

Cumulative Impact Policy

Area 5 - Horsforth

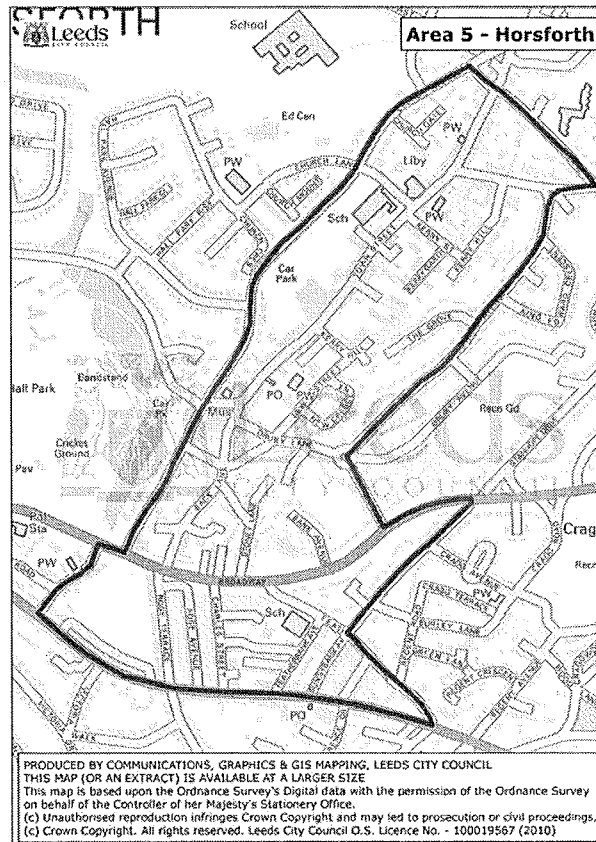


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Area 5 relates to the Horsforth district of Leeds centred on Town Street. It includes all areas inside the green boundary, but also the premises on the south side of New Road Side.

Fig 1



It is the council's policy, on receipt of relevant representations, to refuse new and variation applications in Area 5 for licences for pubs, clubs, bars, café bars, restaurants and takeaways, unless the applicant can demonstrate that their application would not impact on the cumulative effect of such licensed premises in the area.

Rationale

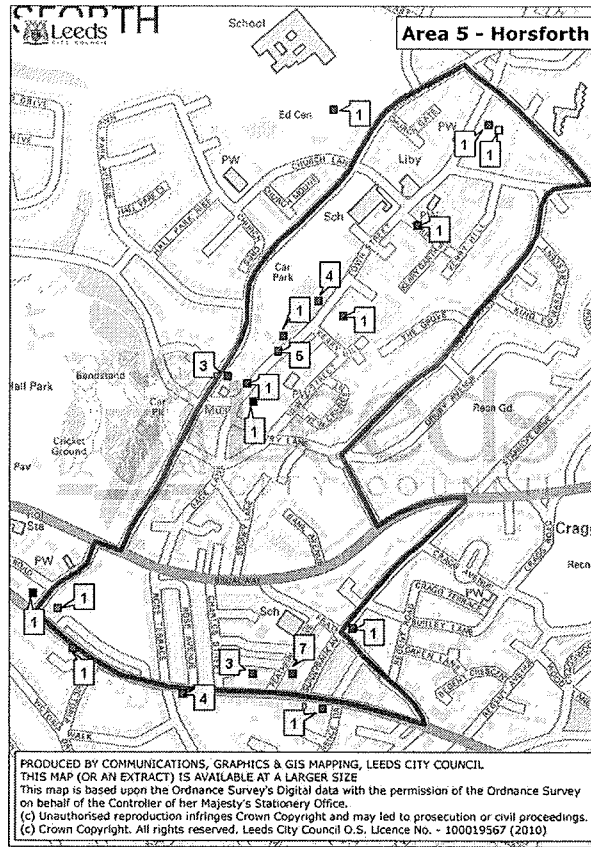
Since the adoption of the Horsforth CIP the council has recognised that the accumulation of licensed premises along New Road Side has contributed to public nuisance in that area, especially as it encourages the use of a route through residential areas used by people moving from Town Street to New Road Side. As a consequence this area has been included in the cumulative impact area for Horsforth.

Horsforth has also experienced creep in licensed hours in the area. The council has noted that although it received no new applications for premises licences it did receive 8 variations in the same time period.

Concern has been expressed by residents about the litter nuisance and public nuisance caused by takeaway premises. The council has received a number of complaints relating to litter and odour nuisance that can be related to takeaway premises.

Evidence

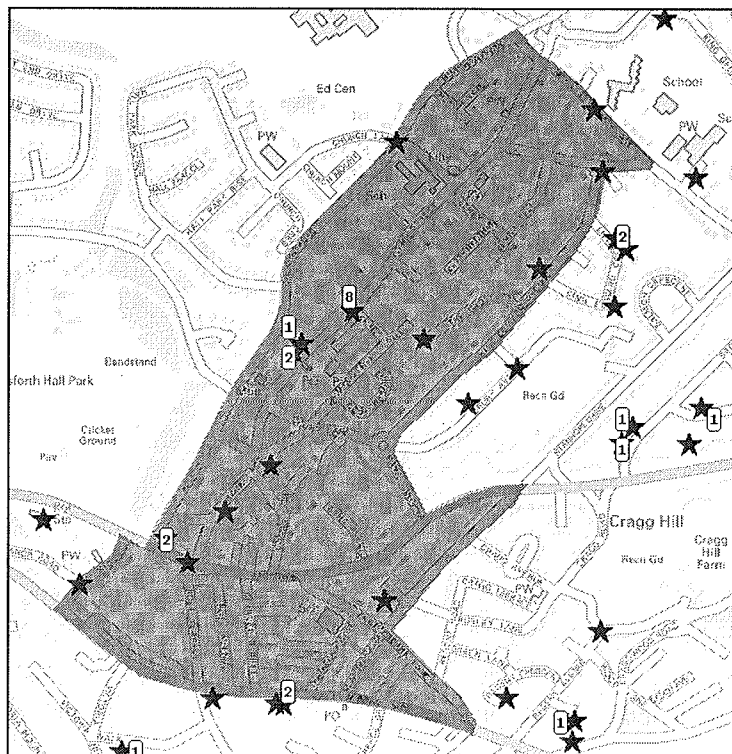
Fig 2



Nuisance Reports in Area 5 (2005 - 2010)

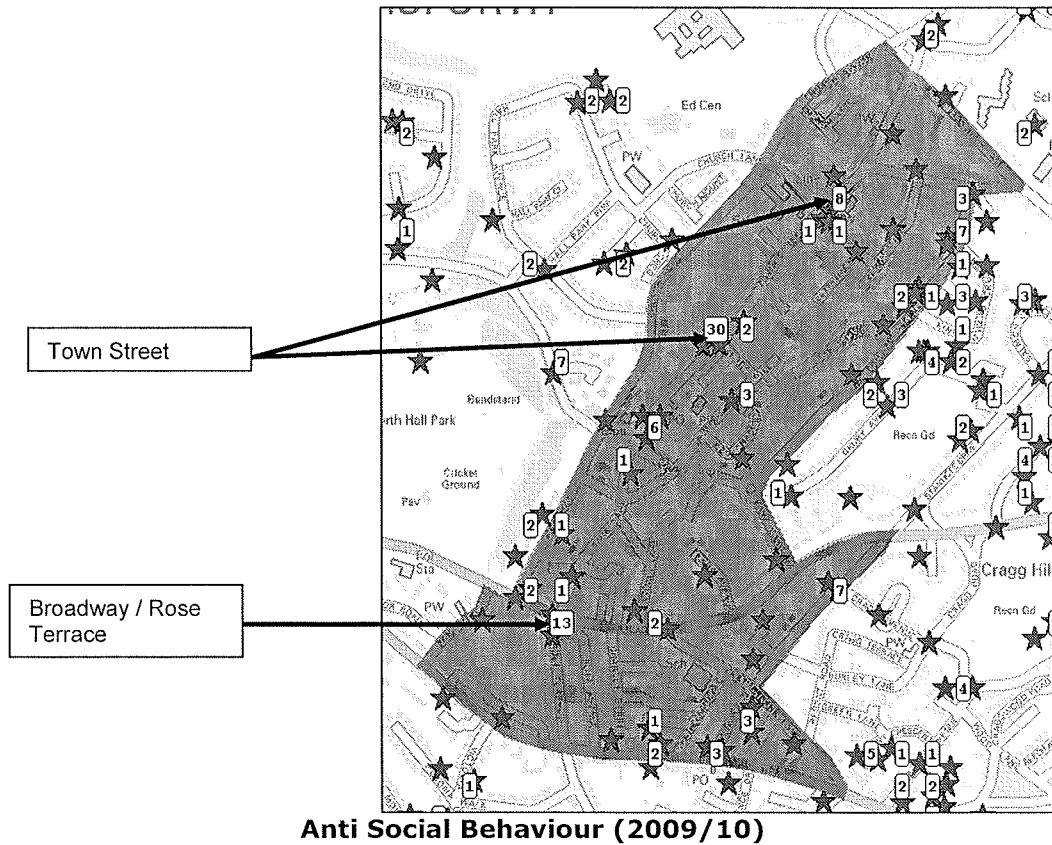
The above map shows the number and location of nuisance complaints received by Leeds City Council relevant to licensed premises in Area 4 since 2005.

Fig 3



The above map shows the number and location of violent crime offences (as defined by the Licensing Enforcement Group – data supplied by West Yorkshire Police) between 1st May 2009 and 30th April 2010.

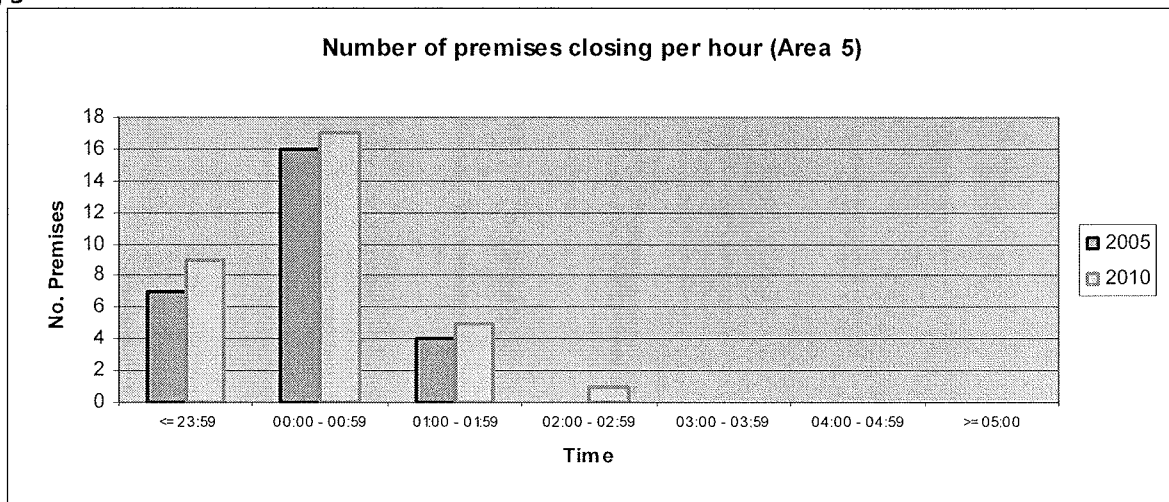
Fig 4



The above map shows the number and location of anti social behaviour offences (data supplied by West Yorkshire Police) between 1st May 2009 and 30th April 2010.

As can be seen from the above maps, there is a concentration of nuisance reports, anti-social behaviour and violent crime in the areas dominated by licensed premises. The concentration is less pronounced with violent crime however, is still apparent in the area around Town Street.

Fig 5



As Fig 5 shows, there has been a very slight and gradual increase over the past 5 years with respect to the number of premises and latest terminal hour for premises in Area 5.

In real terms the numbers are very small and can be summarised as – 2 extra premises which close prior to midnight, and 1 extra premises each for the three following 1 hour time slots. Unlike Area 2, these are not premises which have, in effect, moved their hours later, but rather extra premises on top of what already existed.

While the actual numbers are small, this is to be expected as Area 5 is geographically a small area, where one premises can make a large difference.

Even with reduced numbers, the pattern of increased numbers of premises opening later is evident. Overall, Area 5 now has three more premises open beyond midnight than it did in 2005 (15% increase) – echoing the concerns of local residents that premises are very slowly increasing their hours by small increments.

NB: The above analysis includes the proposed area around New Road Side, as this is an area of concern for residents, and also is the focus of a good proportion of the nuisance complaints.

Extracted from the Final Consultation Report published in December 2010 which presented the findings of the review of the cumulative impact policies and the subsequent public consultation on the amended Statement of Licensing Policy which took place in 2010. The full report is available from Entertainment Licensing.