

Cumulative Impact Policy

Area 2 relates to the Headingley district of Leeds.

Fig 1



It is the council's policy, on receipt of relevant representations, to refuse new and variation applications in Area 2 for alcohol led premises such as bars, pubs and nightclubs and for premises seeking late night refreshment such as takeaways and late opening restaurants, unless the applicant can demonstrate that their application would not impact on the cumulative effect of such licensed premises in the area.

Rationale

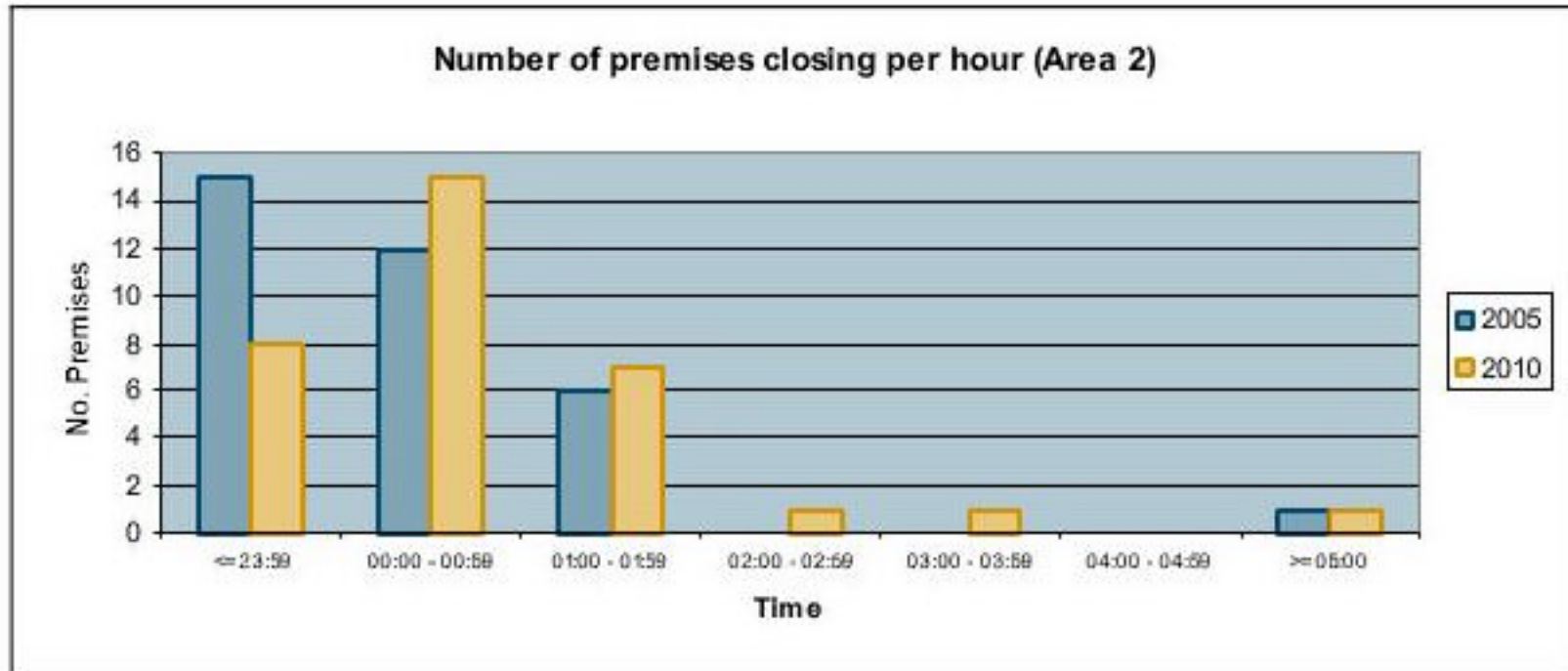
The Headingley cumulative impact policy was put in place in 2005 and has worked well in ensuring that the adverse effect of an accumulation of licensed premises in Headingley has not increased.

There have been ongoing problems, both public nuisance and anti-social behaviour in the Hyde Park area which can be attributed to licensed premises. For this reason the geographical area of the CIP has been increased to include the problem areas.

There is some evidence that the lengthening of the opening hours of premises has had an impact on the area. For this reason the scope of the policy has been increased to include variation applications.

Evidence

Fig 2



As Fig 2 shows there has been a gradual 'creep' over the past 5 years with respect to the latest terminal hour for premises in Area 2.

Since 2005, there has been a 44% decrease in premises closing prior to midnight and a 33% increase in the number of premises closing after midnight, distributed between midnight and 5am. The net result is that, in effect, 7 more premises are closing after midnight than in 2005.

This correlates with residents concerns that some premises are very slowly increasing their hours by small increments.

Fig 3

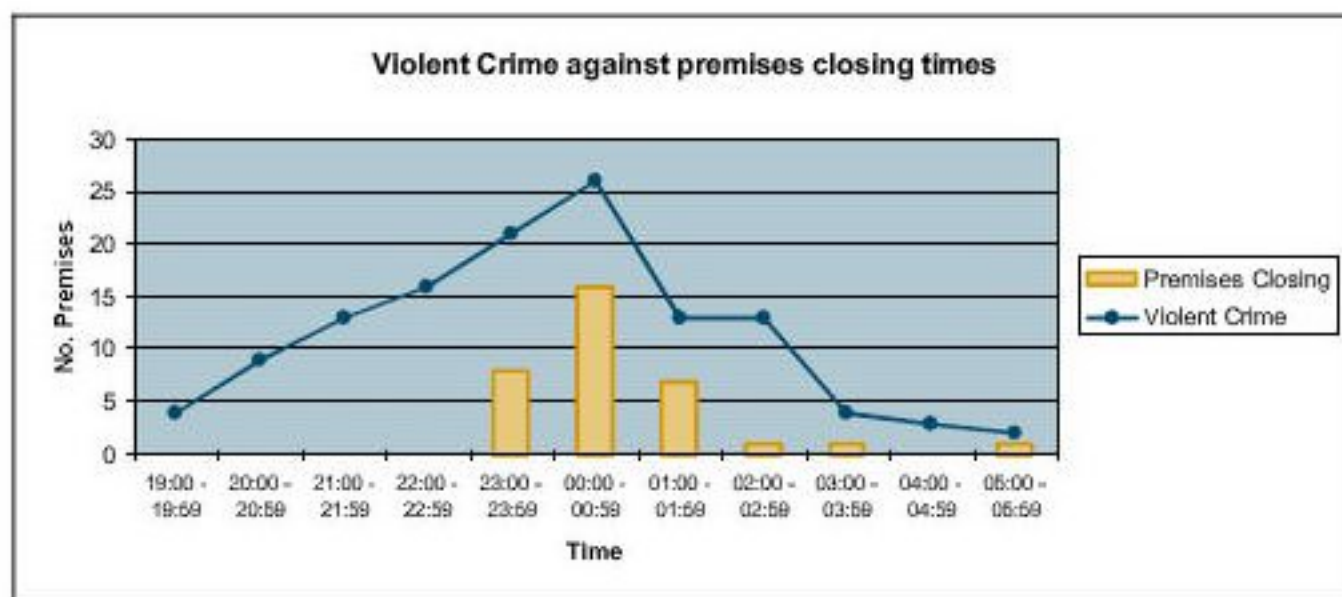
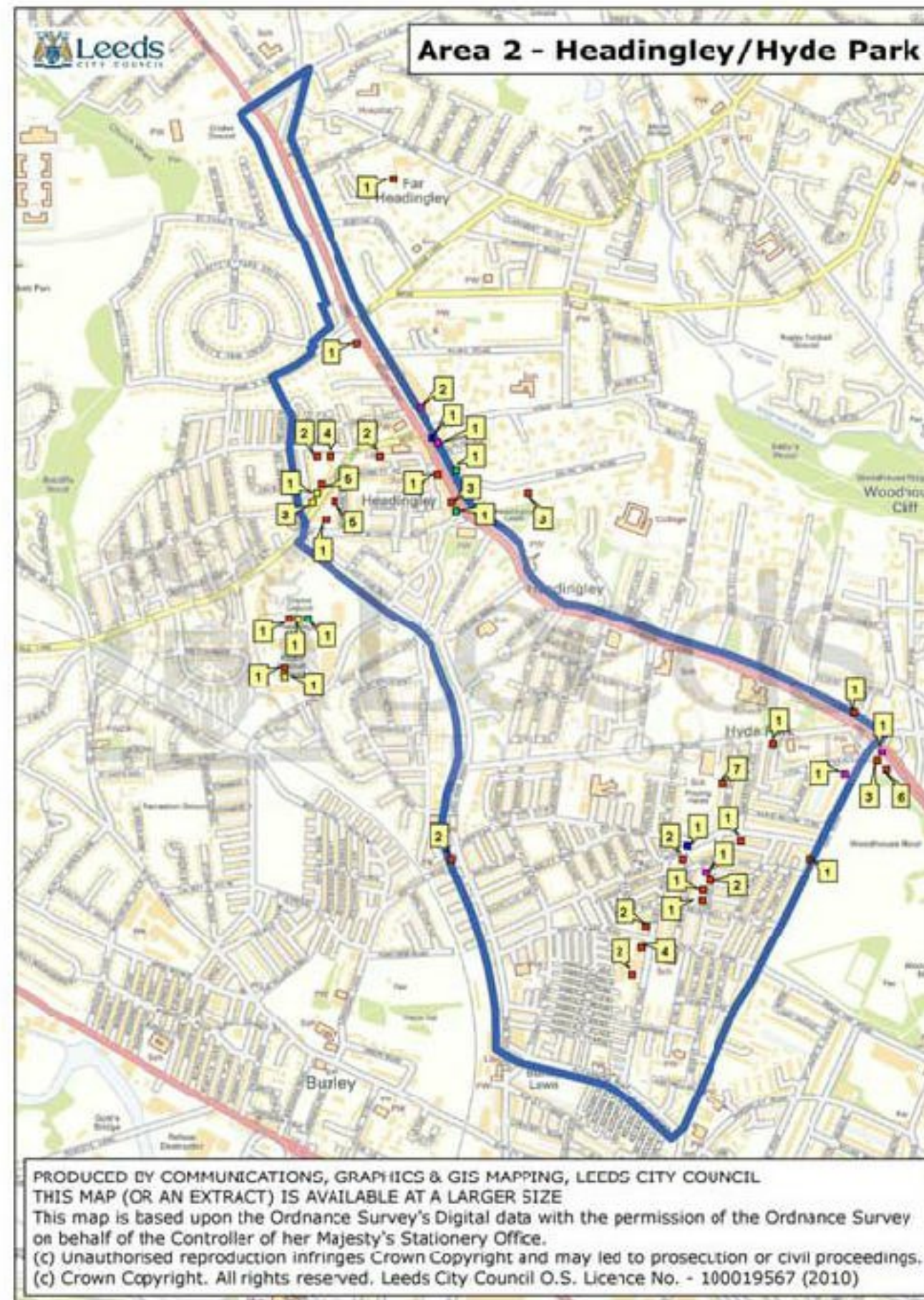


Fig 3 shows the number of violent crimes in the period between 1st May 2009 and 30th April 2010, compared to the total number of premises closing per 1-hour time slot on any given day of the week (as at 1st May 2010).

Although it would be difficult to attribute the violent crime incidents directly to licensed premises (with customers being outside the control of the premises management after closing), the peak times for violent crime incidents corresponds tightly to the volume of premises closing.

Taking this information in conjunction with that from Fig 6 above, it would be reasonable to assume that should the gradual creep experienced in Headingley so far continue, the violent crime would creep accordingly.

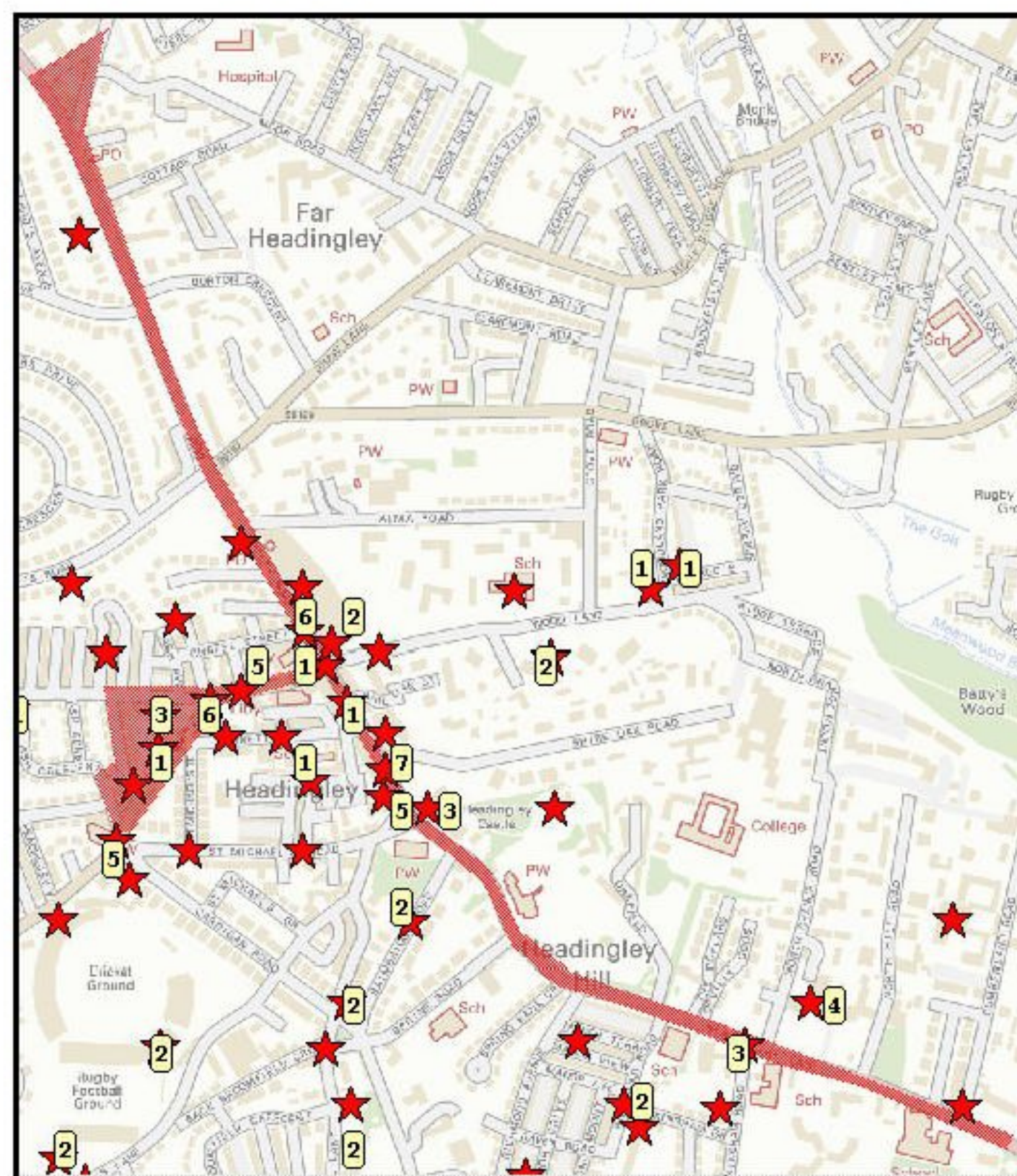
Fig 4



Nuisance reports in Area 2 (2005 – 2010)

Fig 4 shows nuisance reports received by Leeds City Council, relevant to licensed premises since 2005.

Fig 5



Violent Crime Offences (2009/10)

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 6

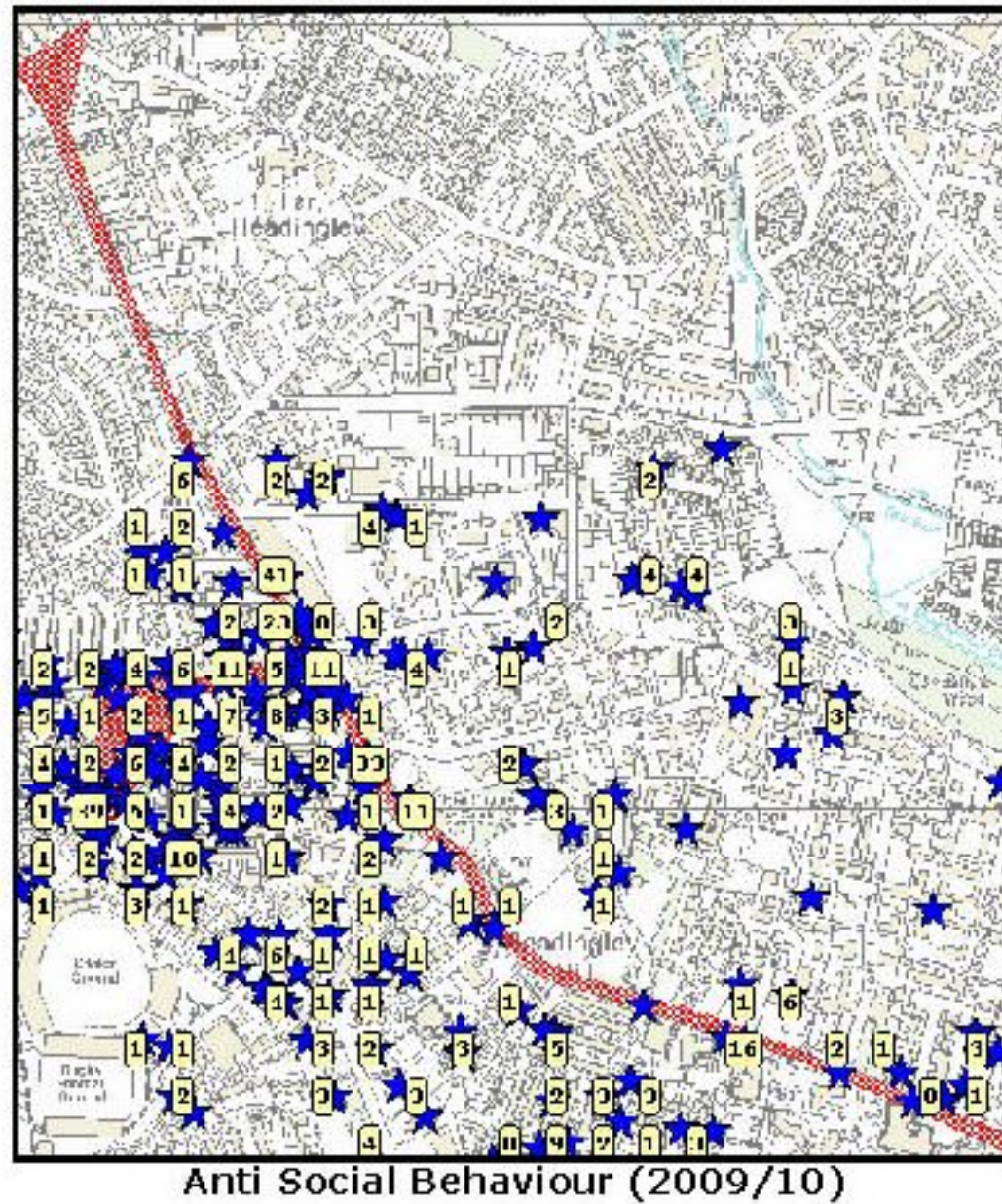


Fig 6 shows the number and location of anti social behaviour offences (data supplied by West Yorkshire Police) between 1st May 2009 and 30th April 2010.

As demonstrated above, the current focus of the CIP is around the central part of Area 2, and this continues to be a problem with respect to nuisance. Also, the area around Brudenell Grove & Hyde Park Corner has proven to be a problem spot for public nuisance and anti social behaviour, which correlates with residents concerns about this particular part of Area 2.

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.