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Re: Haringey Local Plan: Wood Green Area Action Plan

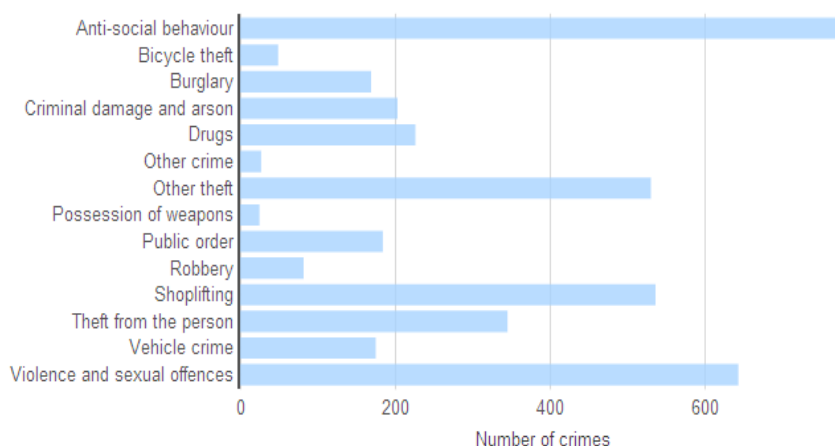
Dear Sir / Madam,

Thank you for consulting with me regarding the Wood Green Area Action Plan. I am a Designing Out Crime Officer with the Metropolitan Police, a role I have held since attending the Home Office Crime Reduction College in 2002. I served throughout Haringey for over 26 years in many policing roles and know the borough and its challenges very well. I request that all new developments within the Wood Green Action Plan Area are required to consult with the Designing Out Crime Officers of the Metropolitan Police and comply fully with the 'Secured by Design' scheme..

Haringey is one of London's most deprived boroughs (4th, nationally 13th) and whilst it has much to offer, deprivation is a significant factor in levels of crime.

The annual crime figures for Noel Park Ward, (the main area of the Action Plan) are broken down by crime type below:

Comparison of crime types in this area between January 2016 and December 2016

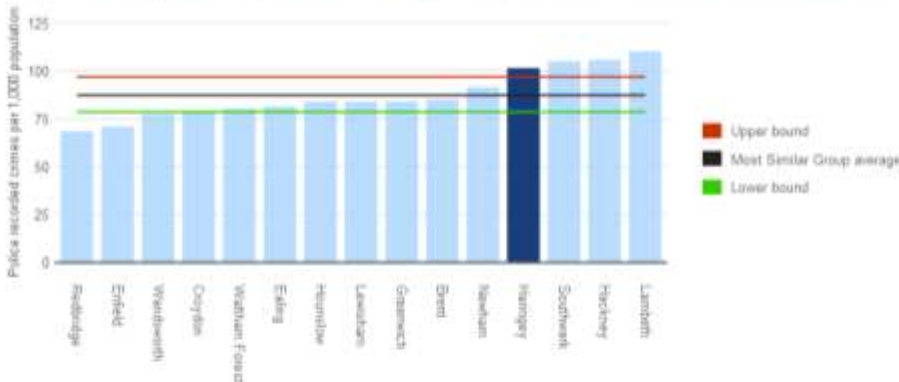


Whilst the general trend in recent years has been reducing levels of crime, the latest statistics from the Metropolitan Police website show an increase in total crime in late 2016 compared to the previous year. A local authority survey also shows that the number of Haringey residents who feel safe during the day and at night is below the national benchmark.

Crime in Haringey compared with crime in other similar areas

All crime

In the year ending September 2016, the crime rate in Haringey was higher than the average crime rate across similar areas.



The red and green lines show how far the crime rate would normally vary from the average. Haringey lies above the red line, so its crime rate is higher than normal for the group.

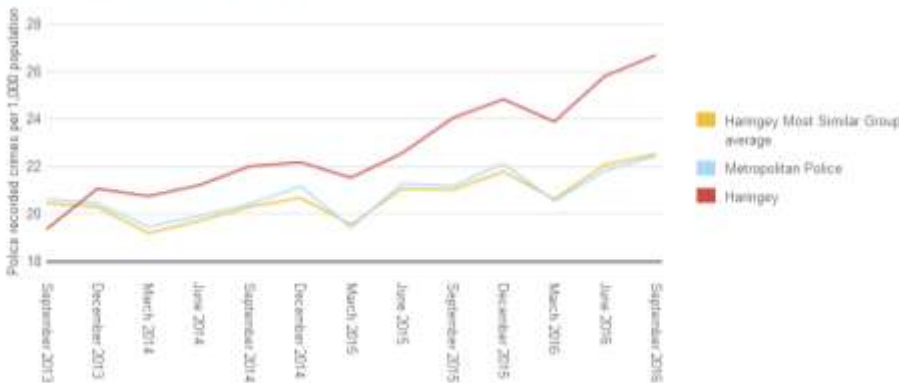
Crime changes over time in Haringey and in the Metropolitan Police force area

All crime

In the quarter ending September 2016, crime rates were

- up in Haringey
- up in the Metropolitan Police force area

compared with the corresponding quarter in 2015.



The Secured by Design scheme has proven results in reducing crime and the fear of crime, with up to 75% decreased chance of being burgled and a 25% reduction in criminal damage. The scheme is also successful at reducing anti-social behaviour, through a raft of measures including robust communal door standards, access control and careful design / layout of new homes. High crime can be a factor in why people move home and in Haringey, where a

higher than average proportion of residents receive Housing Benefit, security improvements may well be outside their budget. This will place residents at greater risk of repeat victimisation and is in no way sustainable.

The Secured by Design scheme can deliver safe and sustainable homes and businesses through techniques in crime prevention utilising independently tested products proven to resist forced entry. My colleagues and I strive to ensure that new developments across London reach the highest possible security standards, mainly through partnership working with the relevant Planning Departments and requesting conditions to comply with Secured by Design. By including a requirement in the Wood Green Area Action Plan that new schemes **comply** with the principles of Secured by Design after proper consultation with Designing out Crime Officers, we are better placed to deliver secure developments across the Wood Green Area.

With regard to Policy WG10, the issues of night time economy and licensing are not my area of expertise and the Senior Leadership Team within Haringey Police may have their own comments to make. I will add that without proper planning and design, a vibrant, bustling night time economy in Wood Green is likely to be a burden on the Local Authority, police and other partners. Crime and the fear of crime are unlikely to decline and my opinion is that it will rise in an area that is already a violent crime hotspot. Wood Green is a largely residential area and the proposals for over 7700 new homes will only reinforce this and create conflict between residents and the NTE. It is vital that there is early consultation on new licensed premises and I ask that this is written into the new Action Plan. The "Secured by Design Licensed Premises" guide is currently at draft stage and is expected to be ratified by Autumn 2017. Both police and partners could work to the designs in ensuring safe, well designed facilities that are of benefit to the local economy rather than a burden.

Lastly, the Haringey Police Patrol Base lies within the Action Plan Area on Western Road, N22 and there are other police buildings including the Custody Centre on High Road / Nightingale Road and the satellite base on High Road by Trinity Road N22. For the operational security of the buildings and the staff that work there, it is vital that we are made aware at the earliest opportunity of any planning applications within 150m of any Police sites. We would seek to ensure neighbouring buildings do not overlook the police building and that designs are sympathetic for the continued security of the police facility, such as enhanced boundary treatments etc..

Thank you again for seeking my opinion in relation to this important document. If you require any clarification of any of my comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely,

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The Primary Objective of an Efficient Police Force is the Prevention of Crime

Sources

Crime statistics at www.police.uk

Secured by Design information from www.securedbydesign.com

Deprivation and general background information from London Borough of Haringey website, especially *Joint Strategic Needs Assessment - Factors affecting health* by Claire Kowalska.

<http://www.haringey.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/joint-strategic-needs-assessment/other-factors-affecting-health/crime>