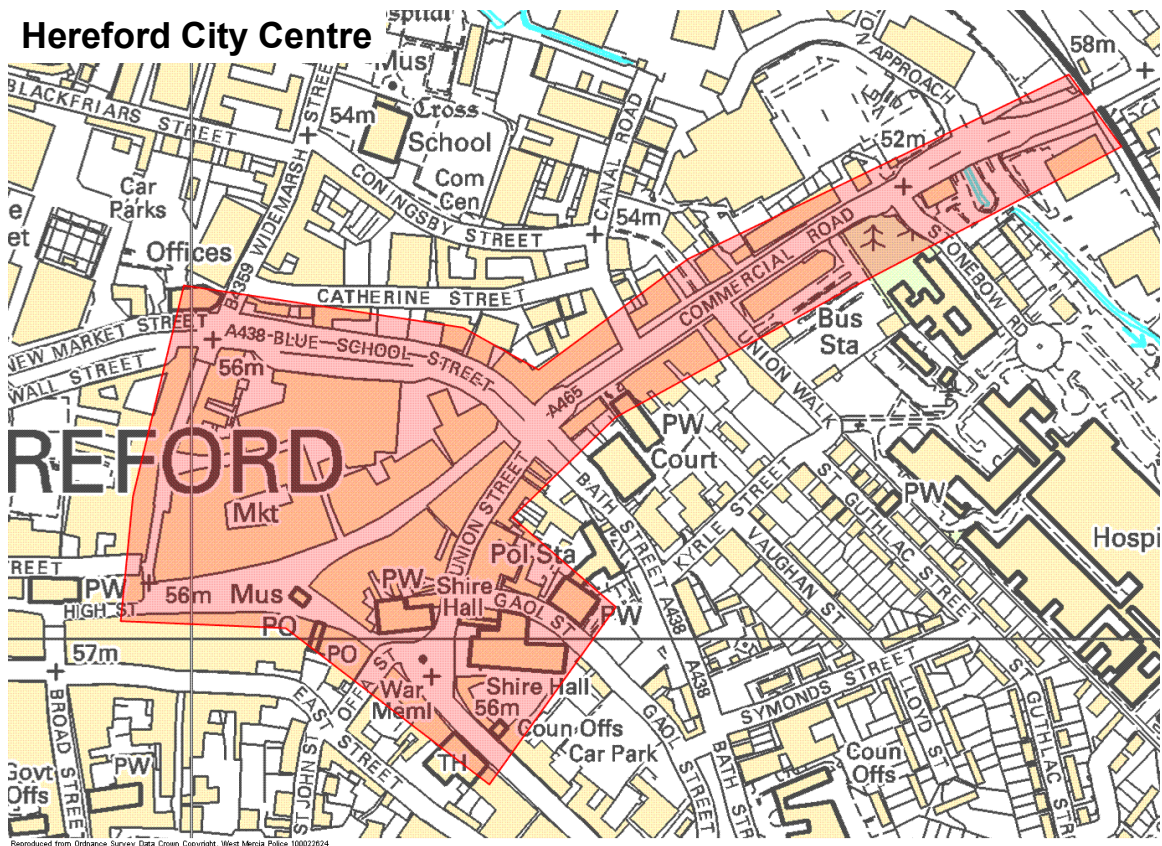


## PLAY NIGHT CLUB – VARIATION APPLICATION

### Summary of Crime and Disorder in Hereford City Centre

#### 1.0 Overview

This document is an assessment of crime and disorder within the area outlined in red on the map below.



Particular emphasis is placed on crime and disorder involving alcohol disorder committed after 18:00 hrs and before 04:00.

#### 2.0 Incidents

In the 12 months between 1 January and 31 December 2010 there were a total of 1003 incidents of relevant crime or disorder<sup>1</sup> reported in the area outlined above, of these, 229 incidents went on to be crimed (23%). Of the 1003 incidents 636 (63%) occurred between the hours of 18:00 and 04:00, 157 of these went on to be crimed (25%).

<sup>1</sup> Incident types included are; Anti-social Behaviour, assaults, criminal damage, drug offences, sexual offences, public order offences, collapse/illness/injury, concern for safety, licensing, suspicious circumstances.

In 2011 there were a total of 942 incidents, 201 went on to be crimed (21%). 611 (65%) occurred between 18:00 and 04:00, 147 of these went on to be crimed (24%).

This shows that, over both years, incidents occurring overnight are slightly more likely to be crimed and thus could be deemed to be more harmful.

In 2012 there were a total of 1014 relevant incidents, 222 of which have been crimed (22%). There have been 666 overnight incidents (66%), of which 147 have been crimed (22%).

The annual totals for last year show that two thirds of incidents in this area occur between 18:00 and 04:00 but in 2012 those incidents occurring in that time bracket are as likely not *more* likely to be crimed (as in previous years).

In January 2013 there were 64 incidents, 10 of which have been crimed (16%). 41 incidents occurred overnight, 6 of which were crimed (15%).

The incident types and their relative proportions are shown in the two tables below. The first shows incidents occurring throughout the day, the second shows only those occurring between 18:00 and 04:00.

**Table of all call types throughout the day (all relevant incidents of crime and disorder January 2010- January (end) 2013)**

Primary Result Description	Number of Incidents 2010	Number of Incidents 2011	Number of Incidents 2012	Number of Incidents Jan 2013	% of total incidents 2010	% of total incidents 2011	% of total incidents 2012	% of total incidents 2013
ASB	475	416	448	27	47.36%	44.16%	44.18%	42.19%
Suspicious Circumstances	187	216	258	17	18.64%	22.93%	25.44%	26.56%
Assaults	87	72	94	7	8.67%	7.64%	9.27%	10.94%
Concern for Safety	73	127	129	9	7.28%	13.48%	12.72%	14.06%
Collapse/Illness /Injury	67	14	0	0	6.68%	1.49%	0.00%	0.00%
Criminal Damage	61	47	37	2	6.08%	4.99%	3.65%	3.13%
Public Order Offence	32	31	22	1	3.19%	3.29%	2.17%	1.56%
Drug Offences	13	16	21	0	1.30%	1.70%	2.07%	0.00%
Sexual Offence	7	2	5	1	0.70%	0.21%	0.49%	1.56%
Licensing	1	1	0	0	0.10%	0.11%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1003</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>1014</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Table of overnight relevant call types (18:00hrs to 04:00 hrs) January 2010- January (end) 2013**

Primary Result Description	Number of Incidents 2010	Number of Incidents 2011	Number of Incidents 2012	Number of Incidents Jan 2013	% of total incidents 2010	% of total incidents 2011	% of total incidents 2012	% of total incidents 2013
ASB	328	293	328	19	51.57%	47.95%	49.25%	46.34%
Suspicious Circumstances	92	114	138	11	14.47%	18.66%	20.72%	26.83%
Assaults	65	54	62	4	10.22%	8.84%	9.31%	9.76%
Concern for Safety	30	73	77	5	4.72%	11.95%	11.56%	12.20%
Collapse/Illnesses/Injury	45	8	0	0	7.08%	1.31%	0.00%	0.00%
Criminal Damage	31	29	21	1	4.87%	4.75%	3.15%	2.44%
Public Order Offence	26	26	17	1	4.09%	4.26%	2.55%	2.44%
Drug Offences	13	12	21	0	2.04%	1.96%	3.15%	0.00%
Sexual Offence	5	1	2	0	0.79%	0.16%	0.30%	0.00%
Licensing	1	1	0	0	0.16%	0.16%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

This table shows how the 1954 overnight relevant incidents within the period 1 January 2010 to 31 January 2013 are distributed over the week and throughout the night; as expected the peak times for calls are weekends 23:00 to 02:00:

Hour	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total
1800	15	8	16	8	17	14	11	89
1900	15	21	14	19	14	27	12	122
2000	14	12	16	19	15	19	22	117
2100	16	22	18	11	35	33	28	163
2200	20	19	24	17	26	35	27	168
2300	23	20	23	41	73	63	29	272
0000	37	19	15	32	31	85	89	308
0100	18	18	24	24	38	77	98	297
0200	15	9	12	13	14	89	84	236
0300	5	4		4	20	75	74	182
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>1954</b>

Of the 1954 incidents over the period, 909 have been given the "alcohol involved" incident marker (47%).

### 3.0 Crime

Over the period 1 January 2010 to 31 January 2013 there were 452 incidents (18:00 to 04:00) within the area under review that went on to receive an external crime number.

The table below shows the most common offence types (of which there have been four or more offences within the period). The offences in the table account for 79% to 87% of the crime committed in the area within the period and whilst the relative proportions remain largely similar there have been small increases in assault (ABH), criminal damage (to building – not dwelling), common assault, GBH (without intent), criminal damage (vehicle), possession of cannabis and cocaine and assault police officer.

The totals and percentages for January 2013 are shown for completeness.

Short Offence Title	2010	2011	2012	2013	% of offences 2010	% of offences 2011	% of offences 2012	% of offences 2013
Assault (ABH)	37	29	35	0	25%	22%	30%	0%
Using disorderly Behaviour	26	14	5	0	18%	11%	4%	0%
Criminal damage (not dwelling)	18	15	13	1	12%	12%	11%	14%
Common assault	7	12	12	1	5%	9%	10%	14%
Criminal damage (other property)	7	8	3	0	5%	6%	3%	0%
Fear/provocation of violence (s4)	7	7	2	0	5%	5%	2%	0%
GBH (without intent)	5	4	7	1	3%	3%	6%	14%
Malicious wounding	4	8	4	1	3%	6%	3%	14%
Criminal damage (vehicle)	2	6	4	0	1%	5%	3%	0%
Possess class B - Cannabis	3	3	6	1	2%	2%	5%	14%
Possess class A - Cocaine	2	0	8	0	1%	0%	7%	0%
Affray	4	2	3	1	3%	2%	3%	14%
Attempt GBH	2	3	1	0	1%	2%	1%	0%
Assault police officer	0	2	3	0	0%	2%	3%	0%
Total	124	113	106	6	85%	87%	91%	86%
Others	22	17	11	1	15%	13%	9%	14%
Grand Total	146	130	117	7	100%	100%	100%	100%

### **3.1 – Additional police powers (dispersal notices)**

In 2010 additional powers were introduced to allow the police to exclude persons from a specific area for up to 48hrs as a result of alcohol related disorder. These are commonly known as ‘dispersal notices’.

These powers are within S27 of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006.

These powers are used ‘dynamically’ by police officers at a time when the incidents have or are occurring and do not always result in crimes or incidents being recorded.

In 2011 in total 376 notices were issued by officers in or near the Blueschool Street area of the city centre. These notices were issued between the hours of 1800hrs and 0400hrs.

In 2012 in total 294 notices were issued by officers in or near the Blueschool Street area of the city centre. These notices were issued between the hours of 1800hrs and 0400hrs.