

Cumulative Impact Policy

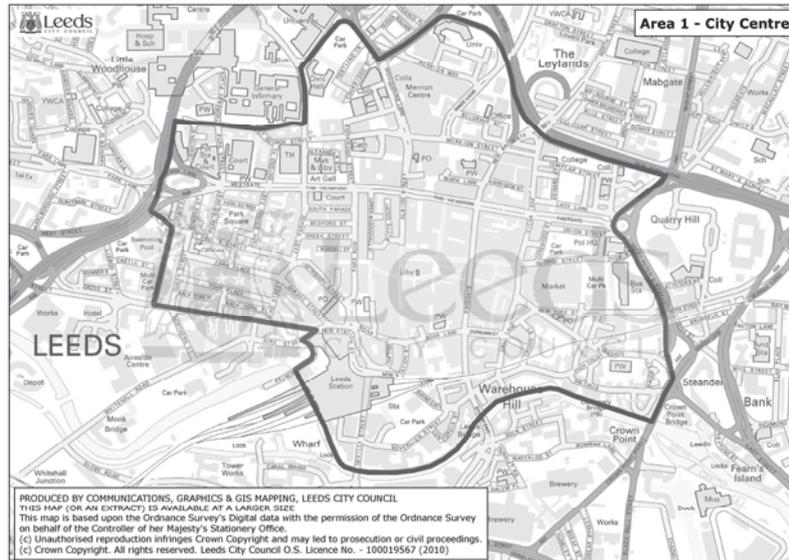
Area 1 - City Centre



Cumulative Impact Policy

Area 1 as defined on the map relates to the city centre.

Fig 1



It is the council's policy, on receipt of relevant representations, to refuse new and variation applications in Area 1 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

In the five years since the cumulative impact policy for the city centre was introduced, the City Centre has changed. Recent crime statistics show three main hot spots for crime and disorder:

1. Call Lane, Boar Lane and the area behind the Corn Exchange
2. Woodhouse Lane, Merrion Way and Wade Lane
3. The east end of The Headrow and New Briggate

Other areas of concern include the Eastgate area and Briggate.

The council has noticed an increase in applications for premises licences in the Park Square area. It is feasible that this is due to displacement from the East Parade/Greek Street/Park Row part of the cumulative impact policy.

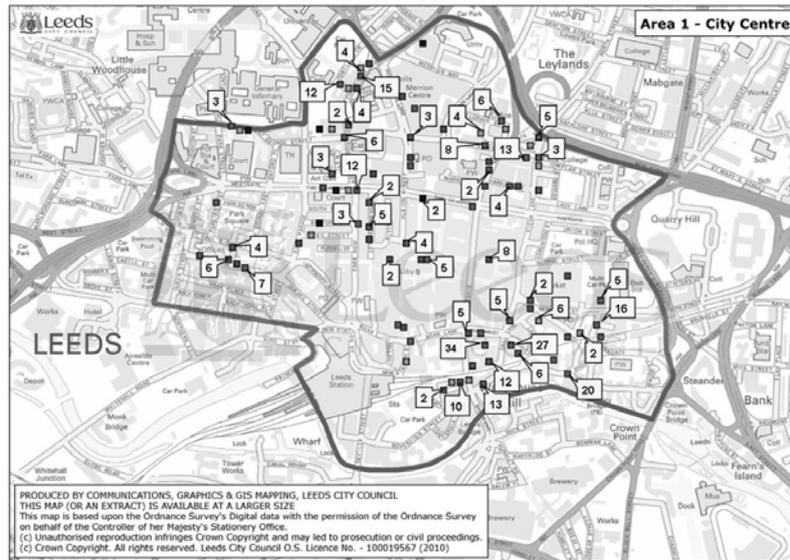
On reviewing these facts and the previous cumulative impact policy, the council has amended the geographical area of the cumulative impact policy to incorporate the crime hotspots and the Park Square area.

In addition there is rising concern about premises which have not been included within the scope of the previous policy, such as restaurants serving hot food and drink after 11pm. These premises have also contributed to crime, disorder and public nuisance in the city centre.

The previous policy referenced high volume vertical drinking establishments. This reference has been removed as it is recognised that all alcohol led licensed premises can contribute to crime and disorder in the area, not just those that are classified as "high volume vertical drinking" establishments.

Evidence

Fig 2



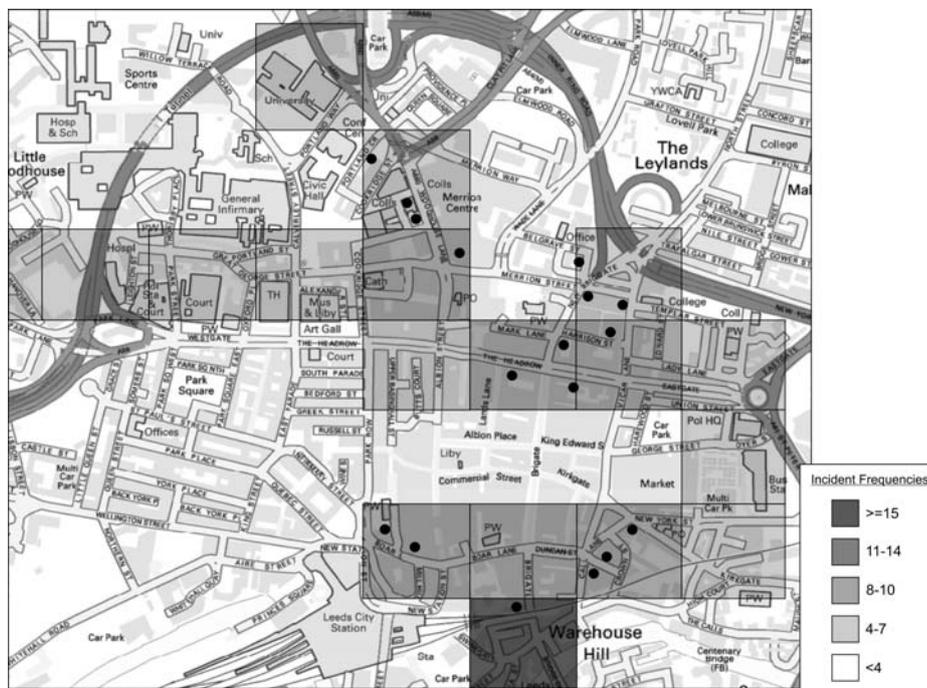
Nuisance reports in Area 1 (2005 – 2010)

Fig 2 shows the number and location of nuisance reports received by Leeds City Council, relevant to licensed premises in Area 1 since 2005.

Police analysis has shown the following key findings relating to serious crime in Area 1:

- 94% of serious violent offences have been committed in the night-time economy (NTE) period.
- 63% of offences committed in the NTE are affected by alcohol
- 20% of offences committed in the NTE are committed within licensed premises
- Between 2008 and 2009 incidents have increased by 26 equating to a 32% rise.

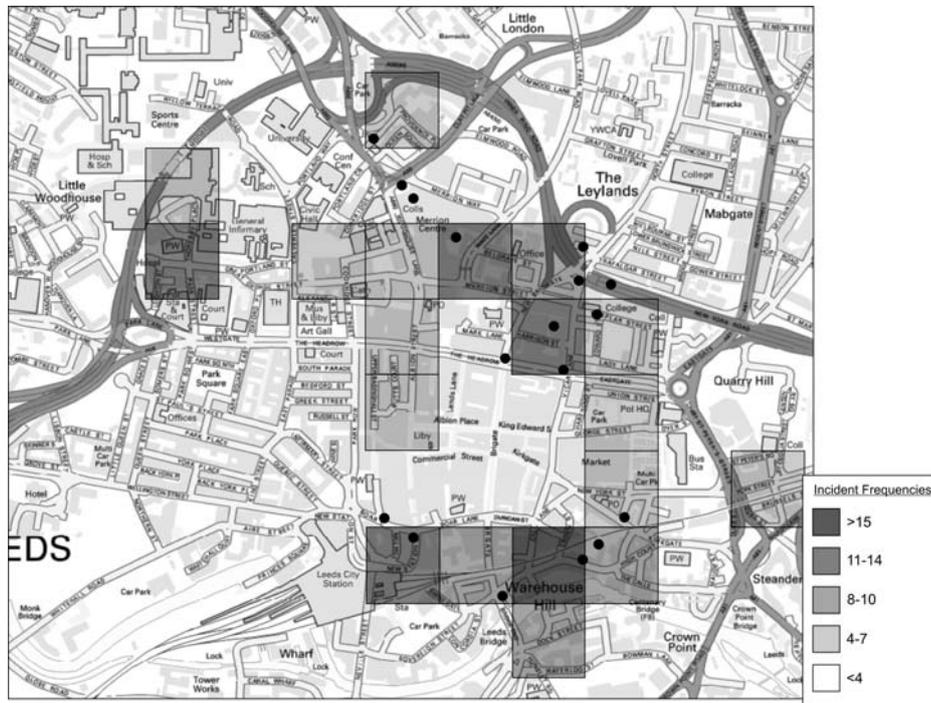
Fig 3



Serious Violent Crime hot-spots

Fig 3 shows density of serious violent crime offences in Area 1. The coloured dots are licensed premises however, have not been identified individually by name.

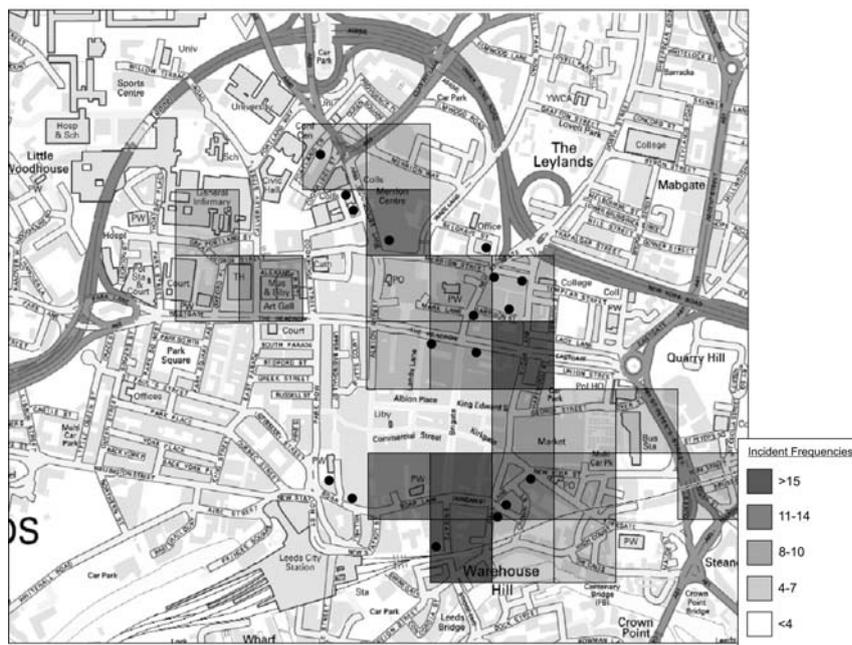
Fig 4



Assault hot-spots

Fig 4 shows density of assault offences in Area 1.

Fig 5



Anti-Social Behaviour hot-spots

Fig 5 shows density of anti-social behaviour offences in Area 1.

The current CIP for Area 1 (Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy 2008-2010) does not cover large parts of the city centre which currently suffer from nuisance and crime attributable to licensed premises.

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.
