



# Research and Analysis

## PROBLEM SUMMARY – NTE Southampton District

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### BRIEF SUMMARY OF ISSUE(S): What is the problem and how is it occurring?

The Night Time Economy (NTE) remains a priority for Southampton due to continued offending within the city centre that is linked to alcohol consumption. It is clear from the figures that this issue is within the city centre where licensed premises are highly concentrated.

The majority of these offences take place between the early hours of Friday morning and the early hours of Sunday. The early hours of Wednesday also experiences a peak in offences which is likely to link to an event at [redacted] on a Tuesday night where drinks are from £1.00.

London Road/Bedford Place (zone 1), West Quay Road/Leisure World (zone 5) and Above Bar/Vincents Walk (zone 2) are highlighted as the most problematic areas for NTE offending.

In order to produce this report data has been obtained from the Western Area NTE 2014 bus/org on RMS<sup>1</sup>. This method of recording information relies on Police Officers and Staff manually linking records to the bus/org occurrence. As a result, the figures outlined in this report may not provide a true representation of crime and ASB linked to the NTE.

This report reviews both Violence and Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) within the hours of 1900 and 0700 to establish what impact the NTE has on these issues.

### Violence

- 1940 occurrences linked to the NTE bus/org between 01/04/14 and 31/03/15 occurred between the hours of 1900 and 0700hrs.
- 739 (38%) relate to violent crimes<sup>2</sup> which occurred during NTE hours. 634 of these occurrences occurred in a public place.

Violent Crime	Total
Violence Against the Person	623
Public Order Offences	108
Possession of Weapons Offences	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>739</b>

Table 1: Violent Crime by PRT Class of Offence

- 304 public place violent crimes are linked to a license premises.
- 20 (3%) violent crime occurrences resulted in a Dispersal Notice.
- [redacted]<sup>3</sup> in Bargate beat is the most frequently linked licensed premise, with 14% of all NTE violent crime occurring at this location. However, it is possible that the premises linked as the occurrence address for the violent

<sup>1</sup> ID#: 2360500

<sup>2</sup> Includes Possession of Weapons Offences; Violence Against the Person; Public Order Offences

<sup>3</sup> Includes occurrences linked to [redacted]

incident does not accurately reflect the true location of the incident – it may be the best landmark to link to reflect the occurrence location rather than the persons involved in the incident actually having frequented that establishment.

- 49 (7%) violent crimes are linked as having a weapon used;
  - 22 incidents are linked to having a “Glass” used as a weapon
  - 17 incidents involving a non-bladed implement
  - 9 involved a bladed implement
  - 1 incident involved the use of a firearm<sup>4</sup>
- 378 (51%) violent crimes are linked as having an offender in drink at the time of the incident. 25 (4%) affected by drink and drugs and less than 1% affected just by drugs. It is likely the number of offenders under the influence of drink or drugs is higher than recorded, particularly if no offender is identified, this assessment cannot be made. There is no figure for victims in drink available.
- Half of the NTE violent crime (368) occurred in the Bargate beat. 205 (56%) of these incidents occurred on a Saturday and Sunday; the majority of offences taking place between the hours of 0000 and 0500hrs. In this beat, the zones that experienced the highest number of violent crime were West Quay Road/Leisure World (zone 5) and Above Bar/Vincent's Walk (zone 2).
- Bevois beat experienced the second highest number of violent crime offences during this period, with 233 occurrences. 174 (47%) of these occurrences took place between Friday and Sunday, with a peak timeframe between 2200 and 0500 hours. Within this beat zone 1 (London Road/Bedford Place) experienced the highest number of violent crime.

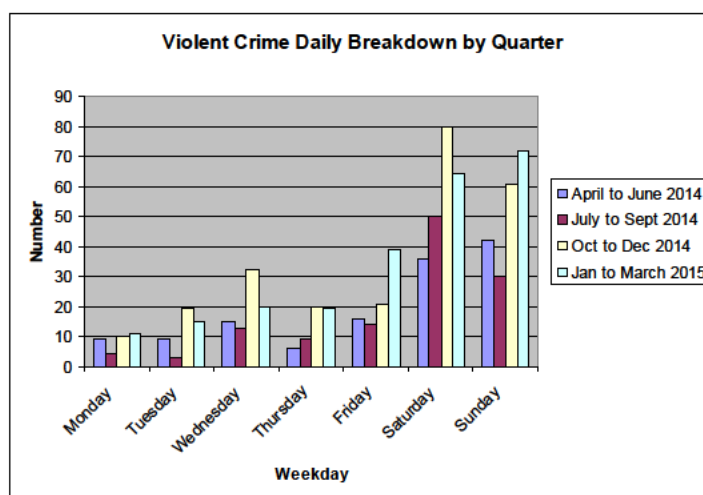


Figure 1: Bar Chart NTE violent crime daily breakdown by quarter

A breakdown of violent crime by quarter shows:

- October to December experienced the highest number of offences (243), followed by January to March (240).
- Saturdays and Sundays were the peak days for offences in each quarter.

### Violent Crime by Type

The table below shows the top 5 violent crimes.

Violence Category	Total
ABH	358
Common Assault	191
Section 5 Public Order	39
Malicious Wounding: wounding or inflicting GBH	29
Section 4 Public Order	24

Table 2: Violent Crime by HO Description

<sup>4</sup> Victim reports being tasered outside venue. Injuries were consistent with a taser injury. Victim would not support police action.

- The majority of incidents (48%) are classified as ABH. 173 (48%) of all ABH incidents are linked to a licensed premise or have occurred in a public place.
- 17 incidents (2%) were flagged as serious violence, with 9 being linked to a license premises.
- Bevois beat had the highest number of incidents involving serious violence (11), with 3 occurring at [REDACTED] in Zone 1 (London Road/Bedford Place).

### Seasonal Issues

- Violent crime offences increased in September 2014, remaining higher for the rest of the year until a dip in January.
- A peak in incidents in December is likely to be linked to Christmas celebrations and an increased number of people out in the NTE.
- It's likely that the reduction in offences in January is due to people having less money to spend in this month.

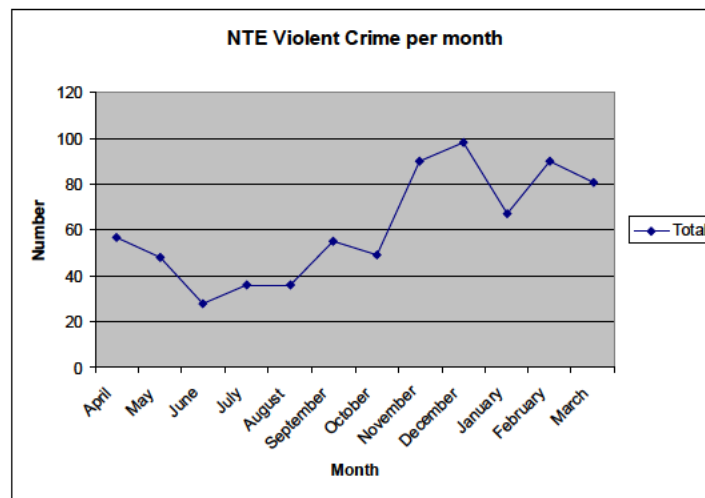


Figure 2: Line graph of NTE violent crime by month

- Of note, sexual offences and robbery offences during NTE hours account for 3% (58) of all occurrences.
  - 30 of the 58 incidents are sexual offences.
  - 11 sexual offences are linked to license premises - 3 at [REDACTED] and 2 at [REDACTED].
  - 13 sexual offences occurred in Bargate beat, primarily around Above Bar/Vincents Walk (zone 2).
  - 8 are linked to Bevois beat; 3 in Bevois Valley/St Marys and 2 in London Road/Bedford Place.
  - The remaining 28 occurrences relate to personal robbery.
  - Incidents occurred at a range of locations including shops, a park, nightclubs and a petrol station.
  - Both Bevois and Barget beat are linked to 11 incidents each. Bevois Valley/St Marys (zone 4) experienced the highest number of robberies.

### TEMPORAL ANALYSIS

- The largest volume of incidents occurred on Saturdays and Sundays, but Fridays and Wednesdays also experienced a high number.

The table below shows the peak times to be:

- Friday mornings between midnight and 0400hrs.
- Friday evenings into Saturday morning from 2300 until 0400hrs.

- Saturday evenings into Sunday morning from 2200 until 0500hrs.
- Tuesday nights from 2100 until 0500hrs on a Wednesday. The majority of incidents were linked to West Quay Road (██████████/Leisure World). It's likely that this increase is linked to the "Drinks from £1.00" night at ██████████ on a Tuesday from 2100 until 0300 hours.

Occurrence Start Day of Week	Occurrence Start Hour									
	19:00 - 19:59	20:00 - 20:59	21:00 - 21:59	22:00 - 22:59	23:00 to 23:59	00:00 - 00:59	01:00 - 01:59	02:00 - 02:59	03:00 - 03:59	04:00 - 04:59
Monday	4	3	3	1	1	3	4	4	3	3
Tuesday	3	5	10	3	3	2	6	5	3	7
Wednesday	0	1	4	4	3	13	13	13	9	14
Thursday	1	1	2	5	3	8	8	10	4	2
Friday	2	5	6	5	18	13	11	13	14	4
Saturday	10	9	8	16	23	34	29	37	43	12
Sunday	7	4	4	7	2	29	45	25	27	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>72</b>

Table 3: All violent crime incidents by day and hour from 1900 – 0700hrs

- The majority of incidents that occurred between Friday and Sunday took place in the following locations:
  - West Quay Road (zone 5) with 71 incidents. 63 of these occurred at ██████████.
  - Above Bar Street (zone 2) with 64 occurrences; 17 linked to ██████████ and 15 at ██████████.
  - London Road/Bedford Place (zone 1) is linked to 48 incidents. 8 of these occurred at ██████████ bar.
- West Quay Road also experienced the highest number of incidents on a Wednesday, with the majority occurring in ██████████.

### PROBLEM LOCATION(S): Licensed Premises

- Southampton Central sector records the highest number of violent crime offences, 605 (82%) of all incidents within Southampton.
- There are a number of premises that recorded more than 10 incidents:
  - Zone 5: ██████████ is top with 67 violent incidents reported; with a further 24 linked to ██████████ and 15 at ██████████, taking the total to 106 incidents.
  - Zone 1: The clubs around Vernon walk, ██████████ account for 38 incidents collectively.
  - Zone 2: ██████████ accounts for 23 incidents and ██████████ a further 16
  - Zone 4: ██████████ with 15 incidents

Both ██████████ have been engaging with the Police licensing team and encouraged to report incidents to Police. This may have contributed to the number of occurrences linked to these premises. Positive engagement with the establishments should be encouraged and therefore the high numbers are not always a negative, but should continue to be monitored.

██████████ The capacity of this venue is around ██████████ people, so the footfall within this premise is frequently higher than that of the other licensed premises in Southampton. Therefore, it may be expected that the number of violent crime incidents linked to this premises are higher.

This premises also recorded the highest amount of sex offences linked to a NTE premise, with 3 incidents linked as occurring in the premise<sup>5</sup>.

- There are 328 ASB incidents linked to the NTE bus/org that between 01/04/14 and 31/03/15 and between the hours of 1900 and 0700hrs.
- ASB makes up 17% of all NTE occurrences linked to the bus/org.
- 15 (5%) NTE ASB reports resulted in a Dispersal Notice.
- 239 (73%) ASB incidents occurred within the Southampton Central sector – 142 in Bargate and 97 in Bevois beat.
  - When the types of ASB reported in Southampton Central are reviewed, 183 (77%) relate to Rowdy & Inconsiderate behaviour.
  - The majority of reports in Bargate beat are linked to Above Bar Street and West Quay Road.
  - In Bevois beat, reports are concentrated around London Road/Bedford Place/Lower Banister Street and Vernon Walk. St Mary's Road, primarily around [REDACTED] is also a problem location for ASB.
- A review of the 328 incidents for peak times shows the number of reports per hour varies from 4 to 53.

The table below shows the peak days/times to be:

- Saturdays and Sundays, with Fridays also experiencing a high number.
- Friday night into Saturday morning (until 5am) and Saturday evening from 2300 through to 0400hrs on Sunday morning remain peak times for ASB incidents.
- There's also a slight increase in reports between 0200 and 0300hrs on a Friday morning.
- Another small peak in reports occurred between 2300hrs on a Tuesday until 0200hrs on a Wednesday.

Occurrence Start Day of Week	Occurrence Start Hour											
	19:00-19:59	20:00-20:59	21:00-21:59	22:00-22:59	23:00-23:59	00:00-00:59	01:00-01:59	02:00-02:59	03:00-03:59	04:00-04:59	05:00-05:59	06:00-06:59
Monday	1	4	2	2	2	3	3	1	2	2		1
Tuesday		3	2	2	6	5		2	1		1	
Wednesday		2	4	3	2	8	5	2	3	2		
Thursday	4		1		4	4	4	1	2	2	1	
Friday	1	6	7	6	14	2	5	10	3	2	1	1
Saturday	1	6	6	7	14	14	19	7	8	4	1	2
Sunday	3	3	4	5	3	12	17	11	12	6	6	

Table 4: All ASB incidents by day and hour between 1900 – 0700hrs

A breakdown of NTE ASB by quarter (see table below) shows:

- October to December experienced the highest number of offences (140), followed by January to March (99).
- Saturdays and Sundays are the peak days for offences in each quarter.

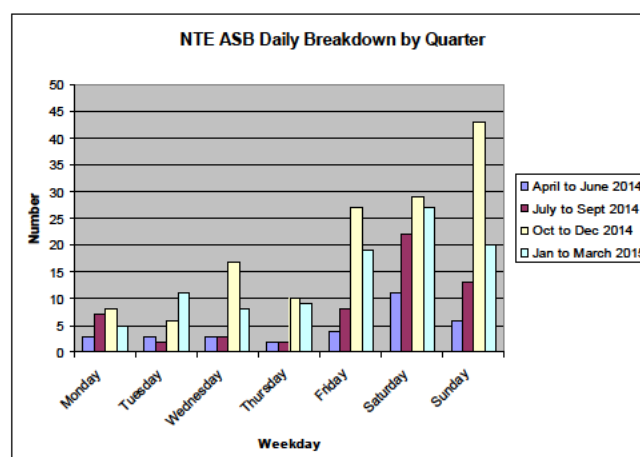


Figure 3: Bar Chart NTE violent crime daily breakdown by quarter

## Top repeat premises linked to ASB incidents:

Premises	No of ASB incidents linked
[REDACTED]	9
[REDACTED]	8
[REDACTED]	6
[REDACTED]	5
[REDACTED]	5
[REDACTED]	5
[REDACTED]	5
[REDACTED]	4
[REDACTED]	4
[REDACTED]	4
[REDACTED]	4
[REDACTED]	4

Table 5: Top repeat premises linked to ASB incidents between 1900 – 0700hrs

- [REDACTED] have the most ASB incidents linked to it with the majority of reports linked to drunk persons. All but one incident occurred between the hours of 0100 and 0500. Most offences occur in the early hours of Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Reports in the early hours of Thursday are likely to be linked to the Student night on a Wednesday night between 2230 – 0400hrs.
- [REDACTED] in Lower Banister Street reports the highest number of ASB occurrences. All reports were made between 2300hrs and 0400hrs, with most reports being made in the early hours of Saturday and Sunday. The majority of these are linked to disputes between groups or drunk persons from the NTE. 1 report relates to a noise complaint.
- 5 of the 6 ASB reports linked to [REDACTED] in Terminus Terrace occurred between 2300 and 0500hrs with reports over the weekend and during the week. All reports relate to persons refusing to leave the [REDACTED] area and verbal altercations.

## DISPERSAL NOTICES

Of the 1940 occurrences linked to the NTE bus/org, 92 (5%) incidents resulted in a Dispersal Notice being issued.

The table below provides a breakdown of the number of Dispersal Notices per zone; this shows:

- The majority of Dispersal Notices (33) have been issued within the London Road/Bedford Place area of Bevois beat between the hours of 2300 and 0300hours.
- This is closely followed by West Quay Road/Leisure World (23) in Bargate beat where the highest number of notices between 0100 and 0400hours.

Zone	Breakdown by Quarter				Total
	April to June 2014	July to Sept 2014	Oct to Dec 2014	Jan to March 2015	
London Road / Bedford Place	4	12	9	8	33
Above Bar / Vincents Walk	8	5	3		16
High St/ Oxford St/ Town Quay	1	5	2	1	9
Bevois Valley / St Marys	0	3	0	0	3
West Quay Rd/Leisure World	10	11	1	1	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>84</b>

Table 6: NTE Dispersal Notices issued per zone in each quarter

- July to September experiences the highest number of Dispersal Notices.
- Saturdays and Sundays are the peak days for Dispersal Notices in each quarter.

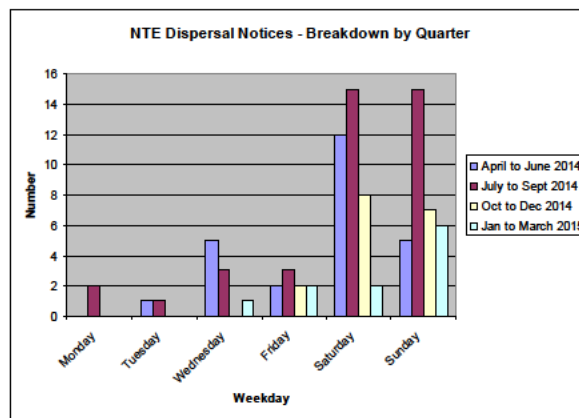


Figure 4: Bar Chart NTE Dispersal Notices daily breakdown by quarter

## CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

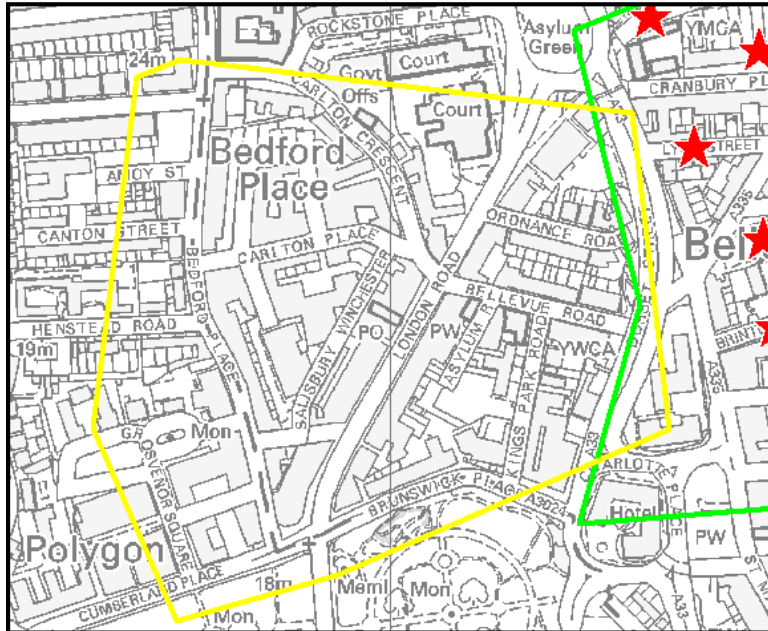
The NTE continues to draw Police resources into the city centre to deal with violence and anti-social behaviour. London Road/Bedford Place (zone 1), West Quay Road/Leisure World (zone 5) and Above Bar/Vincent's Walk (zone 2) have been identified as the most problematic areas.

A breakdown by quarter shows October to December to be the busiest period during this review. This is likely to coincide with the return of students to the City in October and Christmas celebrations during the month of December. The weekend remains particularly busy, especially on the weekend and a Wednesday in the early hours.

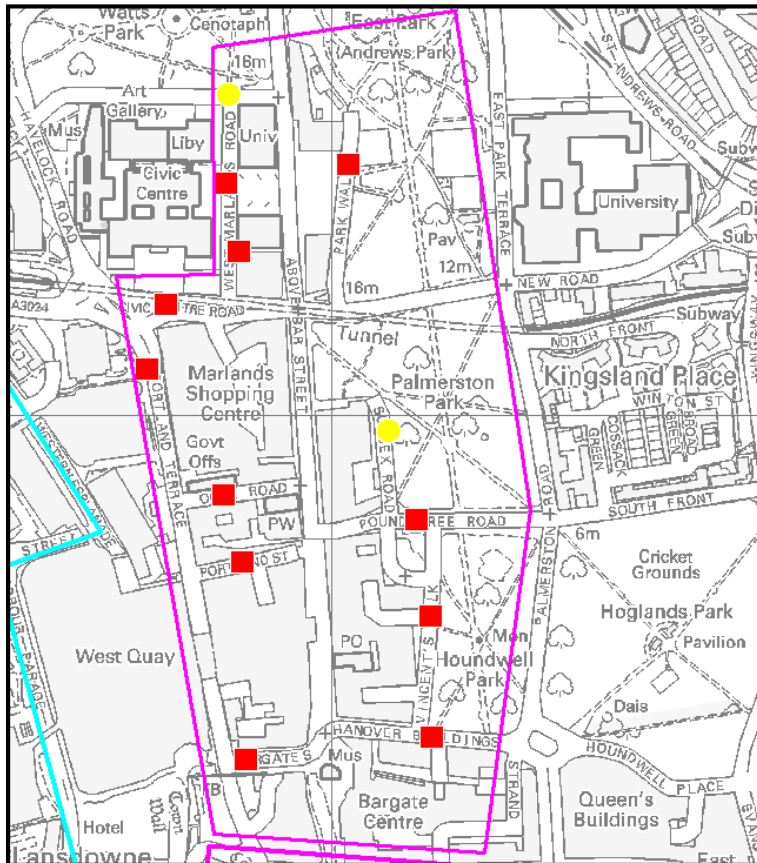
While the NTE continues to exist, there will remain a need for police to resource the crime that results from this.

Appendix A: Maps of NTE zones

Zone 1 - London Road/Bedford Place

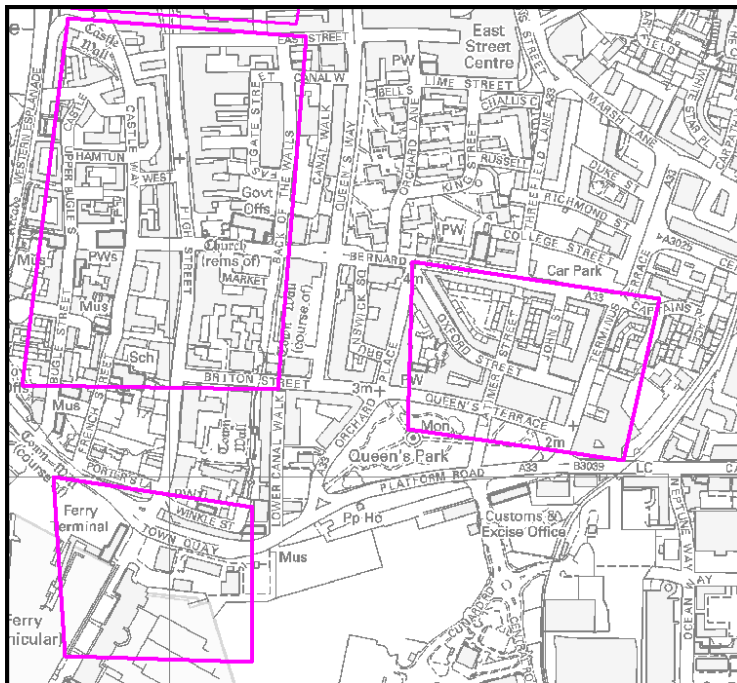


Zone 2 - Above Bar/Vincents Walk



Zone 3 - High St/ Oxford St/ Town Quay

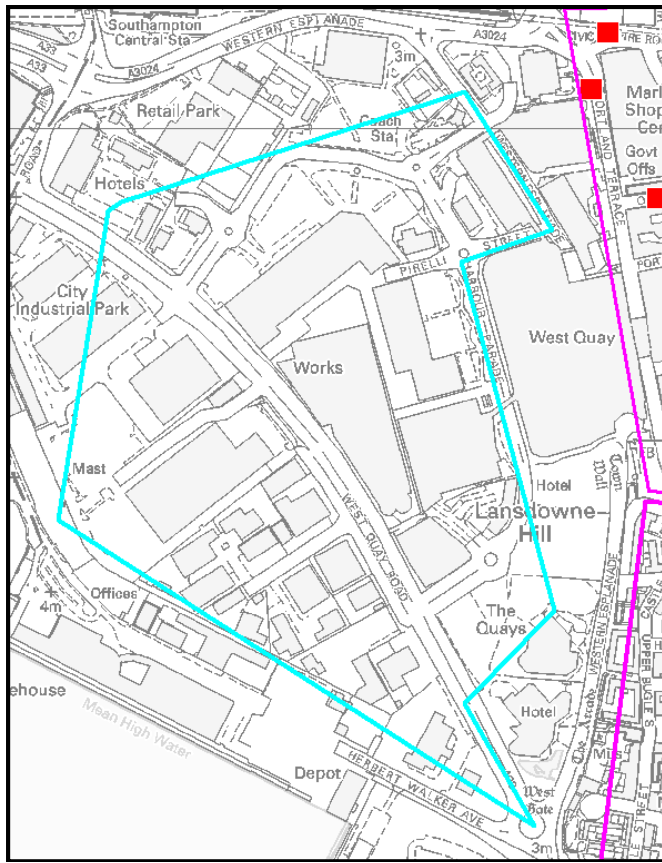




Zone 4 - Bevois Valley / St Marys



Zone 5 - West Quay Road/Leisure World



**ANNEXE 2**

**GRAPHS FOR ASB, VIOLENCE AND VIOLENCE WITH INJURY BY REPORTED HOUR**

