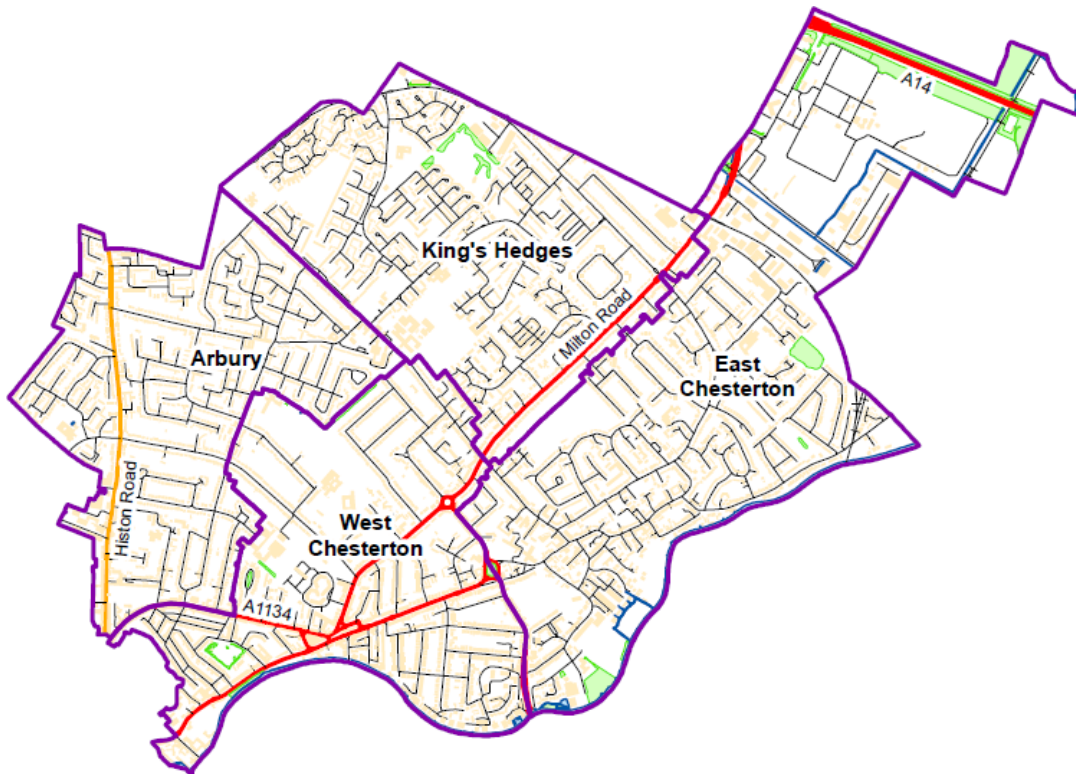


# Neighbourhood Profile

## Cambridge City North – June 2022

**Wards: Arbury, East Chesterton, King's Hedges and West Chesterton**



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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 on-going and emerging crime and disorder issues, and provide recommendations for future areas of concern 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 data received from the following sources:

- The Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team for the area;
- The City Council's Community Safety Team;
- The general public, via online and telephone crime and intelligence reporting; and
- Consultation with elected Ward and County members.

## **2. Current Areas of Concern**

At the North Area Committee meeting of 18 November 2021, the committee recommended addressing the following local areas of concern:

- ASB and dangerous driving across the north of the city (including Fen Road and the High Street) and NO<sub>2</sub> canisters;
- Street-based drug dealing, including cuckooing; and
- Youth and knife crime.

Lead officers and actions to be taken were agreed following the committee meeting. The work undertaken and current situation is detailed below.

### **ASB and dangerous driving across the north of the city (including Fen Road and the High Street) and NO<sub>2</sub> canisters**

Objective: Reduce instances of antisocial behaviour (ASB) and dangerous driving across the north of the city.

Action Taken: Under the banner of Operation STAPLE, local officers continue to target locations of concern as highlighted by the community. As reported previously, the introduction of a Safer Speeds Team has seen additional resourcing made available to target key locations. In addition, work has taken place with the Environmental Health Enforcement Team to tackle areas identified as being subject to the dumping of rubbish and specifically NO<sub>2</sub> canisters discarded by occupants of vehicles.

Current Situation: We continue to carry out patrols of highlighted areas and this year have already issued four S59 notices against drivers and vehicles where they are warned against their anti-social behaviour, and where this behaviour does not cease, they can see their vehicles seized. We have issued Traffic Offence reports for numerous offences including use of mobile phones whilst driving, not wearing seatbelts and other vehicle offences. Further to this, the team are continuing to seize vehicles for various Road Traffic Offences.

Lead Officer: PS EMMS

### **Street-based drug dealing, including cuckooing**

Objective: Tackle street based drug dealing.

Action Taken: By continuing to scan reports to the team via all channels, such as online reports, phone calls and word of mouth, we consistently identify persons and locations to direct our resources, either via enforcement, education or partnership working.

Current Situation: Whilst a priority for the community living and working in North Cambridge, tackling drug dealing and county lines remains a priority for Cambridgeshire Constabulary as a whole. In response, the North Team have carried out just under 60 stop/searches and four Warrants at addresses, resulting in ten arrests for drug supply offences and over £9,000 of drugs have been seized.

Lead Officer: PS EMMS

### **Youth and knife crime**

Objective: Reduce youth and knife crime

Action Taken: Since the last meeting, the North Team has developed and implemented Operation PROXIMITY (under the force-wide Operation GUARDIAN) which, having been trialled in the north of the city, is now a city-wide policing plan to tackle knife crime in Cambridge City.

Operation PROXIMITY aims to:

- make positive interventions in young persons' lives at what could be their most vulnerable times;
- increase the intelligence we have around young persons, and how they begin their journey into the knife carrying and other crimes;
- protect identified individuals from harm and being led into a life of crime;
- prevent future harm coming to the community as a whole by lowering the number of incidents and helping families manage their own risks;
- build trust in the community and families affected by knife crime;
- reduce the number and severity of knife crime, therefore lowering the demand on our resources at the front line, through preventative strategies and interventions; and

- build better relationships with the schools, youth organisations, partners and safeguarding leads within them.

Current Situation: Operation PROXIMITY began in February 2022 with a cohort of juveniles identified as being at risk of carrying knives. Of those, four were placed in the SIGNIFICANT category as being most at risk. Since then, a total of 37 interventions have taken place with those individuals, from school visits by officers and work with educational establishments, to home visits and interactions on the street. From the first cohort, three have been removed as no longer being of SIGNIFICANT risk, three have moved up to SIGNIFICANT and a further two juveniles have also been added to SIGNIFICANT. In March, as a result of the work around Operation PROXIMITY, one juvenile was stopped and searched in the area of Nun's Way and was found in possession of a large knife. They were arrested and is currently in prison following being convicted of being in possession of an offensive weapon. This piece of work is ongoing and has been rolled out across the city, with each Neighbourhood Team taking ownership of individuals residing in their area.

Lead Officer: PS EMMS

### **3. *Proactive Work and Emerging Issues***

#### **Cambridgeshire Constabulary**

Following the success of the initial Online Consultation Meeting held by the North Team in August 2021, a further event took place in February 2022, with residents from across the city attending and being able to speak directly to officers from their local Neighbourhood Teams. Concerns from residents remain drugs and cycle crime as well as ASB, noisy vehicles and visibility of police officers. The next Online Consultation meeting is due to be held soon.

#### **Cambridge City Council**

The Community Safety Team (CST) continues to take proactive action where there are reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) or nuisance behaviour, and works in close partnership with other agencies, such as housing providers, police neighbourhood teams and other partner agencies when tackling complex cases. We will consider preventative, supporting and enforcement action as appropriate, depending on the nature and risk level of the case.

During the last reporting period, the CST has been involved in dealing with cases and reports and have acted as appropriate, including:

- An Injunction Order being obtained at the County Court and due to be served on a tenant in the Arbury area for causing significant ASB and concerning behaviours towards local residents;
- An ongoing court case where the CST are seeking outright possession of a property in the Arbury area because the tenant is causing ASB to their neighbours;
- The CST are in the process of collating evidence and seeking an injunction against a person to forbid them from continuing to take advantage of and financially exploit

vulnerable individuals across the north of the city. The CST work very closely with the police and partner agencies to ensure these vulnerable individuals are supported when reporting concerns and that safeguarding is put in place where possible;

- Working jointly with the police where there were concerns about serious nuisance and anti-social behaviour at an address in the north of the city. The police secured an extension of a Closure Order and at the same time the CST pursued possession action; and
- The Cambs Against County Lines project, to raise awareness about child criminal exploitation and county lines, has continued and a number of train the facilitator sessions have been delivered to professionals in the north of the city so that they are able to deliver the project in their own areas. Visit [Cambs Against County Lines](#) for more information, including links to resources.

Save Our Cycles – Linked to the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership, the multi-agency Cambridge Cycle Crime Prevention Task Group is chaired by Cambridge City Council. The Task Group, which includes Camcycle, businesses, the two universities and the police, launched a [Save Our Cycles](#) campaign for the public to encourage locking and registering cycles.

#### **4. Additional Information**

At the neighbourhood level, the [POLICE.UK](#) website allows for swift access to local crime and anti-social behaviour data at street level. The website can display crimes on a map as well as in chart format, along with trend lines. The three most important sections within this website are: 'overview'; 'crime map'; and 'statistics. This gives a good overview of issues within the local area. To access the local area's relevant data, type "Cambridge" into the search engine on the homepage and then select the relevant area (Cambridge City Centre policing team, Cambridge – North policing team, or Cambridge – South policing team).

#### **5. Recommendations**

None are advised. We seek views from this committee on those local areas of concern that the police and partner agencies can work together to action and report on at the next reporting committee meeting.