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



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1.0 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of Total Recorded Crime (TRC), with a focus on violence, within the five Cumulative Impact Zones (CIZs) in the City of Wolverhampton. Public Safety and Welfare (PSW) and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) data is also included for each zone. The areas outlined in red on the map below show the CIZs currently in operation within the City of Wolverhampton:

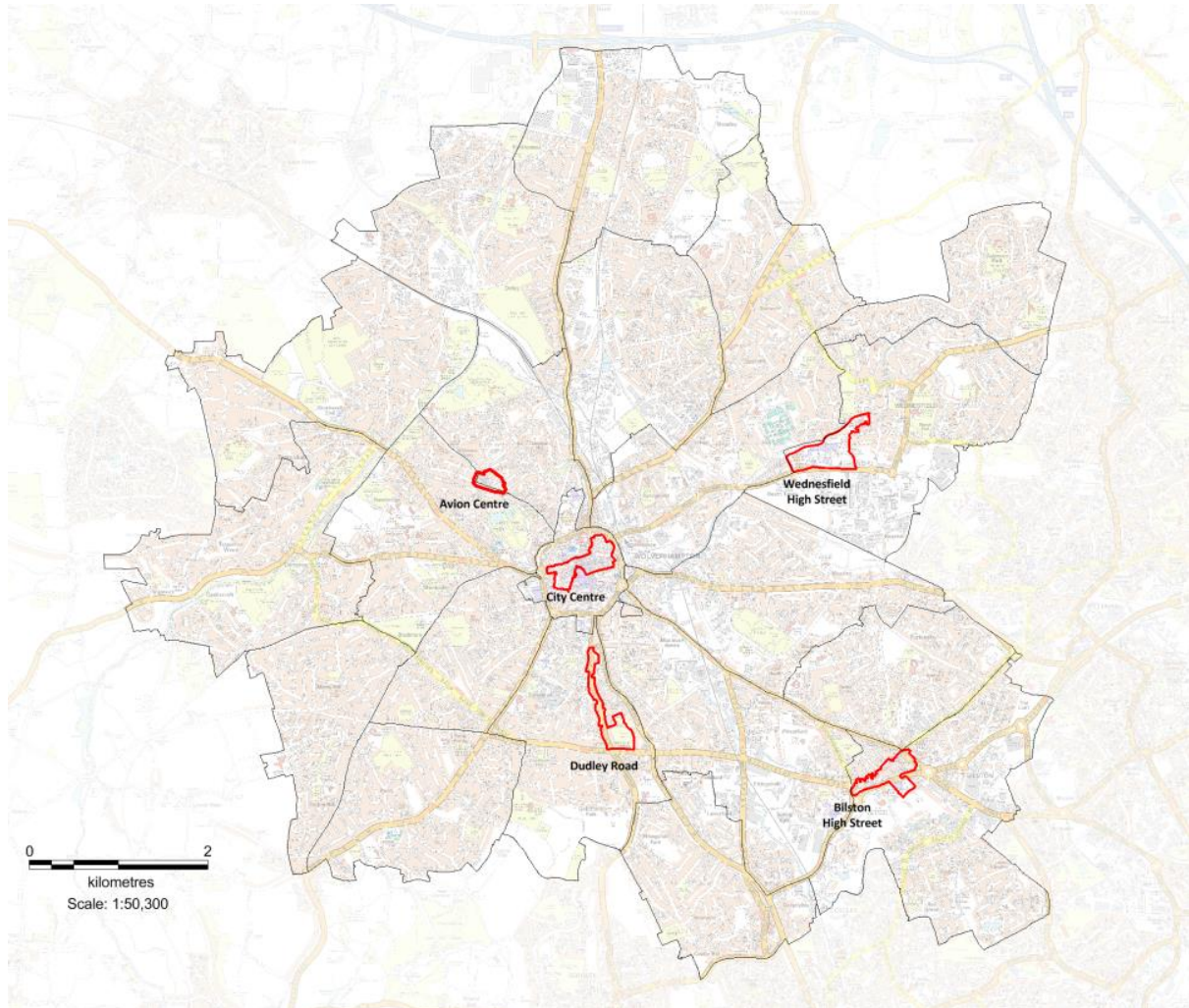


Figure 1: Map of the five Cumulative Impact Zones in Wolverhampton

Methodology

Data used in this report was sourced from West Midlands Police systems. All data refers to the date on which an offence or incident was recorded, and was downloaded for the period of the 01 October 2019 to the 30 September 2022. Data from prior to 2019 has not been included due to changes in both intelligence and crime systems used by West Midlands Police, making the data inaccessible within the timeframe required, and the assessed low level of threat, harm and risk compared to other Force priorities. In previous reports, data around the involvement of alcohol was used; however, as this relied on the accurate use of markers and was often found to not represent a true picture of offending. Consequently, this report will use offences that fall within the category of Violence instead

to assess performance within the CIZs. For the purposes of this document, violence was categorised as the offence sub categories of Violent with Injury, Violence without Injury and Violent Disorder.

For the City Centre CIZ only, offences or incidents that were committed or occurred during the Night Time Economy (NTE) were determined by offences or incidents first committed between the hours of 21:00hrs and 06:00hrs the following morning.

ASB and PSW data was sourced from the ControlWorks and Oasis Command and Control systems, where all logs finalised as ASB or PSW and recorded as first occurring between the 01 October 2019 and the 30 September 2022 were retrieved for analysis.

2.0 Analysis

2.1 City Centre Cumulative Impact Zone

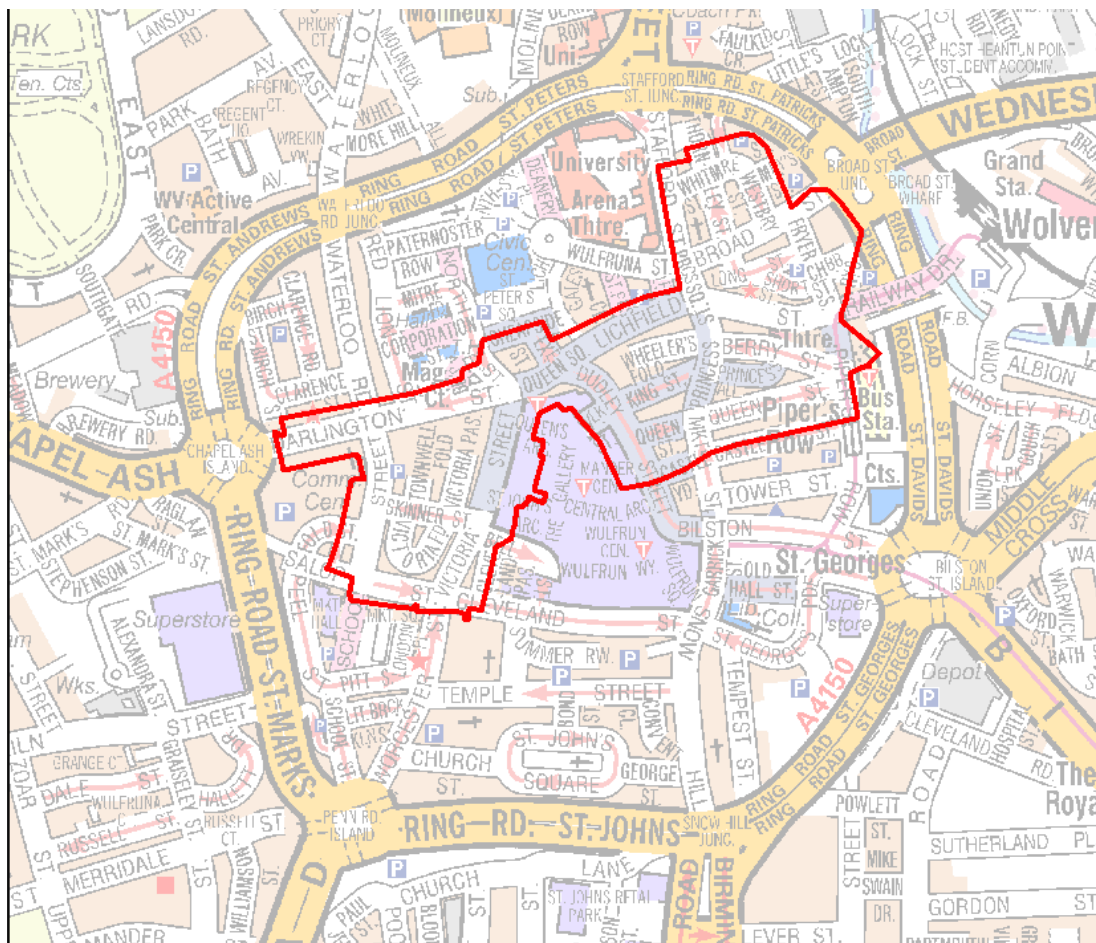


Figure 2: Map of the City Centre Cumulative Impact Zone

As would be expected in a city centre, there is a high transient population who frequent the area for a variety of reasons including working, shopping or for entertainment venues. TRC within the City Centre CIZ increased marginally between 2019/20 and 2020/21; however, doubled between 2020/21 and 2021/22 with an increase of 724 offences. It is **highly likely** that this increase is reflective of a reduction in TRC in 2019/20 and 2020/21 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a number of different

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government restrictions aimed at reducing the spread of the virus. However, when comparing TRC to pre-pandemic levels (average of 930 crimes per year from 2012 to 2017), there is still a considerable increase of 454 crimes.

Year	Total Recorded Crime (TRC)			Violence		
	Within CIZ	Within CIZ during NTE	% Within CIZ during NTE	Within CIZ	Within CIZ during NTE	% Within CIZ during NTE
01 October 2019 - 30 September 2020	647	269	42%	207	128	62%
01 October 2020 - 30 September 2021	648	239	37%	215	126	59%
01 October 2021 - 30 September 2022	1363	701	51%	566	382	67%

Table 1: Total Recorded Crime and Violence offences from October 2019 to September 2022 within the City Centre Cumulative Impact Zone

Total Recorded Crime

The highest offence types in 2019/20 in the City Centre CIZ were Theft from Shops and Stalls and Assault with Injury occasioning actual bodily harm. There were 69 (10.6%) Theft from Shops and Stalls offences and 69 (10.6%) Assault with Injury offences. The highest offending location was the Greggs store on Dudley Street with 29 (4.5%) offences.

The highest recorded offence in the City Centre CIZ for 2020/21 was Assault without Injury (common assault and battery) with 92 (15.5%) recorded crimes. The second highest crime was Theft from Shops and Stalls with 59 (10%) recorded crimes. In comparison to the previous year, the top crimes are the same, with Assault with Injury increasing by 23 offences; however, Theft from Shops and Stalls decreased by 10 offences. The highest offending location in 2020/21 was the street record of Dudley Street with 23 offences, accounting for 3.5% of TRC.

The highest recorded offence in the City Centre CIZ for 2021/22 was Assault without Injury (common assault and battery) in line with previous years. This offence recorded 211 (15.2%) offences. The next highest recorded offence was Assault with Injury - assault occasioning actual bodily harm with 129 offences (9.3%). The highest offending location was the Grain Store Bar on King Street (60; 4.4%).

Violence

Violence remained stable in the City Centre CIZ for the first two years analysed. In 2019/20, there were 207 violent offences. 65 offences were recorded as Assault without Injury (Common assault and battery). The Gorgeous Nightclub on School Street was the top offending location with 17 recorded offences (8.2%).

In 2020/21, there were 215 violent offences in the City Centre CIZ. 92 offences were recorded as Assault without Injury (Common assault and battery). The top repeat offending location was again the Gorgeous Nightclub on School Street with three offences. The next highest offence, with 46 recorded crimes, was Assault with Injury (occasioning ABH). The top offending location with nine recorded offences was the street record for School Street (4.2%).

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In 2021/22, there were 566 violent offences in the City Centre CIZ. 211 (37%) of these were classed as Assault without Injury (Common assault and battery). The top repeat offending locations were Grain Store Bar on King Street (43; 7.6%) and Gorgeous Nightclub on School Street (40; 7.1%). The next highest offence, with 129 (22%) recorded crimes, was Assault with Injury (occasioning ABH). The top repeat offending locations were the Grain Store Bar on King Street and the Planet Nightclub on Westbury Street, both with eight recorded offences. Approximately two thirds of offences have occurred at NTE venues. Violence reported within the City Centre CIZ increased marginally between 2019/20 and 2020/21; however, doubled between 2020/21 and 2021/22. It is **likely** that this is due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and a number of different government restrictions aimed at reducing the spread of the virus being relaxed, and more people returning to the City Centre and NTE venues.

Violence (NTE)

For the purposes of this document, the NTE is considered as between the hours of 21:00hrs and 06:00hrs. There were 126 violent offences during the NTE in 2020/21 and 382 during the NTE in 2021/22. This is an increase of 256 offences. Between 2020/21 and 2021/22, the Grain Store and Gorgeous Nightclub on School Street have featured in the top three locations. Assault without Injury (common assault and battery) was the highest recorded offence accounting for 26% of violent crime in 2019/20, 41% in 2020/21, and 34% the following year 2021/22.

The table below shows ASB and PSW levels within the City Centre CIZ during the last three years analysed:

Year	Antisocial Behaviour (ASB)			Public Safety Welfare (PSW)		
	Within CIZ	Within CIZ during NTE	% Within CIZ during NTE	Within CIZ	Within CIZ during NTE	% Within CIZ during NTE
01 October 2019 - 30 September 2020	82	25	30%	384	189	49%
01 October 2020 - 30 September 2021	109	52	48%	425	125	29%
01 October 2021 - 30 September 2022	86	34	40%	558	238	43%

Table 2: ASB and PSW incidents within the City Centre Cumulative Impact Zone

ASB incidents increased by 27 between 2019/20 and 2020/21, before reducing to a similar level again in 2021/22. PSW incidents increased year by year since 2019/20, with a large increase of 133 incidents between 2020/21 and 2021/22. The highest locations within the City Centre CIZ for ASB and PSW were McDonalds on Dudley Street for ASB, and a domestic dwelling on Queen Street for PSW.

2.2 Dudley Road Cumulative Impact Zone



Figure 3: Map of the 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 towards 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 table below shows levels of TRC, violent crime, ASB and PSW within the CIZ, broken down by year, since October 2019 for the Dudley Road CIZ:

	TRC	Violence	ASB	PSW
Year	Within CIZ	Within CIZ	Within CIZ	Within CIZ
01 October 2019 - 30 September 2020	142	34	46	121
01 October 2020 - 30 September 2021	172	46	34	118
01 October 2021 - 30 September 2022	154	41	5	101

Table 3: TRC, Violence, ASB and PSW within the Dudley Road Cumulative Impact Zone

TRC in 2019/20 was 142 offences, and 2020/21 was 172 offences, an increase of 31 offences. However, this then reduced slightly in 2021/22 to 154 offences. The highest type of offence was Assault without Injury (Common assault and battery) with 56 recorded offences over the three-year period. The top offending location was Phoenix Park with seven repeated offences.

Violence increased by 35.3% (12 offences) from 2019/20 to 2020/21; however, decreased by five offences from 2020/21 to 2021/22. The highest crime type was Assault without Injury (Common assault and battery) with 56 offences. The top offending location, with 25 repeated offences, was Phoenix Park.

ASB saw a significant decrease in incidents with a decrease of 41 between 2019/20 and 2021/22. The top incident location over the last three years was Phoenix Park.

PSW initially saw a decrease of three incidents from 2019/20 to 2020/21 and continued to decrease the following year with an overall decrease of 20 incidents across the three years. The top offending address, with 11 incidents, was Phoenix Park and the Manders Boutique clothes shop with six incidents.

2.3 Avion Centre Proposed cumulative Impact zone



Figure 4: Map of the Avion Centre Cumulative Impact Zone

The Avion Centre in Whitmore Reans sits across two wards; Park and St Peter's. The table below shows levels of TRC, violent crime, ASB and PSW within the CIZ, broken down by year, since October 2019 for the Avion Centre Road CIZ:

	TRC	Violence	ASB	PSW
Year	Within CIZ	Within CIZ	Within CIZ	Within CIZ
01 October 2019-30 September 2020	95	22	12	88
01 October 2020 - 30 September 2021	111	41	20	79
01 October 2021 - 30 September 2022	127	31	9	93

Table 4: TRC, Violence, ASB and PSW within the Avion Centre Cumulative Impact Zone

TRC within the Avion Centre CIZ increased by 16.8% from 2019/20 to 2020/21 and rose by a further 14.4% between 2020/21 to 2021/22. From 2019/20 to 2021/22, TRC rose by 33.7%. The highest crime type in 2019/20 and 2020/21 were Assault without Injury (Common assault and battery) (35 offences) and Assault with Injury (ABH) (15 offences). The top offending location for 2019/20, with six offences, was a domestic dwelling on New Hampton Road West. The top offending address in 2020/21 was the street record for New Hampton Road West.

Violence in the Avion Centre CIZ increased by 40.9% (19 offences) from 2019/20 to 2020/21; however, decreased by 10 offences from 2020/21 to 2021/22. The highest crime type was Assault without Injury (Common assault and battery) and Assault with Injury (ABH) each with seven offences. The top offending location with six offences was a domestic dwelling on New Hampton Road West.

ASB increased by eight incidents from 2019/20 to 2020/21, and there was an 11-incident decrease from 2020/21 to 2021/22. The top location between 2020/21 and 2021/22 with three repeat incidents, was the William Hill betting shop located in the Avion Shopping Centre.

PSW initially saw a decrease of nine incidents; however, from 2020/21 to 2021/22 there was an increase of 14 incidents. The top locations were a domestic dwelling in Leveson Court and the Avion Shopping Centre, both with 15 incidents.

2.4 Bilston High Street Proposed Cumulative Impact Zone

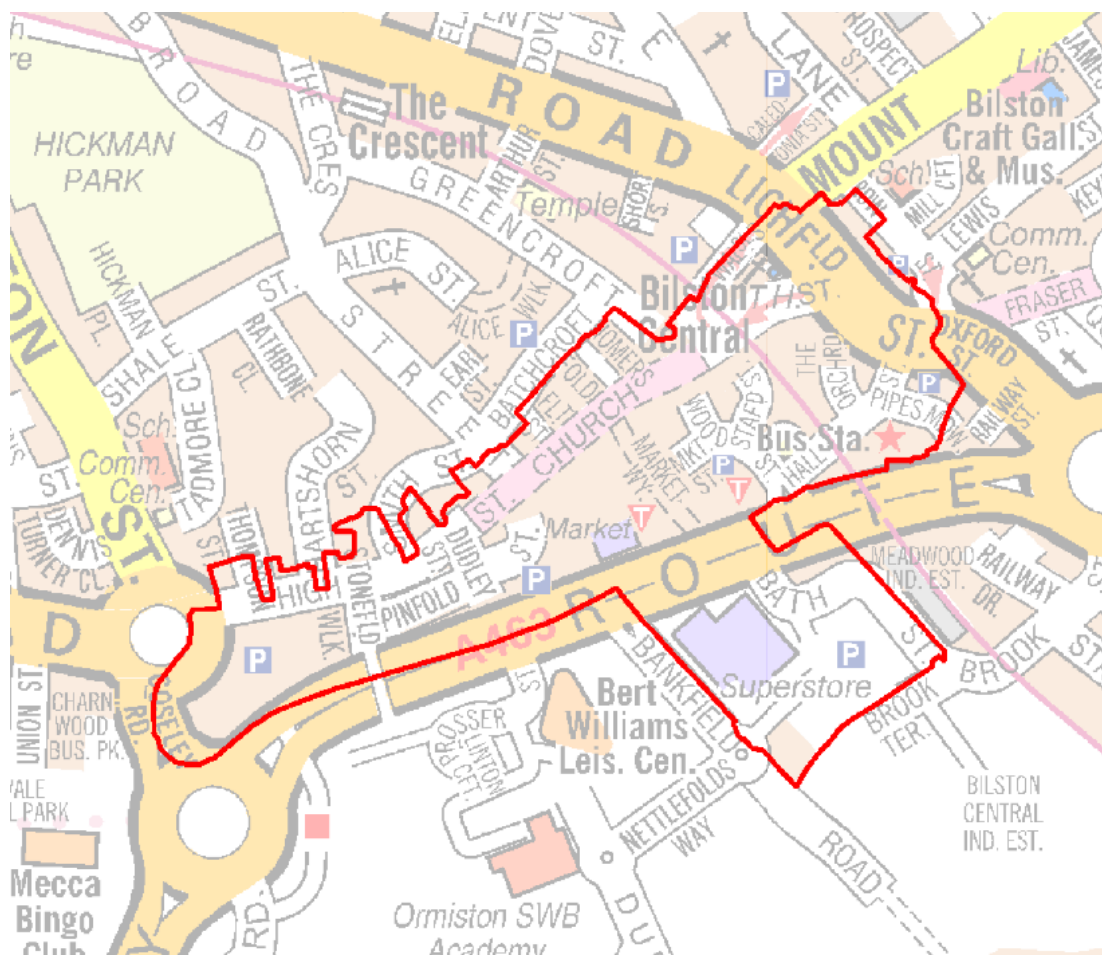


Figure 5: Map of the Bilston High Street Cumulative Impact Zone

The Bilston High Street CIZ 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 TRC, violent crime, PSW and ASB within the Bilston High Street CIZ, broken down by year, since October 2019:

	TRC	Violence	ASB	PSW
Year	Within CIZ	Within CIZ	Within CIZ	Within CIZ
01 October 2019 - 30 September 2020	335	66	63	240
01 October 2020 - 30 September 2021	482	95	103	218
01 October 2021 - 30 September 2022	682	119	80	189

Table 5: TRC, Violence, ASB and PSW within the Bilston High Street Cumulative Impact Zone

TRC within the Bilston High Street CIZ has increased by 147 offences from 2019/20 to 2020/21 and increased by a further 200 offences by 2021/22. The highest recorded crime was Theft from Shops and Stalls with 239 offences recorded over the three-year period. 62 of these offences occurred at the address of 112-116 Church Street, which is a row of shops/businesses.

Violence increased by 29 offences in 2019/20 compared to 2020/21. Violence then increased further from 95 to 119 offences from 2020/21 to 2021/22. There were 121 offences of Assault without Injury (Common assault and battery) over the three-year period, 17 of these offences occurred at Morrison’s on the Black Country route.

ASB increased from 2019/20 to 2020/21 by 40 incidents; however, decreased from 2020/21 to 2021/22 by 23 incidents. The highest recorded ASB address between 2020/21 and 2021/22 was the McDonalds on the High Street with 30 incidents. The next top location was the Morrison’s on the Black Country route with 25 recorded incidents.

PSW has seen a significant decrease in the last three strategic years with decrease of 22 incidents and 29 incidents year on year, resulting in an overall decrease of 51 incidents. The top addresses for PSW were the same as ASB: McDonalds on the High Street (21) and Morrison’s on the Black Country route (18).

2.5 Wednesfield High Street Proposed Cumulative Impact Zone

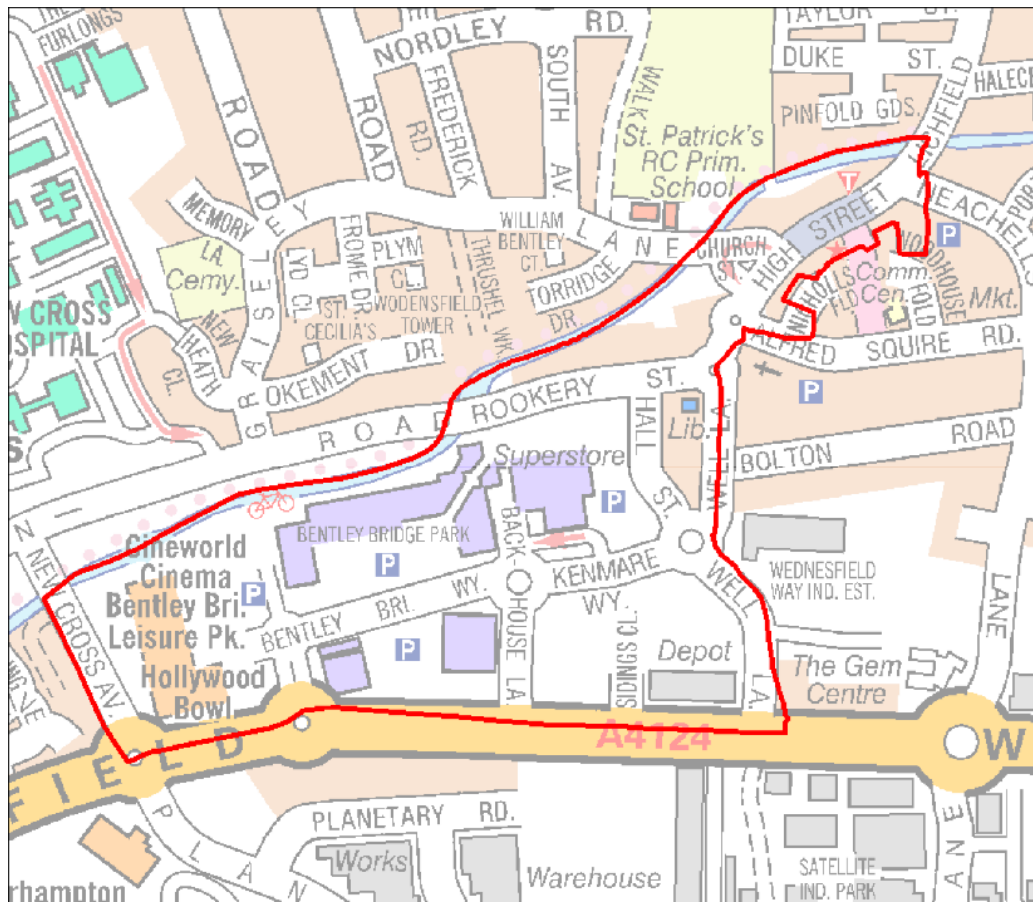


Figure 6: Map of the Wednesfield High Street Cumulative Impact Zone

The Wednesfield High Street CIZ 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 CIZ is low, there are residential areas close by to the North.

The table below shows levels of TRC, violent crime, PSW and ASB within the CIZ, broken down by year, since October 2019:

	TRC	Violence	ASB	PSW
Year	Within CIZ	Within CIZ	Within CIZ	Within CIZ
01 October 2019 - 30 September 2020	272	28	50	193
01 October 2020 - 30 September 2021	416	53	64	188
01 October 2021 - 30 September 2022	621	115	40	217

Table 6: TRC, Violence, ASB and PSW within the Wednesfield High Street Cumulative Impact Zone

TRC within the Wednesfield High Street CIZ increased from 272 to 416, a difference of 144 between 2019/20 and 2020/21, and further increased by 205 crimes from 2020/21 to 2021/22. There were 394 offences classed as Theft from Shop/ Stall over the three-year period, which was the highest offending type. The top offence location was Bentley Bridge Park Unit B4 with 53 repeat offences, followed by Aldi at Bentley Bridge with 47 repeated offences over the three-year period.

Violence offences in the CIZ have increased significantly from 2019/20 compared to 2021/22, with an increase of 87 offences recorded. The top recorded violent offence was Assault without Injury (common assault and battery) with 95 offences recorded over the three-year period.

In 2020/21, ASB increased by 14 incidents in comparison to the previous year (2019/20). However, in 2021/22, ASB incidents decreased by 24 incidents. The top offending address between 2020/21 and 2021/22 was the Hollywood Bowl at Bentley Bridge with 16 recorded incidents.

PSW saw a decrease from 2019/20 to 2020/21 of five incidents; however, increased by 29 incidents in comparison to 2021/22. The top address with 62 incidents recorded between 2020/21 and 2021/22 was a domestic dwelling on the High Street.