

Problem Profile

Proposed Travellers Site – Crime Analysis

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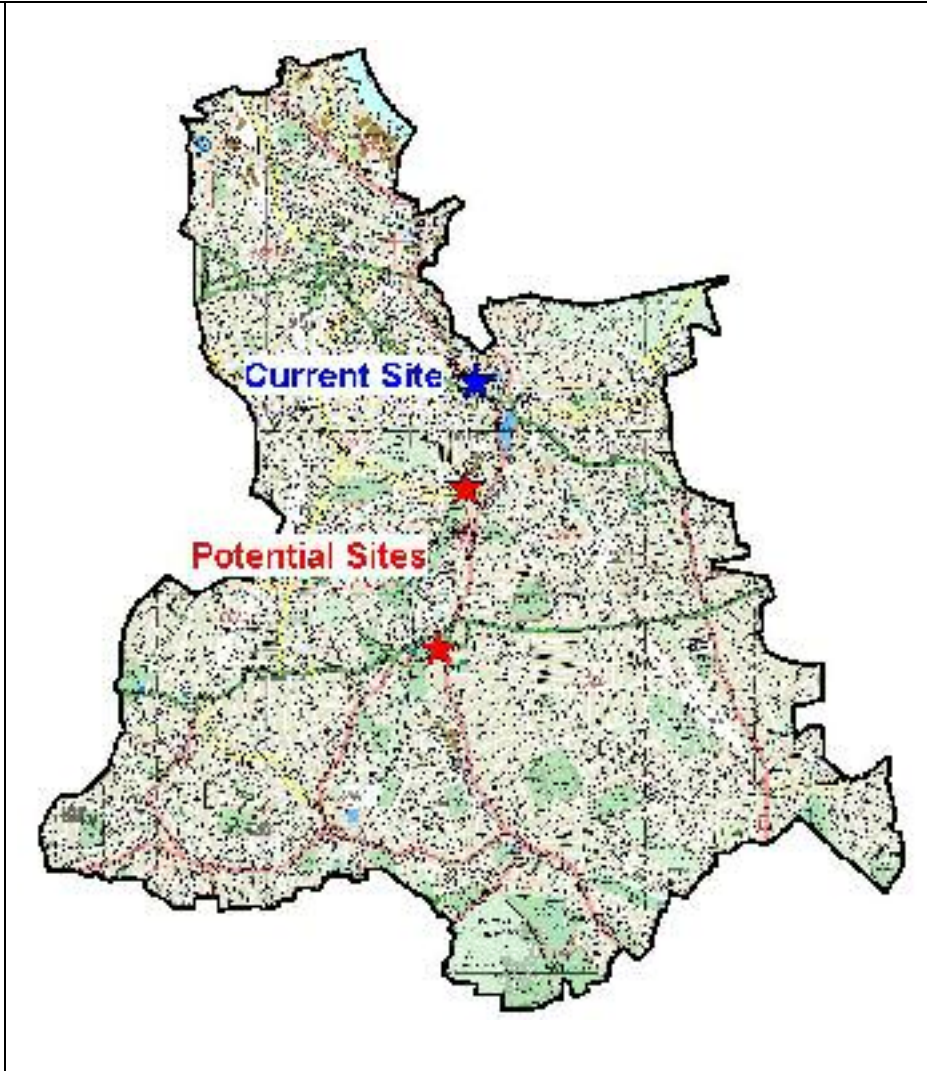
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Overview

This report is to assist the council decision makers in accessing the suitability of two locations on Lewisham Borough for the proposed relocation of the present travellers site currently off Thurston Road SE13.

The analysis will present a historical snapshot of crime for the year between 01/03/06 – 28/02/07 to assist in understanding the issues specific to the proposed locations.

Each assessment will focus on a 300 yard radius from the centre of the site to encompass all immediate issues. Other factors such as commercial premises, traffic and security issues will also be considered.



Thurston Road

This part of the report is submitted to assist with comparisons with proposed sites

The present site has been situated at this location for a number of years. The site is part of the Lewisham Town centre redevelopment area.

The inner demarcation delineates the travellers' site, which displays 9 offences for the year. This comprised of: -

- 4 x Criminal Damage to MV
- 1 x Common Assault
- 2 x Snatch
- 1 x Theft of MV
- 1 x Theft from MV

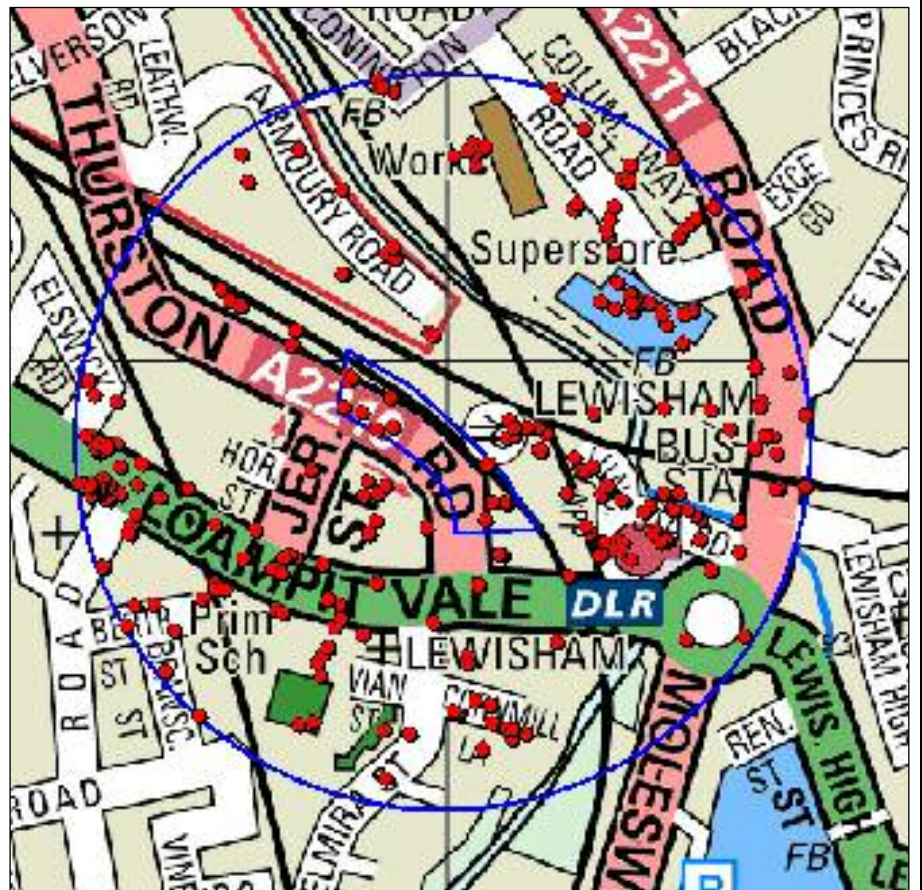
Of these, no offences occurred within the site, but occurred within Thurston Road adjacent to the site.

The site is sandwiched between the railway station to the east and the thoroughfare of Loampit Vale to the southwest.

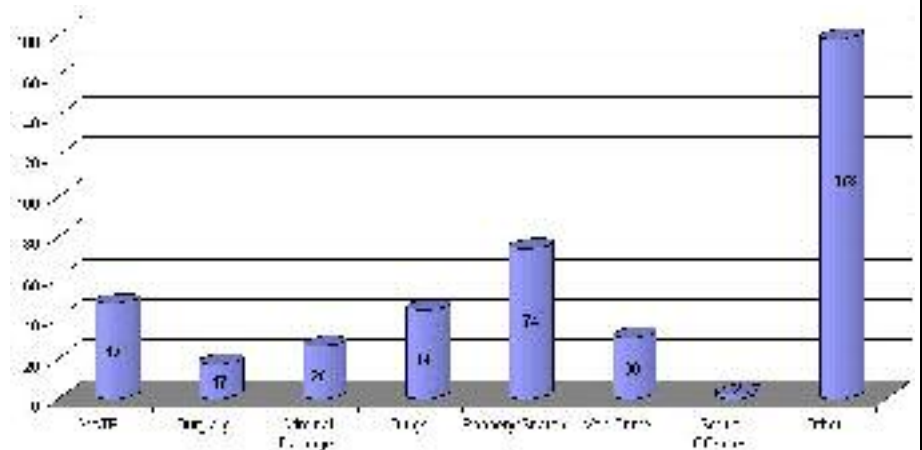
The 300 yard radius naturally encompasses these areas as well as the Tescos store to the northeast.

The railway lines protect the site from natural pedestrian and motor traffic coming from the northeast. All attractions are reached via the thoroughfares and do not impact on the site. As such, the crime rate illustrated right does not represent a direct threat to the specific site area.

However, the risk of becoming a victim of crime in the surrounding area naturally remains higher than areas of no commercial activity.



Offences committed within 300 yard radius of Thurston Road between 01/03/06 – 28/02/07.



VATP (Violence Against the Person) for the purpose of this report refers to Common Assault, ABH and GBH (S18 and S20)

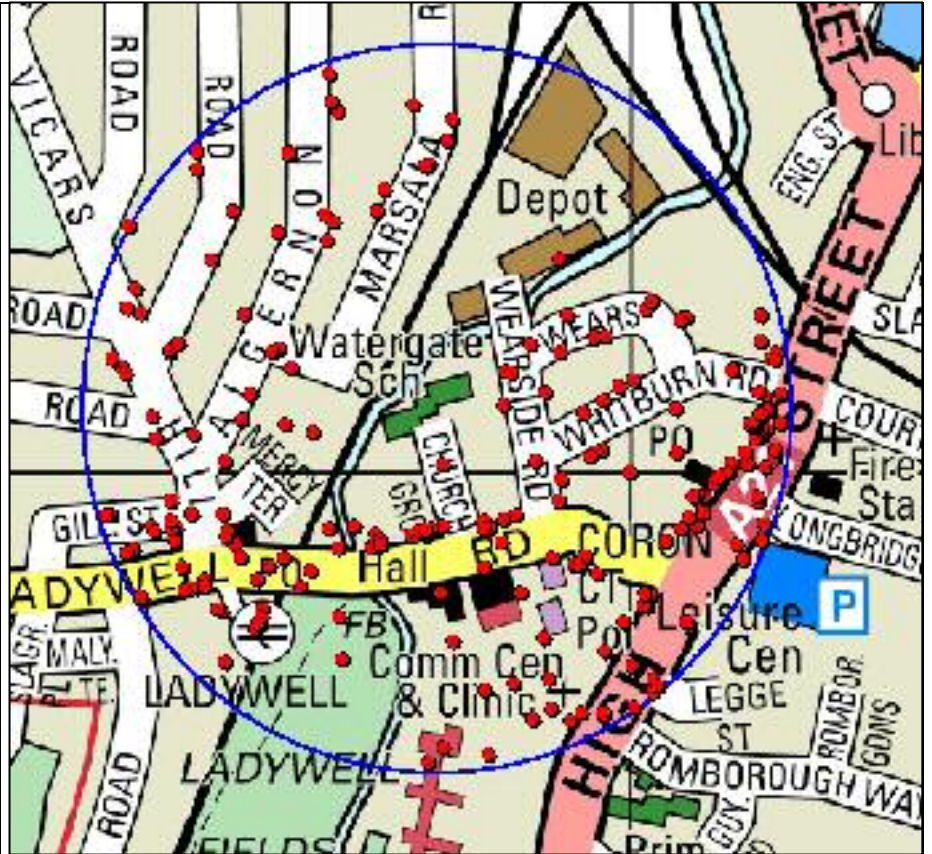
**Watergate School,
Church Grove
SE13**

This potential relocation site is the former Watergate School and is shown as having no crime within the boundaries of the site, during the sample time frame.

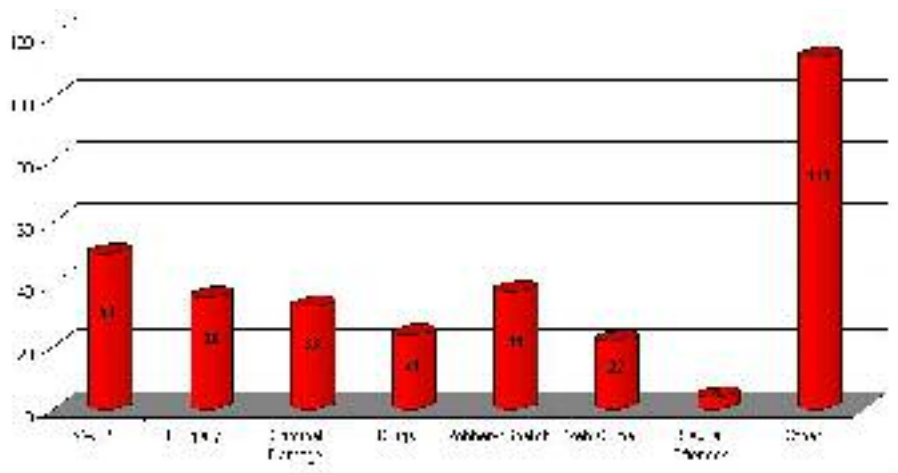
Most offences in the surrounding area are generated by commercial activity. Ladywell Road from Vicars Hill to Lewisham High Street, which is densely populated by shops.

Hall Road area, (marked in red aside) that shows a number of offences in this locality is mainly street crime due to the proximity of the main street and the pedestrian traffic it attracts.

This site has natural boundaries created by houses, railway tracks and the Quaggy River. Furthermore, Church Grove does not attract through traffic only local residents.



Offences committed within 300 yard radius of Watergate School between 01/03/06 – 28/02/07.

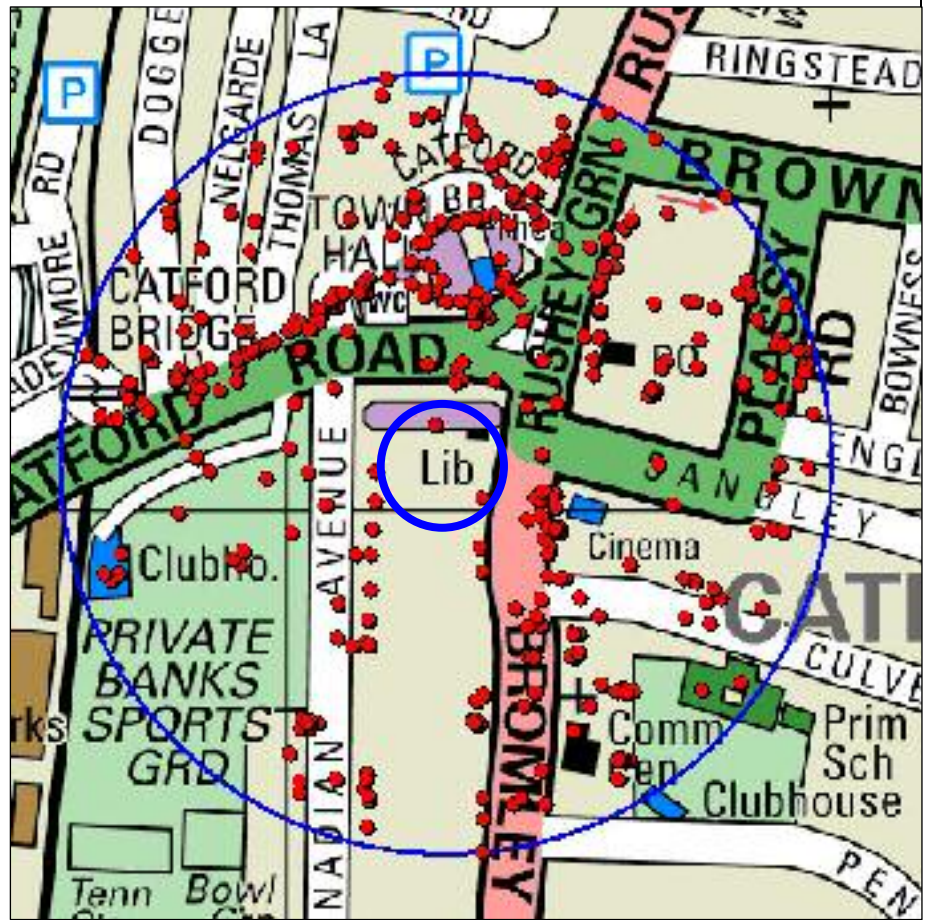


Lorry Park off Canadian Avenue

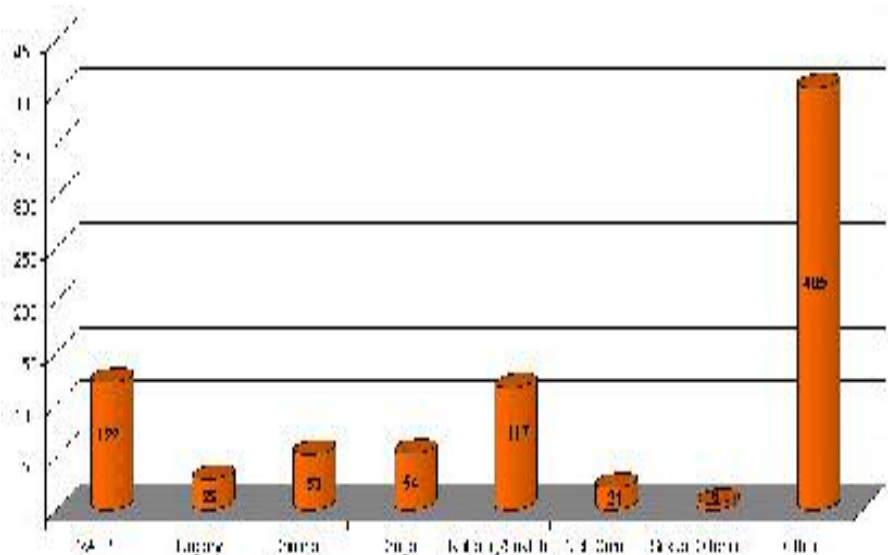
This site is currently a lorry park at the back of Lawrence House on Catford Road accessible from Canadian Avenue.

Due to the immediate area being one of the busiest on the borough, figures for all crime types are considerably higher than the previous two sites, with the exception of Vehicle crime, which occurs mainly in residential areas removed from arterial roads.

The surroundings makes this site the least secure at this time, with access from both Bromley Road and Canadian Avenue. The site is very open to view from passing motorists and pedestrians, which further impacts on the site's present security.



Offences committed within 300 yard radius of the Lorry Park between 01/03/06 – 28/02/07.



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Conclusion	Catford	Ladywell	Lewisham	
<p>The crime figures for the year to February 2007 have been reproduced for an easy guide to crime in the areas under review. (VATP refers to Violence to the person).</p> <p>Without a complete and comprehensive view of plans for the proposed sites a complete safety review cannot be completed.</p> <p>Both proposed sites have access to commercial and shopping areas as well as access to good transport networks by road and rail.</p> <p>The Watergate site location also presents a clear demarcation of private residential land, which in itself would discourage outsiders loitering around the area.</p> <p>At present the Laurence House Car Park site although has a boundary area is presently an open site.</p> <p>This report is submitted for consideration as part of the wider community consultation</p>	CLASS			
	VATP	122	47	50
	Burglary	29	17	36
	Criminal Damage	53	26	33
	Drugs	54	44	24
	Robbery/Snatch	117	74	38
	Veh Crime	21	30	22
	Sexual Offences	6	2	4
	Other	405	178	113
	TOTAL	807	418	320

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