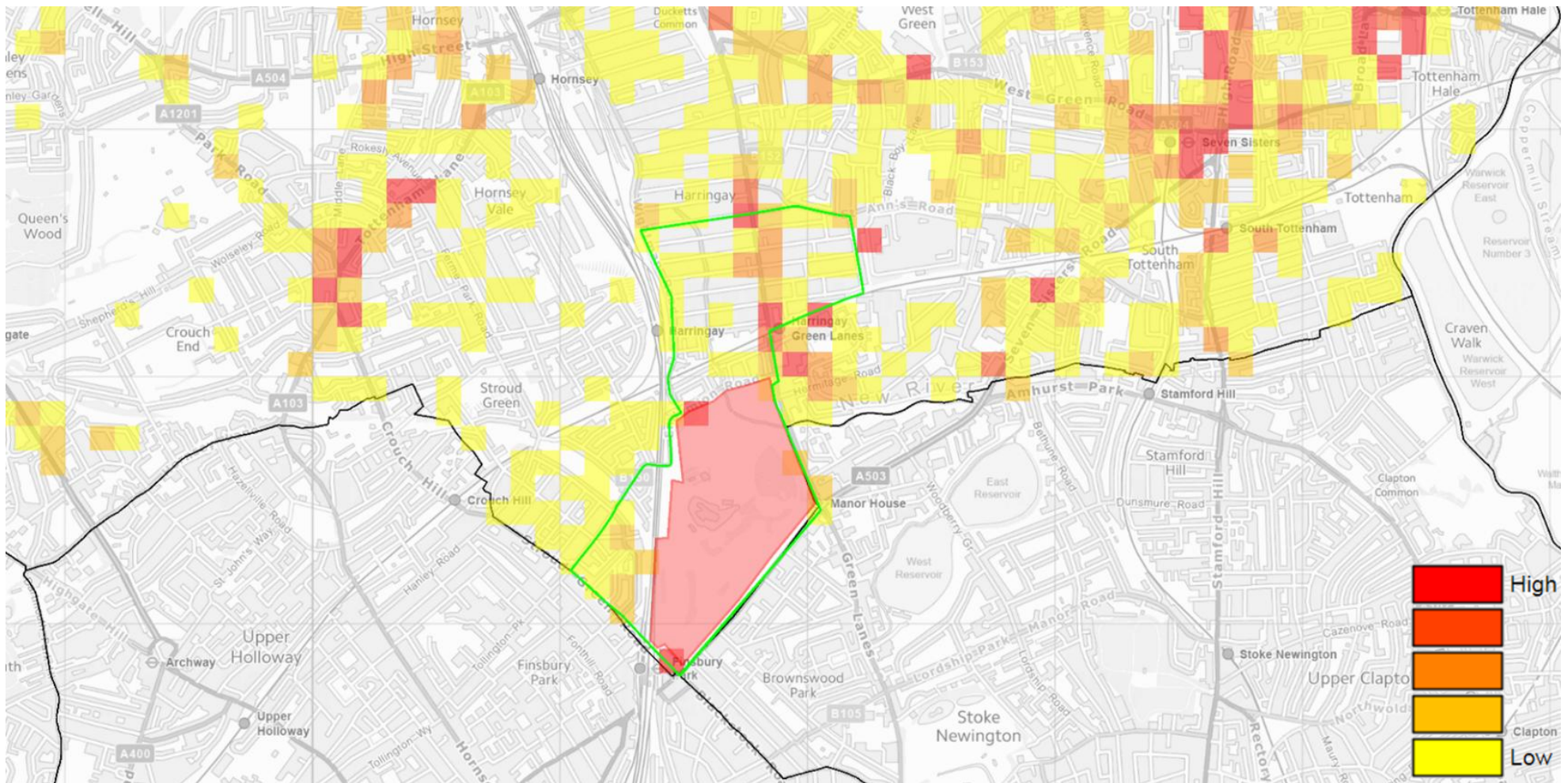
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Finsbury Park and Green Lanes PSPO Zone Crime & ASB Analysis

Crime Hotspots In Haringey (12-months to October 2019)



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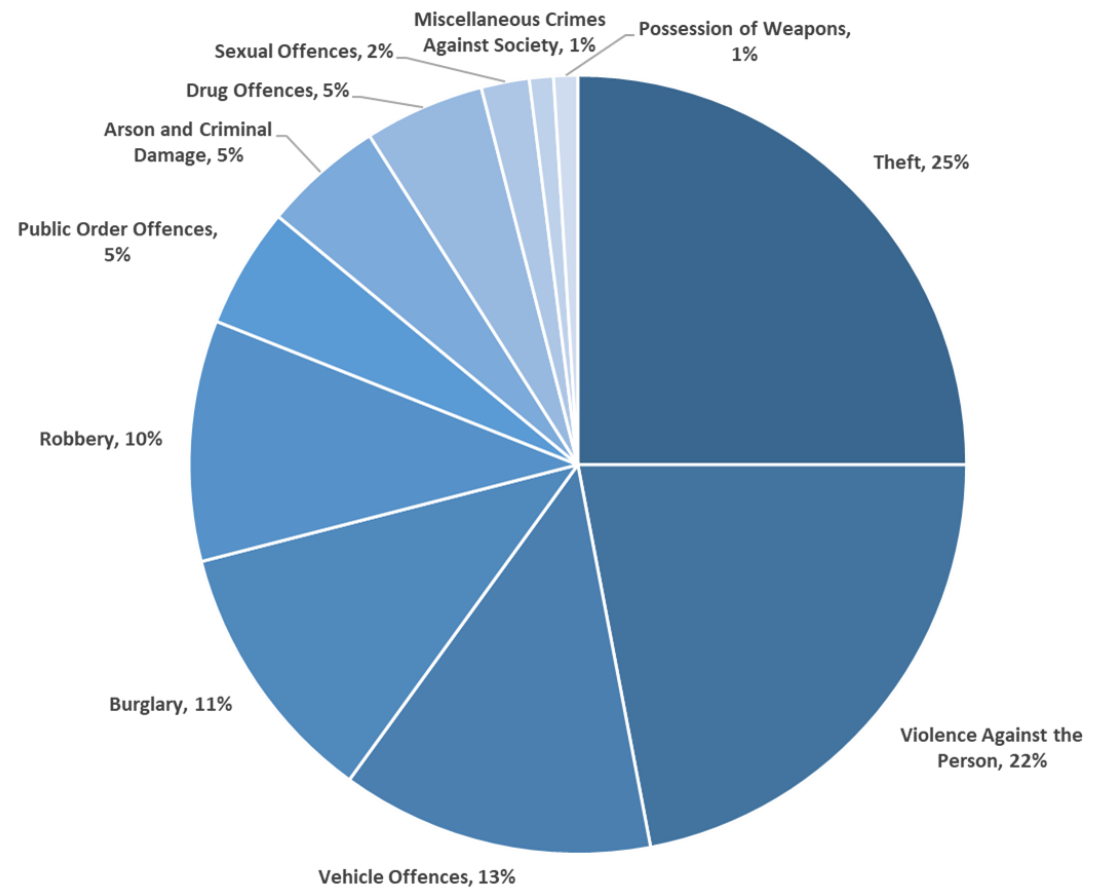
Crime Hotspots In Haringey (12-months to October 2019)

- A total of **1,296** crimes were recorded in the proposed PSPO zone in the 12 months to October 2019
- This equates to **4%** of the total recorded crime across Haringey borough

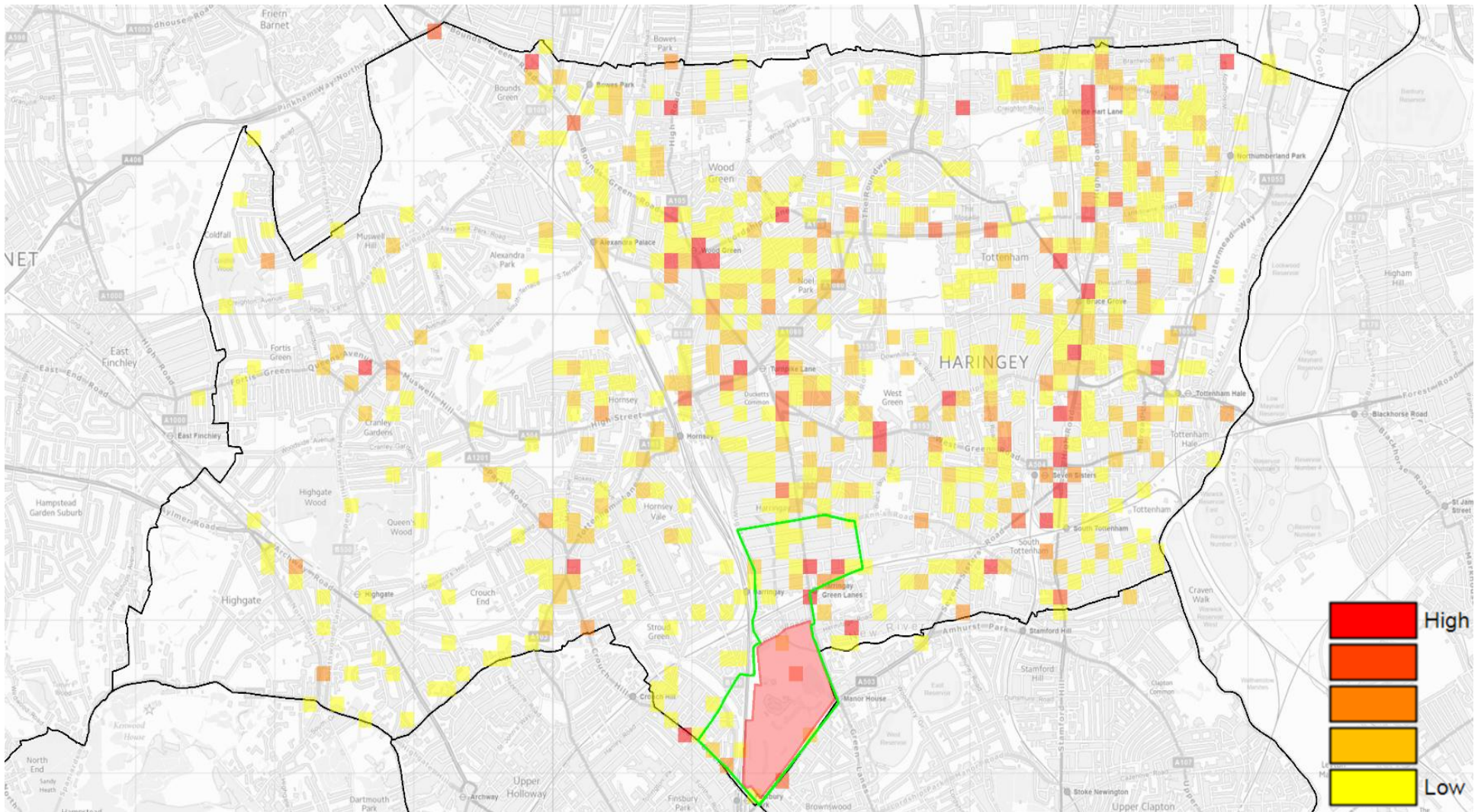
Crime Type	Recorded Crime in PSPO Zone	PSPO Zone Contribution to Total Haringey Crime
Arson and Criminal Damage	65	3%
Arson	7	11%
Criminal Damage	58	3%
Burglary	140	4%
Burglary - Business and Community	26	4%
Burglary - Residential	114	5%
Drug Offences	63	5%
Possession of Drugs	63	5%
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	15	5%
Possession of Weapons	10	4%
Public Order Offences	67	4%
Other Offences Against the State, or Public Order	11	7%
Public Fear Alarm or Distress	41	4%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Public Fear	15	5%
Robbery	132	6%
Robbery of Business Property	2	2%
Robbery of Personal Property	130	7%
Sexual Offences	32	5%
Other Sexual Offences	25	7%
Rape	7	3%
Theft	330	5%
Bicycle Theft	19	5%
Other Theft	190	5%
Shoplifting	38	3%
Theft from Person	83	5%
Vehicle Offences	65	3%
Interfering with a Motor Vehicle	18	3%
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	115	3%
Theft or Taking of a Motor Vehicle	28	3%
Violence Against the Person	279	4%
Violence with Injury	103	4%
Violence without Injury	176	4%
Total Recorded Crime	1296	4%

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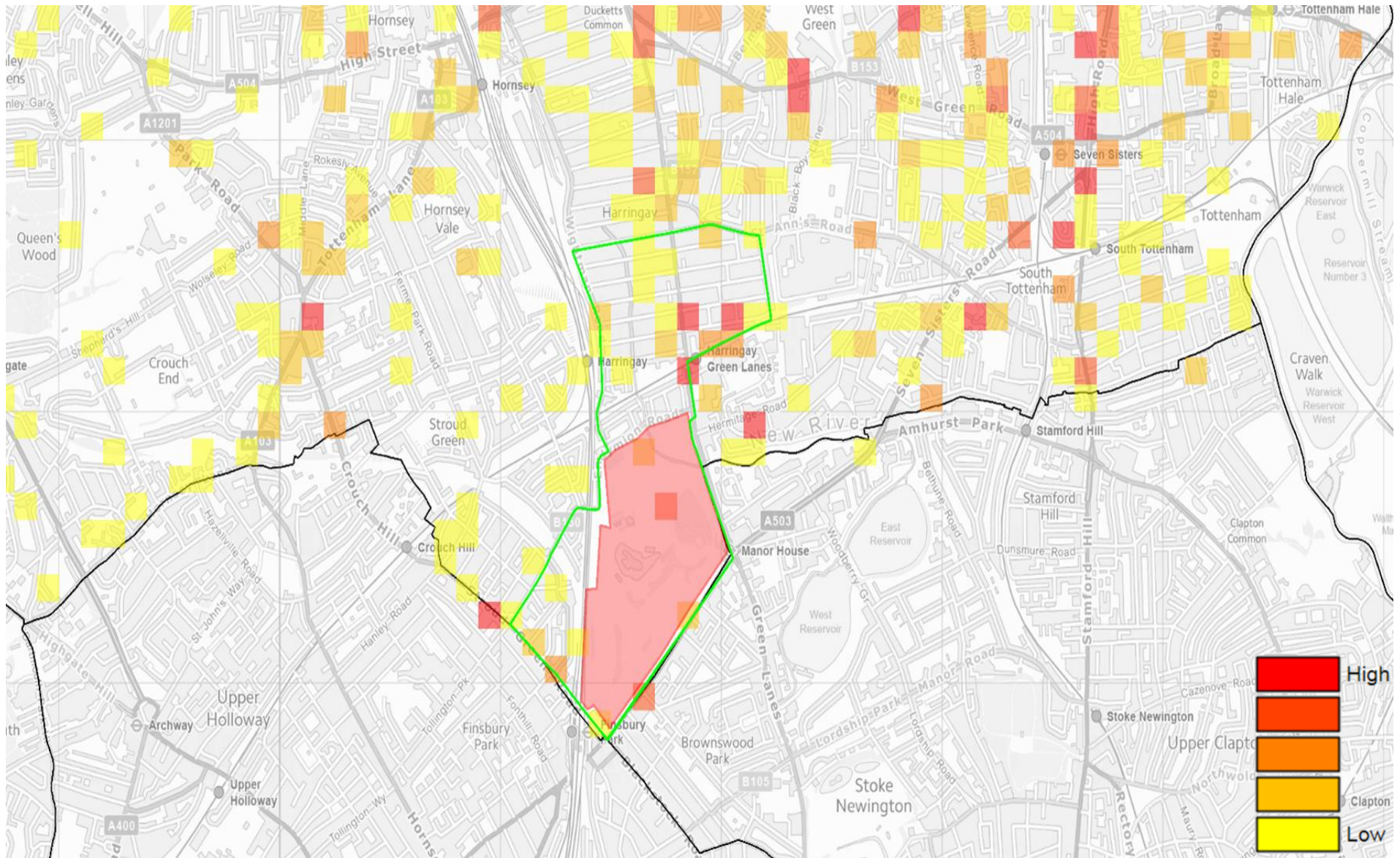
- The most common crime type occurring in the proposed PSPO zone in the 12-months to October 2019 was theft, contributing to **25%** of total recorded crime
- The next largest crime categories were violence against the person (22%), Vehicle offences (13%) and burglary (11%)



ASB Hotspots In Haringey (12-months to October 2019)



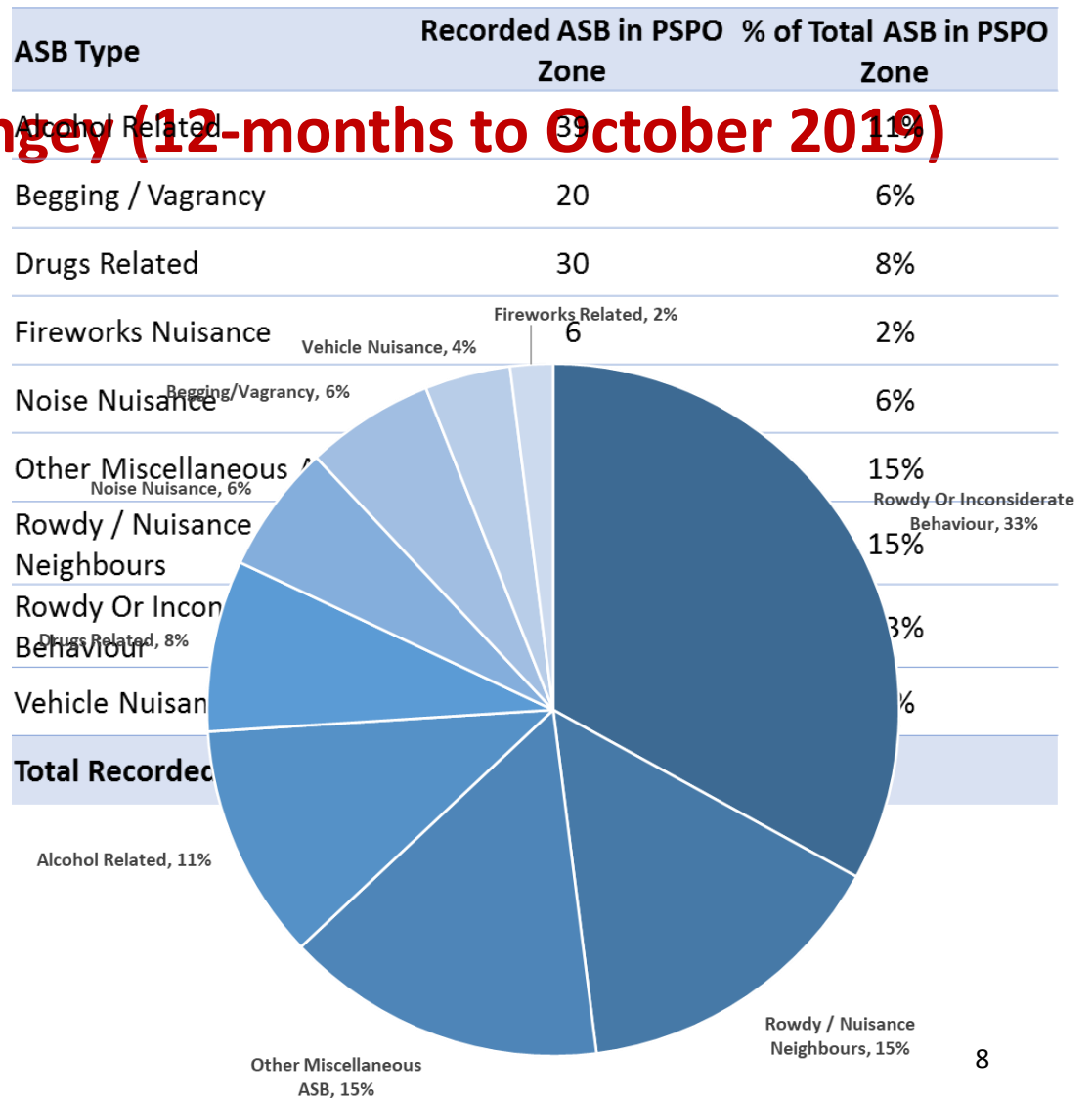
ASB Hotspots In Haringey (12-months to October 2019)



ASB Hotspots In Haringey (12-months to October 2019)

- A total of **357** ASB incidents were recorded
- The most common ASB type occurring in the proposed PSPO zone in the 12-months to October 2019 was rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour, contributing to **33%** of total recorded ASB
- The next largest ASB categories were rowdy/nuisance neighbours (15%), other miscellaneous ASB (15%) and alcohol related ASB (11%)

Haringey (12-months to October 2019)



Prevalence & Impact of Drug-related Activity

- 1.0 The report at pages 27 – 34 below highlights the crime statistics in the proposed PSPO area during the period October 2018 to October 2019.
- 2.0 The figures with respect to the area show 1296 reported crimes in this 12 months period. Of these, 25% are for crimes of theft. It is an established fact that crime will be higher in areas where drugs activity is prevalent. There were 357 reports of ASB in this time period of which 33% were for 'rowdy' behaviour; this behaviour is connected to the use of drugs and alcohol.
- 3.0 The ASB Enforcement Team have carried out and continue to carry out regular activities with outreach teams, seeking to offer support and assistance to those rough sleeping in the proposed PSPO area. Through this engagement it has become apparent that many of the individuals found on the street, many are not street homeless. A good proportion of those who are loitering or gathering in the proposed PSPO area are present to either purchase or consume drugs. We have been informed that the purity of the class A drug, heroin, is the best available in London. This fact further attracts drug users and dealers to the area; this high volume of people on the street, either loitering, intoxicated¹ or suffering the effects of drug use, increases the perception of crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 4.0 Officers of the ASB Enforcement Team have worked closely for a number of years with the Police and outreach teams seeking to tackle these ongoing drug related issues. In our view, there is a direct link between the availability of drugs to the prevalence of crime and ASB in the area. The availability of prohibited drugs attracts users to the area. The users are involved in street drinking, abusive behaviour, urinating and defecating in the street, foul and abusive behaviour. Users often engage in theft, robbery, burglaries, sex working or aggressive begging, to finance their drug habits.
- 5.0 The proposed PSPO would give the Council and the Police increased powers to tackle these individuals and their drug-related activity and behaviour.

¹ The impaired condition caused by use of alcohol, drug or other chemical substance: slurred speech and other signs of alcohol/substance **intoxication**. Intoxicating substances means substances with the capacity to stimulate or depress the central nervous system but does not include alcohol, vaporisers or tobacco.

- 6.0 The proposed PSPO could effectively deter individuals from gathering or loitering in the proposed areas and/or engaging in drug-related activity and/or other ASB. If we can deter individuals from coming to the location to purchase drugs, we could stop the 'market'. If people were not seeking to buy the drugs, the dealers would have no market and would protect the vulnerable.



Hammer retrieved near drug sue Hotspot in Finsbury Park, during Weapons Sweep Operation in Spring 2019.

Obstructing Public Access Hazards

- 1.0 With respect to obstruction of the highway. We continue to work with outreach workers with respect to those sleeping on public highways; providing support, assistance and advice to the street homeless, regarding their physical or mental health issues, substance misuse issues and help them into accommodation, where possible.
- 2.0 The ASB Enforcement Team Manager for the proposed PSPO area receives copious, ongoing complaints with respect to people obstructing the highway, stairwells and building/business entrances. Members of the public have felt endangered, as they are unable to walk safely on the highway without being forced into the road and oncoming traffic.
- 3.0 We have also received complaints from residents living above shop premises, these complaints are around their inability to access or egress their properties. Sleeping in a doorway also poses a potential fire risk for those inside of a property.

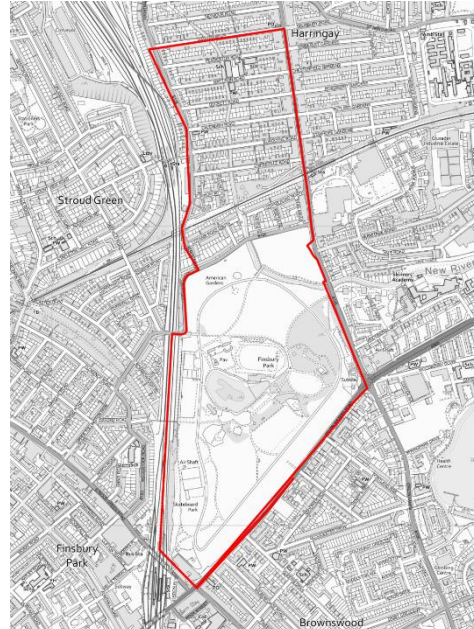
Harringay Ward – Finsbury Park

Police Report Provided by PC Peter COOPER

- 1.0 When we refer to Finsbury Park, we refer to the whole of the park which runs North of Seven Sisters, East of Stroud Green Road, West of Green Lanes and South of Endymion Road. The park is in the borough of Haringey within the ward of Harringay.

History

- 2.0 The park has been around since the 19th century. It is used by the homeless as a place of shelter and has been linked to the supply of drugs from Blackstock with drug dealers from the Blackstock moving into Finsbury Park to continue their dealings.



The Current Problem

- 3.0 Harringay and Stroud Green Safer Neighbourhood teams receive a lot of complaints about the drug dealing at the Stroud Green Road gate and the benches around the South of the Park. It usually involves three or four males dealing cannabis, which normally occurs from mid-afternoon onwards, every day of the week.
- 4.0 There have also been reports of drug dealing at the Huts in the middle of the park and occasionally by the Endymion road entrance.
- 5.0 Dedicated Ward Officers are conducting high visibility and plain clothes patrols as well as joining tri-borough Police operations. These measures are not enough to deal with the problem.
- 6.0 Stop and search is an effective tool in combating the drug dealing, especially when issuing Community Protection Notices/Orders. Twenty-four (24) stop searches have been completed since September 2019 which led to nine (9) positive outcomes. Most

people who were stop searched did not have anything on them as it is a common practice to hide the drugs to limit Police action when stopped. Getting names and addresses to complete a Community Protection Notice is difficult in plain clothes as section 50 of the Police Reform Act is a uniform only power.

- 7.0 If a PSPO is put in place in the areas around Finsbury Park, without the Park incorporated, the drug dealing, and related anti-social behaviour will be displaced into the Park. There are already drug dealers inside the park, if the other drug dealers from the surrounding areas move into the Park, there will be competition from rivals. This could result in violence or a further spread of drug dealing throughout the entire park, pushing them towards the areas that are more popular with families with young children.
- 8.0 Finsbury Park experiences around ten robberies a month, these are often committed by large groups inside the park during the hours of darkness. The park still experiences footfall during these hours, especially from the Athletics track. A PSPO that prohibits people from loitering, congregating or behaving in a way that could cause harassment, alarm or distress would help combat the problem, as they would be breaching the PSPO and can be dealt with by Police Officers. A Police Dispersal Order would not be a viable option due to the 48-hour time limit and is time consuming for Police Officers. The power is not designed to be used constantly and I feel that it would be an abuse of the power to keep authorising it.

Harringay Ward Evidence Base – ASB Enforcement Team

Reports to the Council

- 1.0 The picture is in relation to a matter reported by a resident on the 21/2/19: *I have just been over to Manor House Lodge rear garden (the 259 bus route runs past there) I been informed that at night a number of street drinkers gather there.*



- 2.0 Email communication from a resident living off of Green Lanes: *Just thought I'd let you know that I reported this drummer guy to 101 who was sprawled across the pavement with Cans and bottles around him. This was at 11am Sunday morning (13.08.18)*
- 3.0 Street gambling has been reported by the public to occur on Green Lanes.
- 4.0 Begging on Harringay Green Lanes/ Grand Parade continues and has got worse and worse over the years. *Resident advise that various people visit Green Lanes to beg professionally and they feel that most of the money generated is then used to buy alcohol or drugs which are freely available from local drug dealers only a text or phone call away. Some users / beggars are extremely aggressive*

5.0 This picture shows drug paraphernalia left near an abandoned tent after a tidy-up initiative on 19th April 2019.

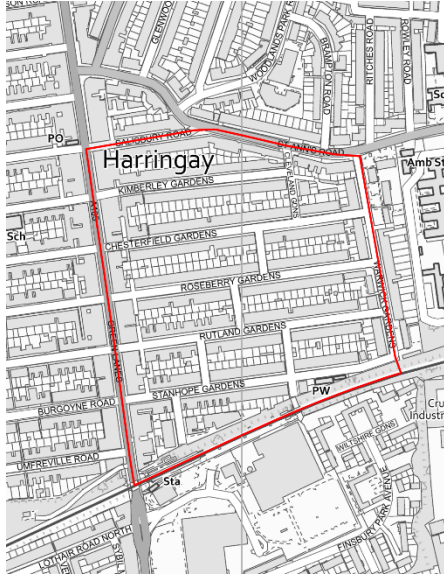
6.0 Street Drinking is a persistent problem. As a resident reports: *On a daily basis empty alcohol tins, cans, bottles and general waste continue to be left on street corners and various BT boxes / street furniture, as well as a constant stream of urine flowing from the various BT boxes and alleyways/footpaths. The Council have experimented with anti-urine paint, posters, and recently over the last year having to request very regular high pressure washing down of these areas due the stench created by alcohol, urination and defecation in our streets we live work and play in. All residents from young school children to elderly who live in the area have to walk past this on a daily basis.*



7.0 Further emailed complaint received Summer 2019 concerning robbery in Finsbury Park: *This evening after our DSA session, a group of 6 athletes were walking to the Finsbury Park station exit and were confronted by a group of 16 people (aged approx 16-22) - they believed to be Somalians (as they had seen them on other evenings). It was all quite calculated with scouts coming and checking them out on bikes higher up on the path. They went for the white members of the group (3 of them) and threatened them with being stabbed if they didn't unlock their phones. 2 of them had their phones stolen, and the other one they were getting him to unlock the Apple account, but he kept getting the password wrong. They said if he got it wrong one more time then they would stab him, so when they gave it back to him, he ran and got away. I've asked them to report it to the Police, so hoping they follow through with that. PLEASE pass on to your relevant user groups and members to make sure they plan to travel in packs and don't use that exit as that is where they seem to be basing themselves. We always get our athletes to leave in groups, but very concerned that a group of 6 athletes wasn't enough (and some of them are our biggest athletes).*

St Ann's Ward – Green Lanes Sector

Police Report – Provided by St Ann SNT



St Ann's Ward has an ever-increasing number of complaints from both residents (particularly the Gardens Residents) and business owners along the main stretch of road. Complaints range from drug abuse/taking, Anti-Social Behaviour/Begging and Street Drinking.

- 1.0 The Police are still working closely with the Council to deal with this issue but most of our efforts are only having very short-term results.
- 2.0 The Police have put in place several Dispersal Notices along Green Lanes itself, but as these only last 48 hours, the problem returns soon after. For the immediate effect they have, dispersal notices are time consuming and not a very effective solution to a long-term problem.
- 3.0 Street cleaning under the bridge and along the alleyways by the Council also helps but again the problem returns within a matter of days.
- 4.0 St Ann's has seen an increase to the amount of drug dealing along Green Lanes, in particular, the immediate roads running off of it. If the existing problem within Finsbury Park itself is pushed outside of the park and on to the streets, then this will cause problems with various dealers/gangs encroaching onto another's area. This in turn will cause an increase in competition and violence amongst themselves.
- 5.0 St Ann's ward also no longer has the backing of the borough tasking team since it has now been disbanded due to lack of officers and the need for them elsewhere.

- 6.0. There is partnership working between the Police, Council and homelessness outreach services to support the homeless along Green Lanes and Finsbury Park. Some of the homeless that are drug dependant, remain on the streets as they can readily have access to their drugs supply; which they will often initially get for free in order to get them dependant.
- 7.0 A PSPO on just Finsbury Park or in the neighbouring wards of Hackney and Islington, would have a detrimental effect on Green Lanes. The displaced drug users, more drug dealers are likely to then flow into Green Lanes, and as mentioned above would create tensions with dealers already working from Green Lanes. This will no doubt have a detrimental impact on many businesses, resulting in them losing customers or forcing them to seek alternative locations elsewhere.
- 8.0 The Police have received numerous complaints from residents who live off of Green Lanes who are concerned about the drug problems they already face.

St Ann's Evidence Base – ASB Enforcement Team

Reports to the Council

- 1.0 Resident reports: *"Afraid yet another morning on Green Lanes, just popping to the shops! which I find unacceptable but as we all know has become the norm, how many others walked past this guy and have become blind to this.
Thanks for everyone's support to try and sort this long-term issue out.*
- 2.0 Two males reported to be street drinking outside Barclays Bank at 10:15 am, 17.08.18.
- 3.0 On the 10.08.18, a member of the public reported to the Metropolitan Police website an instance of street drinking at the junction of Stanhope Gardens, and described having to wade over urine to walk past.
- 4.0 Email from resident:

For your information we are getting deification in Doncaster Gardens and in the Community Garden at that moment which has been reported via the ap (the Doncaster Gardens one) , I have to deal with any in the community garden, but the one is still sitting in Doncaster Gardens corner on the pavement next to the garden, which I refuse to clear. The road sweeper did not clear this on our Monday sweep. I had to kick the Fagin character, the well-dressed Portuguese male and another white / Mediterranean male who was off his head on crack (smoking in the garden) out of the community garden on Saturday afternoon and lock it, to keep them out, losing the facility to local residents, they continued to smoke drugs in Doncaster Gardens and then moved on. My neighbour had called 101 and Police arrived about 15 mins later which I spoke to officers giving descriptions.
- 5.0 Further email from resident January 2019:
I thought I would update you on drug taking and dealing in and around the Community Garden Stanhope / Grafton Gardens over the Xmas period.1. A white male approx 25 years old 5'10" blond short hair, who previously used to hang around the gardens area has returned over Xmas. This male was regularly associated with a local drug dealer he has not been around for about 1-2 years. nl spoke with him several days ago as he has been around over Xmas was completely out of it. I needed to close the garden as it was dark. I spoke several times to him, and he had no idea I was there. Eventually he spoke with me saying his mate is giving him one last chance. I suspect he is on heroin / methadone other etc.

On Saturday 5th Jan I was clearing out the Community Garden waste bins three black needle boxes were in the garden waste bins with about 20 packs of surgical silver spoons in rapping. Lots of rizla packs. Evidence of users in the garden and area. Plus, I'm having to clear large rizla packs daily in the garden.

On 6:1:19 at approx 8:20pm at Doncaster gardens / Stanhope Grafton Gardens two males one well-dressed black leather jacket and jeans long black hair with Spanish/ Portuguese accent and the homeless young white male on crutches, appeared to receive a deal at the junction. They then proceeded to the corner of Doncaster Garden near the community garden and sat down on the pavement corner and started to smoke a substance.

6.0 Resident emails reporting that:

Just to let you know at 13.50 GMT 11.11.18 as I returned from the supermarket shop today, I turned the corner and came across a Male approx. 30 years old, with dark stubble, 6ft tall, scruffy looking, thin, dark / olive skin, was crouched on the floor next to the cycle hangar in Doncaster Gardens. He had a clear plastic bag with personal items in it with the initials 'MP' on it. I asked if he was ok - he was smoking- I asked was it crack; he replied no Heroin. He told me he had been arrested for drugs and had just been released and he stashes his drugs (heroin) here (i.e. near the hangar / front garden of 74. Stanhope). He continued to smoke the heroin whilst sat sprawled across the pavement. Residents had to walk past this.

7.0 ASB Enforcement Team have received copious and regular reports from residents regarding anti-social behaviour along Green Lanes, particularly in relation to drug use, drug dealing, street drinking, begging, people urinating and defecating and rubbish dumping: -

- i. 14/05/2018 small group of males arrived in the area. They congregate around the location and stand around drinking alcohol. They urinate into some sort of electrical cupboard and they use an area on the opposite side of the road to defecate. They are there every day for the last few weeks, mostly evenings, but sometimes during the afternoon.
- ii. 28/05/2018 four males in the street smoking crack, two are in the garden of the house in from Green Lanes.
- iii. 12/07/2018 member of the public stating that there are beggars at the location most days, GRAND PARADE area.
- iv. 01/08/2018 male urinating at the side of the bank STANHOPE GARDENS in a group of street drinkers, known to take drugs and begging for money. Regular street drinkers.
- v. On 20/09/2018 member of the public reporting a group of male's street drinking, making noise, urinating, defecating and sleeping in PORTLAND GARDENTS N4.

- vi. On 12/10/2018 the rough sleepers are continuing to sleep in the doorways of the shops and the flats on GREEN LANES N4. Some of these doorways lead to flats above the shops and residents have difficulty moving in and out of their premises. Males and females are seen to urinate in the doorways.
- vii. 01/11/2018 a call received stating that on Chesterfield Gardens a beggar/vagrant approaches and requests money or cigarettes. When refused, he swears and insulting members of the public.
- viii. On 07/11/2018, a call received stating there is ongoing issues with street drinkers at the location. They have left bottles and they urinate on the street they are at the corner by the Barclays Bank.
- ix. 02/12/2018 member of the public contacted the Police stating that there were four males blocking the pavement in Stanhope Gardens junction with Green Lanes N4 and drinking cans of beer and it is the third time in a week.
- x. 26/11/2018 men all drinking cans of alcohol in the same spot.
- xi. 02/12/2018 a member of the public contacted the Police in relation to street drinkers which occurs outside Barclays Bank GREEN LANES N4.

8.0 The issue with street drinkers urinating in the locality is repeatedly reported to the ASB Enforcement Team, such as this email from a local resident:

FYI last night a group of 3 men were drinking around the junction of Stanhope Gardens / Grand Parade so I had to wade through a river of urine, plus pass a 30/40 year old male who was urinating against the by BT box. Can you advise please on how we can start to proceed with setting up a no alcohol zone in the area.

9.0 The use of drugs in the locality is making it increasingly more difficulty for local community members to safely maintain Stanhope Community Gardens. On 18/10/18 a local resident email St Ann's SNT: *Dear Jacqui Police SNT, I am reporting crack smoking in the Gardens Community Garden as witnessed by me yesterday Tuesday 16th October at 5.45pm. I approached the garden to lock it and saw crouched in the undergrowth a man smoking crack.*

9.1 Another resident writes: *Just wanted to let you know that I closed the Community Garden early (around 3pm) due to local people attempting to use the Garden to take drugs. I had just literally spoken to a PCSO who was patrolling and making their way towards Seven Sisters Road and after they had left, I was talking to another resident there were 4 people who appeared - 2 of which were making a beeline for the Garden. looked very similar and were 5ft 10 males of a swarthy eastern Mediterranean look with almost slicked back shoulder length hair. They were in their early 30's I would guess. They approached at speed from Grafton. Another was a 5ft 7 tall white man in his 20's who came out of an address in Stanhope, but I'm led to believe lives with another man somewhere else towards Green Lanes with mousey blonde/brown hair who was wearing*

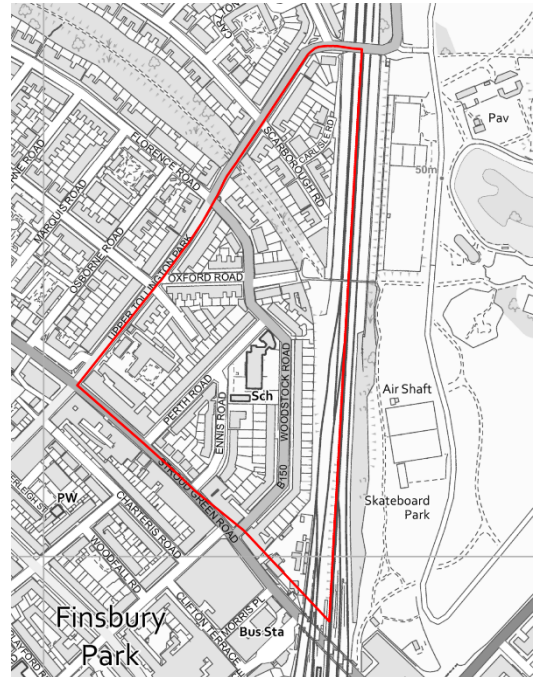
a white T shirt & red shorts. He appeared to be waiting for his drugs to arrive and was anxiously looking up & down the road along with checking his phone. There was a 4th male but I mainly remember the other 3. Between myself & the other person we showed them out & closed the Garden. They must have literally been watching the PCSO, and when they knew the coast was clear came from all directions to do what they intended to. I have finally been made aware that there continues to be a practice of standing near the new phone box that is on Green Lanes between Stanhope & Williamson as you get free wi-fi so the dealers are using it to securely message via wi-fi to meet their clients to sell the drugs.

- 10.0 David Lammy MP has also communicated with the Team seeking response to ASB concerns raised by his constituent *Good afternoon, I'm getting in touch as a local resident in your constituency with a matter I hope you can help with. I have concerns around high levels of crime close to my property and I believe some solutions can be achieved through my private property managing agents, however my emails or phone calls are ignored for months at a time. A summary of the issues are: Evidence of high levels of crime through streetlist.co.uk. Eyewitness accounts of drug dealing and violence, Excessive fly tipping, Anti-social behaviour. I have proposed several solutions to Crabtree Property Management, such as better lighting, signage and cutting-down overgrown trees/bushes (particularly in secluded areas) `A phone call to discuss the matter, or any advice you can offer, would be highly appreciated.*

Stroud Green Ward – Green Lanes Sector

Police Report Provided by Stroud Green Ward SNT

1. The Stroud Green ward is situated directly adjacent to Finsbury Park as well as being only a few metres from the Finsbury park train station. This means that a large quantity of anti-social issues and complaints found in these areas are reported back to the residents own ward officers.
2. Stroud Green suffers from a number of issues of which drug usage and supply is by far the most prevalent. The roads closest to the park and station have seen an unprecedented rise in ASB activity. This includes Stroud Green Road, Woodstock Road, Perth Road, Ennis Road, Oxford Road and Scarborough Road N4. All have seen open drug dealing, drug usage in gardens, defecation in alleyways, discarded drug paraphernalia, discarded and opened charity bags.
3. Residents have reported a rise in verbal and physical altercations by drug users in the street. This has led to a number of addresses being identified by the Police that have connections with drug usage. The Police have attempted to target those addresses associated with drug search warrants. One particular address in Woodstock Road well known throughout the locality for having numerous ASB incidents was targeting in this way resulting in five drug users arrested for various offences. This address, now having returned to its old ways, is now the subject of a closure order which the Police hope to implement within the next few months.
4. Woodstock Road in particular, has an alleyway near to the entrance of Stroud Green Road which has been habitually used by drug users as an area to use drugs in. The Police believe the drugs were being bought within Finsbury Park and around the LT station, the drug users were then immediately visiting Woodstock Road to the alleyway and the concealed gardens to use the drugs. The Police initially began to target this



alleyway at least three times a day, using stop and search powers, issuing community protection notices and making arrests for drugs possession. Due to the vast number of users and their irregular using times, the Police found it difficult to maintain the amount of time spent dealing with this problem.

5. Ennis Road and Perth Road have also seen similar incidents like this, possibly due to the Police targeting Woodstock Road so heavily and displacing the users. This shifted the drug using position to a block of flats in Ennis Road. The Police then began targeting this position with frequent visits as well as drug warning signs.
6. Stroud Green Police regularly receive intelligence on vehicle's and people selling the drugs. Once enough intelligence is gathered those believed selling drugs are stopped and searched. Within the last few month's two males have been found with 72 wraps of a class A drugs. Both males are local to the area and were selling to homeless and drug users within the vicinity. The Police always find that once the drug sellers are caught, they are always replaced by other drug sellers.
7. The Stroud Green Ward also covers a small portion of the Parkland Walk which has good access into Finsbury park from the West entrance. For a number of years now the Police have found that drug users often use the Parkland Walk to take their drugs. The Police believe that users are buying their drugs within the Park itself and taking the drugs in Parkland walk due to its excellent concealment. Drug users have been found behind trees and behind resident's garden fences well away from the public that use the walk. These drug users have mainly been dealt with by stop and search methods, but the Police often find the drugs are already used and gone before Police contact.
8. Finsbury Park also hosts a number of large-scale events a year. The Police believe that these events have a massive effect on drug usage within these roads. Stroud Green Police patrolled these roads during the wireless event and found the amount of drug usage difficult to cope with.
9. The Police have found that due to the large number of drugs being sold within the park and around the LT station, theft from motor vehicles, burglaries and street robberies have all increased.
10. Figures below shown for the last 12 months.
 - Woodstock Road – 21 Stop & Searches, 4 arrests, 3 community resolutions issued.
 - Parkland Walk – 6 Stop & Searches, 1 community resolution issued.
 - Ennis Road – 3 Stop & Searches, 1 arrest.
 - Oxford Road – 5 Stop and searches, 1 community resolution issued.

Stroud Green Ward Evidence Base – ASB Enforcement Team

Reports to the Council

1.0. A local resident emails advising: *I live on the southern end of Florence Road and in recent months I have become increasingly concerned about the growth of crime and anti-social behaviour in our neighbourhood. This has included the following:*

- A **mugging** of a young woman on Florence Road in day light
- The recent **sexual assault** of a local woman near Sainsbury's on Stroud Green road, accompanied by threats to follow her home
- **Anti-social behaviour** at the Oxford Road entrance to the Parkland Walk; People taking drugs, fowling and conducting sexual activity at the back of Florence Road properties, often leaving evidence of this behaviour – drug paraphernalia, faeces etc.
- **Drug dealing**/transactions on Woodstock, Florence and Oxford Road with drug dealers/curriers on cycles and their customers loitering in these areas
- **Burglars slipping front doors** to gain access – particularly where the front door provides access to a number of households.
- **Traffic offences** including motorcyclist mounting curb, cars driving against the one-way traffic

Over the April bank holiday weekend, a selection of the above happened within the space of 3 days. The situation feels like it has got worse in the past 6 months with criminals operating with impunity.

2.0. Local Cllr writes to Enforcement Team advising: *I am writing on behalf of my above constituent, who came to see me at my advice surgery this morning. I have attached his consent form for your ease of reference. Mr X came to talk about his concern about increasing violence, drug dealing and anti-social behaviour in the area around Finsbury Park. My constituent tells me that he is particularly concerned about the drug dealing in the immediate vicinity of the tube station and under the railway bridge, which he says is done with impunity. His further concerns relate to the ongoing homelessness problem in the area, and the recent spate of violent crime. I understand that Mr X is concerned that the Council are not constructively engaging with the Police, which has led to these matters remaining unresolved. Mr X is further concerned that the Council have not taken measures to implement the Police safety recommendations for the park that were issued following the tragic murder of Iuliana Tudos. He tells me that there is still a lack of CCTV and adequate lighting, and that he would like the Council to consider closing the park gates at night so dangerous activity is not encouraged in the area.*

- 3.0. Another report states: *I live on Upper Tollington Park in Finsbury Park. I believe I have written to you on this note before. Sadly, I am having to bring this to your attention again. I walk across Finsbury Park every day on my way to work. On everyday bar one I have seen people abusing what appear to be class A drugs. Smoking crack, injecting drugs and also blatant selling of drugs. All in broad daylight. This week alone on Monday I witnessed a group of people standing on Finsbury Park station forecourt. I don't want to jump to conclusions, but they looked like drug users. One of them was clearly in a bad way, his eyes rolling, drenched in sweat and swaying wildly, all while his 'friends' laughed and filmed this on their phones. This was 7pm on the way home from work whilst the station was full of commuters and people of all ages. My journey home last night was just harrowing. I came out of the station and waited for a taxi. 2 people were standing behind me and openly selling drugs to a succession of people who were clearly addicts and in a bad way. When a taxi didn't arrive, I decided to walk, as much in fear for my safety. Stopping off in the shop, a guy who was also clearly in a bad way staggered in asking them to give him a lighter. Of course, they refused as he had no money and he got quite desperate and agitated until a customer gave him one and he ran off... clearly desperate to use it! Clearly whoever delivers the drugs to Finsbury Park has just been as this was just 2 of the occurrences on my short walk home. At the risk of sounding cruel it was like a scene from 'Night of the Living Dead' and really quite scary. The problem with homelessness and drugs in Finsbury Park seems to be spiralling out of control and I really fear for people's safety. I feel desperately sorry for these people who are clearly trapped in this vicious cycle of despair, I am sure in most cases through no fault of their own. However, it is making the area dangerous and I feel it is only a matter of time before there is a really serious incident in the area. I know there have been some already. I feel that measures must be made to stem this issue before it is too late and if at all possible, get help to these people who are clearly so in need. Whilst there is so much positive happening in our area, this is destroying the fabric of what makes it so great. In the 18 years I have lived here I have never seen it so bad.*
- 4.0. Another resident writes: *Following up on your conversation today with my neighbour I'm writing to echo the frustrations he has raised with you. I should say at the outset that I'm not a serial moaner – this is the first time I have felt strongly enough about a local issue to raise it with my councillor. I live in Florence Rd and, since moving in 18 months ago, have been increasingly frustrated by the pretty basic deficiencies in the way Finsbury Park is being managed which are having a major impact on the neighbourhood. There is open drug-dealing at the Oxford Road and Stroud Green entrances to Finsbury Park. It could not be more blatant, with large gangs of youths congregating around the Stroud Green entrance in particular after dark. Because the park is left open at night, it creates an easy escape route and is an open invitation to anyone intent on causing harm. This week alone there has been a mugging and a burglary on Florence Road. It is*

deeply alarming, as I have teenage children walking to and from school on their own. These types of incidents have been reported endlessly to the local Police (who never seem to have the resources to follow up with any urgency) and councillors, yet nothing of any substance is done to address it. The situation is getting worse and I'm deeply concerned.

- 5.0. Another resident writes to ward councillors: *I live in Perth Road, Stroud Green. I am writing to draw to your attention to a noticeable increased presence of drug taking and drug dealing in the street, and to ask what can be done about it. A week ago, I have watched a group of four very scruffy, jumpy, furtive-looking men standing at the Stroud Green Road end of Perth Road, joined after beckoning by a further ragged individual with a shoulder bag who had been sitting on the step on the bottom house, in the garden. This was undoubtedly a drug deal. Around the same period, my husband (copied into this email) saw a man getting into a car with a bag, and then getting out again down the street. Yesterday, as we parked our car outside Stroud Green School, there were two cars parked side by side, with a man with a rucksack disappearing off as we got out. Something was thrown from one car to the other. Talking to our neighbours, a number have reported finding individuals skulking behind or underneath hedges in their gardens taking drugs. I have copied in one neighbour, with whom I was discussing the problem last night. Ten days ago, a Hermes deliveryman was attacked and punched outside our house as he tried to deliver a parcel to us, by a man hovering by our house. All this is very worrying in a street where there are families with young children, and where there is a large, busy primary school. I have reported the anti-social behaviour on the Stroud Green Police website, which also asks me to vote to what the Police should be doing! (It's a limited list of pre-determined options: I was said "drugs" and was told I was the sole voter on this in May). It is disappointing that there appears to be no way of contacting the neighbourhood Police properly by email to set out the very real concerns of ourselves and our neighbours. Perth Road is a busy street, with parents coming and going to the school, and a busy pub the "Faltering Fullback" attracting lots of incomers. It is surprising that there is no CCTV on the street – at the Stroud Green Road end, which is also a regular spot for dumping old furniture, fridges and general rubbish, and also at the other end, by the school and pub.*
- 6.0. A Councillor forwards concerns from a constituent, who advises: *There needs to be a designated cleaning team for this area that are cleaning daily all day. This station is a massive transport hub and brings hundreds of people to the area every day on top of the local residents. Under the bridge needs regular cleaning as there are many homeless people sleeping there. There also needs to be a designated Police team every day in the area. There is a huge amount of drug dealing around the station and also the train lines are blatantly used to bring drugs in and out of the area. Some of the homeless are*

working in conjunction with gangs to facilitate this. My presumption is the homeless working with the groups and extremely vulnerable and very possibly drug users themselves which puts them in an even more vulnerable position. They need support. This needs clamping down on now by a continual Police presence...There is so much dealing in the area. Around the tube, down on Blackstock road, next to Rowans, Stroud green road and upper Tollington Park. They use the cash point on Stroud green road and on several occasions have gone into Kieron's dry cleaners to take a hit and he has had to try and get them out. They deal drugs from the alley by Nando's on upper Tollington Park and many cars pull over on that road and wait for a dealer to come to their car. Parkland walk has the same problem. There have been many muggings in the area, and I would image they are linked. The corner of Stroud green road and upper Tollington Park has a lot of public drinking. There are daily groups of men drinking on the wall there and there is no rubbish bin there so they just up and leave all their paraphernalia in the flower beds there. The street cleaner never cleans the flower bed, so I have on many occasions cleared them myself.

Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour

Actions taken to try and address and tackle the ASB

- i. To tackle drug dealing, street drinking nuisance and begging, the Police have issued Community Protection Warnings and Notices. Although this can be difficult in that getting names and addresses to complete a Community Protection Notice is difficult in plain clothes as section 50 of the Police Reform Act is a uniform only power.
- ii. To tackle drug dealing, the Police carryout Stop & Searches, however generally most people who were stop searched did not have anything on them as it is a common practice to hide the drugs to limit Police action when stopped.
- iii. The Police have put in place several 48 hours Dispersals. However, this power cannot be used constantly, as it would be an abuse of the power to keep authorising it. In addition, the level of Police resources required to implement a Dispersal Order are significant and must be weighed alongside given the other demands of the affected wards and other demands upon the Police.
- iv. There are also joint Police and Council services operations organised involving Hackney, Islington and Haringey officers; initiated through the tri-borough partnership. These operations tackle specific issues, e.g. drug dealing, supporting and engaging with street homeless.
- v. Instance of street drinking, begging and public urination reported by Stanhope Gardens and Barclays Bank. In response Enforcement team have erected ASB signs and applied water-repellent paint in hot spot areas.
- vi. ASB Enforcement Team have erected ASB signs at other key locations for street drinking and urinating e.g. Kimberley Gardens.
- vii. ASB Enforcement carry out regular joint operations with homelessness outreach to engage with street homeless and make offers of support and assistance, these are undertaken at various times of day, including early morning 5am - 6am
- viii. Areas abandoned by street homeless and/or street drinkers & drug users cleared and cleaned e.g. Salisbury Mews. To minimise environmental hazard and prevent areas being used for other ASB activity
- ix. Areas with fly-tipping and rubbish cleared as soon as possible once they come to notice, again to prevent hazard and maintain a clean and safe environment
- x. Engagement with businesses to encourage reporting to appropriate services e.g. making street link referrals, reporting drug dealing to the Police.
- xi. ASB Enforcement Team and the Police have also undertaken several walkabouts with local ward councillors and residents, attended resident & community group meetings, to gather intelligence, to listen to the concerns and ideas of stakeholders on ways to tackle the anti-social behaviour and crime. Addressing their concerns where we can.