

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in the Civic Centre (Council Chamber) on Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 4.30 p.m.

Membership

Cllrs Ali, M. Dixon, Edgeworth, Fagan, Foster, Greener, Laws, Price, D. Snowdon (Chairman), Taylor, Thornton (Vice Chairman) and Warne.

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No items.

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Assistant Director of Law and Governance,
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6th September 2021.

At a meeting of the ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE on TUESDAY 13TH JULY, 2021 at 4.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor D. Snowdon in the Chair

Councillors Ali, M. Dixon, Edgeworth, Fagan, Foster, Laws, Price, Taylor and Warne

Also in attendance:-

Mr Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer, Sunderland City Council

Mr Paul Wood, Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council

Mr Daniel Hattle, Regeneration Manager

Mr Mark Taylor, Principle Conservation Officer

Ms Rachel Grahame, Tyne and Wear Archaeology Officer

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Greener and Thornton

Minutes of the Last Ordinary Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 13th April 2021

A copy of the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 13th April, 2021 was submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 13th April, 2021 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record

Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)

There were no declarations of interest

Tyne and Wear Archaeology Service

The Assistant Director of Regeneration submitted a report (copy circulated) to update the Committee on the work of the Tyne and Wear Archaeological Team and archaeological work being undertaken in Sunderland.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Rachel Grahame, Tyne and Wear Archaeology Officer, and Mr Mark Taylor, Principal Conservation Officer presented the report along with a PowerPoint presentation and were on hand to answer Members queries.

Councillor Foster enquired if Sunderland South had its own qualified archaeologist. Ms Grahame advised that they did not but that the same service was provided to all regions.

In response to Councillor Foster's query over the concerns Councillor D. Wilson had raised over the stones on Roker Beach, Ms Grahame advised that he had been in touch, but she was not directly involved with this. Mark Taylor, Principal Conservation Officer advised that they were working with officers to have these stones moved and the consideration of their relocation was ongoing.

Councillor Fagan referred to the land north of Burdon Lane and if the further investigation that was being carried was likely to see changes to the housing planned. Ms Grahame advised that there had already been some changes made to preserve the archaeology found and that it would be possible to have some interpretation boards placed as per Councillor Fagan's suggestion.

Councillor Dixon advised that he had received a question put forward by a ward resident who had referred to the portable antiquities service and felt that Sunderland was lagging behind in terms of finds and questioned how we could encourage people to report their discoveries.

Ms Grahame advised that Portable Antiquities did outreach work with groups and individual detectorists but as it was a voluntary scheme they were dependant on those people approaching them with their finds. But in terms of figures it may be that there was just not as much metal detecting going on in Sunderland also.

In relation to Councillor Dixon's query as to if there were any advice/models to follow on encouraging people to take up metal detecting/reporting their finds, Ms Grahame advised that she would speak with portable antiquities on this. Daniel Hattle, Regeneration Manager advised that he would liaise with the Council's Corporate Communications to see how they could promote this also.

Councillor Ali referred to the earlier presentation in which it was advised one of the Search Toolbars was not working on the website and requested if a notice could be placed on this so that users were made aware to use the advanced search.

Councillor Laws suggested that this be rectified in a joined up approach before any promotion was made to the site. Ms Grahame advised that she would try her best and ICT Newcastle were trying to fix the underlying issues but investigations had taken over a year to look at the mapping system problems.

In response to Councillor Dixon's query, Ms Grahame advised that they were careful about some sites with regard to privacy. Part of their function was to provide data to the public freely but there was certain conditions where a vagueness of locations may be required and whilst they tried not to keep details secret if there was a valuable find, discretion was given until this had been through all the necessary processes.

Councillor Edgeworth queried that as the service covered 5 authorities, if under current cost pressures, there was anything that they had stopped providing that they previously used to do. Ms Grahame advised that they were slightly more stretched now and whilst she had only been in post since 2019, previous colleagues would advise that they spent less time than they'd like to on public engagement such as lectures, talks and guided tours. Something that they would like to see an increase in.

In response to Councillor Edgeworth, Ms Grahame advised that they certainly could provide help with regards to information boards on footpaths at Hastings Hill.

The Chairman queried if the service worked closely with the Antiquarian Society. Ms Grahame advised that they have had contact with the society but did not work closely with them.

In relation to the Chairman's query, Ms Grahame advised that the service hoped not to hold up any significant planning proposals as they worked with the Planning Authorities to try and avoid this but she would liaise with her colleague to see if there had been any sites or finds where this has been the case in the past.

Having fully considered the report, the Chairman thanked Ms Grahame for her attendance

2. RESOLVED that the progress report be received and noted.

Annual Work Programme 2021-22

The Scrutiny and Members Support Co-ordinator submitted a report (copy circulated), to provide options, provide support and advise Members on the development of the scrutiny work programmes for 2021/2022

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer presented the report for Members information

The Chairman advised that there had been a request from Councillor Laws for consideration of an item relation to Fatfield Riverside and asked if there could be some clarification on this.

Councillor Laws commented that he believed this area in Washington was under utilised and there was a great deal of opportunity in terms of economic prosperity in the area and an opportunity to expand/invest in. The Chairman requested that Mr Diamond liaise with Catherine Auld to see what plans there were for the area.

The Chairman informed the Committee of the need for Members to express their interest in attending the Sunnyside Development Task and Finish Group. It was agreed that all Members who wished to express an interest contact Mr Diamond and membership would not just be limited to one Member per political party.

Councillor Ali commented that he wished to congratulate Councillors and Officers in obtaining the funding for the new train station and suggested that we needed to resolve the issues in the surrounding area before this came to fruition.

Councillor Edgeworth commented that individuals and businesses were contributing great deals of their own money into the area so it would be good if we could reach out to those as part of the working group also.

Councillor Dixon suggested that the Task and Finish Group should also provide a written report so that there was an end product from the Members involved.

Councillor Fagan referred to the Environmental Services report due to come before the Committee in February and enquired if this could be brought forward on the work programme. The Chairman commented that he had raised this previously and spoken with Ms Michelle Coates who had advised that as the Team were relatively new it was requested that staff be bedded in before it came to Committee to allow a true reflection of the service. Therefore the Chairman suggested that this be something they kept a close eye on and move forward if necessary.

Councillor Taylor suggested that Ms Coates bring two reports, one sooner, then a further progress report updating once the new team had been embedded as this was a very emotive issue at present. The Chairman asked that Mr Diamond approach Ms Coates to see if this could be done.

In relation to Councillor Dixons enquiry, Mr Diamond advised that he would request that the Sunderland Chamber of Commerce be invited to the November meeting along with the representative from North East Chamber of Commerce as had happened at last years meeting.

In response to Councillor Warne, Mr Diamond advised that the Housing Strategy was due to come before Committee at February meeting where Gentoo would also be invited.

3. RESOLVED that the information contained in the work programme for 2021-2022 be noted.

Notice of Key Decisions

The Scrutiny and Members Support Co-ordinator submitted a report providing Members with an opportunity to consider the items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions for the 28-day period from 14th June, 2021 (copies circulated).

(For copy report and notice – see original minutes).

Mr Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer reminded Members to contact him if they required further information on any of the items included in the notice.

Councillor Edgeworth referred to the Key Cities funding and requested more info on the plans for Holmeside rationalisation. Mr Diamond advised that Peter McIntyre was due to attend the Committee in February and would ask that this information be included within that update.

4. RESOLVED that the Notice of Key Decisions be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked Members and Officers for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) D. SNOWDON,
Chairman.

Item 4

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14 SEPTEMBER 2021

REFERENCE FROM CABINET – 14 SEPTEMBER 2021 - LICENSING ACT 2003 – REVIEW OF CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To seek the advice and consideration of this Committee on a report to be considered by Cabinet on 14 September 2021. The report presents the Licensing Act 2003 – Review of Cumulative Impact Assessment and informs of the legal requirement of the Council, in its capacity of Licensing Authority, to undertake a review of the Council's Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA), under the Licensing Act 2003, ("the Act").

2. Background and Current Position

- 2.1 The Cabinet, at its meeting to be held on 14 September 2021, will give consideration to the attached report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods. The report seeks comments from Cabinet and to refer the report to the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee for their consideration. Cabinet is requested to recommend to Council that the existing CIA should cease as from 19 September 2021, and that a CIA be further considered in the next 6-12 months subject to the availability of all relevant data at that time.
- 2.2 Copies of the 14 September 2021 Cabinet Agenda are available online to all Members of the Council. Recommendations from the Cabinet will be reported verbally to the meeting.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The report is referred to this Committee for advice and consideration. The Plan is part of the Council's policy framework set out in Article 4 of the Constitution and the views of this Committee will be reported to Council on 15 September 2021.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is invited to give advice and consideration in respect of the attached report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods.

5. Background Papers

- 5.1 Cabinet Agenda, 14 September 2021.
- 5.2 A copy of the Agenda is available for inspection from the Assistant Director of Law and Governance or can be viewed on-line at:-

<https://committees.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/cmis5/Meetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/10611/Committee/1953/Default.aspx>

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CABINET MEETING – 14 SEPTEMBER 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Licensing Act 2003 – Review of Cumulative Impact Assessment

Author(s):

Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

Purpose of Report:

To inform Cabinet of the legal requirement of the Council, in its capacity of a Licensing Authority, to undertake a review of the Council's Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA), under the Licensing Act 2003, ("the Act").

Description of Decision:

To recommend to Council that the existing CIA should cease as from 19 September 2021, and that a CIA be further considered in the next 6-12 months subject to the availability of all relevant data at that time.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

To facilitate compliance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 that the Council undertakes a review of its CIA within three years of implementation.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

There are no alternative options available to the Council which are considered to be appropriate. The existing CIA is required to be reviewed within the statutory timescale. In the absence of relevant current data, there are insufficient grounds to exercise a CIA beyond 18 September 2021, and therefore the proposal to cease with a CIA as set out in the Report is the only appropriate option available at this time.

Impacts analysed;

Equality

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Privacy

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Sustainability

☒

Crime and Disorder

☒

Is the Decision consistent with the Council's co-operative values?

Yes

Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution?

Yes

Is it included in the 28-day Notice of Decisions?

Yes

LICENSING ACT 2003 - REVIEW OF CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOODS

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet of the legal requirement of the Council, in its capacity of a Licensing Authority, to undertake a review of the Council's Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA), under the Licensing Act 2003, ("the Act").

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To recommend to Council that the existing CIA should cease as from 19 September 2021, and that a CIA be further considered in the next 6-12 months subject to the availability of all relevant data at that time.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Section 5 of the Act requires all Licensing Authorities to prepare and publish, every 5 years, a Statement of Licensing Policy that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under the Act.
- 3.2 The Council's current Licensing Policy was agreed by Council at its Meeting of the 18 November, 2020 as an intermediate position to allow the then existing policy to roll over as set out, due to the existing difficulties created as a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic. The Licensing Policy was subsequently published and took effect as from and including 7 January 2021 for the 5 year period to 6 January 2026, although it was agreed that the Licensing Policy would undergo a comprehensive review in due course, when the hospitality sector returns to normal operation.
- 3.3 Since the implementation of the Licensing Act, Councils have commonly exercised Cumulative Impact Policies as a means of placing restrictions on the grant of new licences and on applications for variations of existing licences within their areas. The Policing and Crime Act 2017 amended Licensing Act 2003 so as to give the concept of "cumulative impact" a statutory footing with effect from 6 April 2018. The way in which this has been achieved is to give Licensing Authorities the discretion to publish documents, separate to their Licensing Policy Statements, which are termed "Cumulative Impact Assessments" (CIAs). Cumulative Impact Assessments were introduced as a tool for licensing authorities to limit the growth of licensed premises, both on and off trade, in problem areas.
- 3.4 Many of Sunderland's alcohol related outcomes remain significantly worse than the England average. Specifically, alcohol related hospital admission rates are significantly worse than the rest of England. Addressing alcohol harms is a complex issue and no single approach will be successful in isolation, therefore it requires commitment and contributions from a range of partners across the City. Alcohol remains one of the key drivers of health inequalities and is the key cause of premature death, placing a significant burden across the whole system: NHS, adult social care, the wider economy, notably local businesses.

- 3.5 A licensing authority may publish a CIA. It is not a statutory requirement to do so. A CIA is a statement that the licensing authority considers that the number of relevant authorisations in respect of premises in one, or more parts of its area described in the CIA is such that it is likely that it would be inconsistent with the authority's duty, (the duty to carry out its functions with a view to promoting the licensing objectives), to grant any further relevant authorisations in respect of premises in that part, or those parts of its area.
- 3.6 In some areas where the number, type, or density of licensed premises, such as those selling alcohol or providing late night refreshment, is high, or exceptional, serious problems of nuisance and disorder may arise outside or some distance from those premises. Such problems generally occur as a result of large numbers of drinkers being concentrated in an area. For example, when leaving premises at peak times, or when queuing at fast food outlets, or for public transport.
- 3.7 A CIA may relate to all relevant authorisations, or only to relevant authorisations of a particular type described in the Assessment. For example, for certain parts of the area, the licensing authority may, having regard to the levels of crime and disorder and public health data, consider it appropriate to implement a CIA to cover only "off" licensed premises and to not include in the Assessment premises licensed for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises, such as pubs, bars and restaurants.
- 3.8 The existing Sunderland CIA was adopted on 19 September 2018 following a prescribed statutory consultation process. A copy of the CIA is attached at Appendix 1. Under the Act, CIAs must be reviewed every 3 years, so the current Assessment is due for a review prior to 18 September 2021.

4.0 EFFECT OF CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

- 4.1 When publishing a CIA, a licensing authority is required to set out evidence of problems that are being caused or exacerbated by the cumulative impact of licensed premises in the area described. The evidence is used to justify the statement in the CIA that it is likely that granting further licences in that area would be inconsistent with the authority's duty to promote the licensing objectives.
- 4.2 In publishing a CIA a licensing authority is setting down a strong statement of intent about its approach to considering applications for the grant, or variation of premises licences. It is therefore expected that, in respect of each of relevant application in the area concerned, the licensing authority, along with other Responsible Authorities, (eg. the Police, Public Health and Environmental Health), will be considering whether it is appropriate to make a representation.
- 4.3 The CIA does not however change the fundamental way that licensing decisions are made. If no representations are made on an application where the premises are located within the CIA area, the application will be granted routinely on the terms set out in the application in the same way that all other applications are dealt with. In cases where representations are made, it is open to the Licensing Sub-Committee to grant an application where it considers it is appropriate and where the applicant can demonstrate in the operating schedule, (part of the legally prescribed application form), that they would not be adding to the cumulative impact. The Guidance states that applicants for licences in areas covered by a special policy should give consideration to potential cumulative impact issues when setting out in their operating schedules the steps that they will take to promote the licensing objectives.

5.0 CURRENT CIA ARRANGEMENTS

5.1 Existing areas subject to the CIA restrictions include, :-

- The City Centre and East End, ie. parts of the Hendon, Millfield and St Michael's Wards;
- Millfield and Pallion, ie. parts of these Ward;
- Hendon, ie. parts of the Hendon and St Michael's Wards;
- Southwick;
- Shiney Row;
- Washington North; and
- Hetton, ie. parts of the Copt Hill and Hetton Wards.

5.2 However, since the implementation of the CIA in Sunderland no new applications for licences, or applications to vary existing licences have been refused in the above areas, following no representations having been made on the grounds of cumulative impact.

5.3 Guidance sets out the steps that an authority should follow in considering whether to adopt a special policy. These are, :-

- To identify concern about crime and disorder, public safety, public nuisance or the protection of children from harm in a particular location;
- Consider whether there is good evidence that crime and disorder or nuisance are occurring, or whether there are activities which pose a threat to public safety or the protection of children from harm;
- If such problems are occurring, identify whether these problems are being caused by the customers of licensed premises, or that a risk of cumulative impact is imminent;
- Identify the boundaries of the area(s) where problems are occurring; and
- To consult the statutory consultees (as prescribed by the Act) and, subject to the outcome of the consultation, include and publish details of the special policy in the Licensing Policy.

5.4 Under the Act, any decision to introduce a CIA, or to cease continuing to implement a CIA must be made by full Council.

6.0 CURRENT POSITION

6.1 The current CIA is due to expire on 18 September 2021 and consideration needs to be given to the arrangements for its review.

6.2 The principle of cumulative impact is to identify which areas are saturated with a significant number, type of composition of licensed premises, causing the benefits provided by alcohol outlets to be outweighed by public nuisance, crime, disorder and other costs of excessive alcohol consumption.

6.3 In recent months, a number of local authorities have, following a review of their CIA, decided that it is no longer necessary to implement a CIA due to the changing environment and local circumstances.

- 6.4 Statutory guidance issued relating to the use and application of special policies has been diluted since first introduced. In many cases, the presumption of refusal of an application in a particular area has been determined to be inappropriate. Appropriate and carefully considered licence conditions proposed by responsible authorities can offer adequate protections in accordance with the licensing objectives.
- 6.5 The Covid pandemic has had a significant detrimental impact on the hospitality sector and any restrictions imposed on the variation and grant of new premises applications may be considered to be an additional threat to recovering high streets. In addition, lockdown periods have affected recorded levels of crime and disorder within commercial centres. Any study to support a special policy focusing on the cumulative impact of licensed premises on the promotion of the licensing objectives will be impacted by the pandemic. Also, all special policies proposed must be based on accurate and robust data and evidence, as they are often subject to national and local challenge.
- 6.6 It should be noted, in respect of the existing City Centre and East End CIA area, that at the time of adoption the Council resolved to encourage the development of new, high quality leisure venues and retail outlets whose operations would have a positive impact upon the economic vitality of the City Centre. It was therefore proposed that an amendment to the licensing policy include the following statement, :-

“The Council intends that the City Centre should remain as an area where we would encourage businesses to set up and expand. We recognise that a dynamic trading environment will feature applications for new or amended licences. We consider that the operations of well-run, high quality licensed premises should not have a negative impact upon the licensing objectives. We, therefore, would welcome the submission of applications for new or amended licences by businesses whose operations would significantly enhance the economic vitality of the City Centre.”

In essence the provision of the above amendment created significant weakness in relation to adoption of the policy in the city centre. Any subsequent special policy may require more robust composition to withstand scrutiny.

- 6.7 Regardless of its view on the future of a CIA for the area, the Council is required to comply with a statutory procedure for a review of the existing CIA. Under the Act, after publishing a CIA the licensing authority must, within three years, consider whether it remains of the opinion set out in the assessment. In order to decide whether it remains of this opinion it must again consult with a prescribed list of consultees. These are, :-
- Northumbria Police;
 - Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service;
 - Local Authority Director of Public Health;
 - Representatives of the licensed trade and members' clubs;
 - Local businesses and their representatives; and
 - Local residents and their representatives.

- 6.8 If having consulted with the statutory list of persons, the licensing authority decides that it is no longer of the opinion set out in the CIA, it must publish a statement to that effect. The statement must make clear that any reference to CIA in its licensing policy statement no longer applies. The licensing authority should remove any reference to the CIA within its licensing policy statement at the earliest opportunity.
- 6.9 If having consulted the licensing authority decides that it remains of the opinion set out in the assessment, it must revise the CIA to include a statement to that effect and set out evidence as to why it remains of that opinion. It will be important for any evidence included in the revised CIA to be robust and relevant to the current problems described. This is likely to involve the collation of fresh, or updated evidence of the kind described in Paragraph 5.3 above. The licensing authority must also at this stage publish any other material change in the assessment. For example, if the types of premises or area described in the assessment have changed due to a shift in the nature of the problems being experienced or where there is evidence of the emergence of new type of problem.

7.0 PROPOSAL FOR REVIEW OF CIA

- 7.1 Since March 2020, the Coronavirus Pandemic has had a significant impact on hospitality businesses resulting in periods of full lockdown, or in some periods trading authorised subject to various restrictions. The impact of the pandemic has also caused issues as to the accuracy of the relevant data that may be available to justify a CIA at this time.
- 7.2 In view of these circumstances along with the instability still currently being experienced by the hospitality sector, it is not considered appropriate to continue with the implementation of a CIA beyond 18 September 2021. Although, it is intended that Officers will instigate an appropriately timed CIA within the next 6-12 months. It is hoped that this will provide sufficient time for the collection of robust data that may be used to consider whether a new CIA should be proposed for implementation. It is envisaged that a future review of the CIA will also coincide with a comprehensive review of the Statement of Licensing Policy, with both processes being subject to widespread consultation.
- 7.3 At its meeting held on 2 August 2021, the Licensing and Regulatory Committee considered a report concerning a review of the CIA, and approved recommendations as follows, :-
- (a) A period of consultation is commenced with the relevant stakeholders as set out in Paragraph 6.7 of this Report to obtain comments on the proposal that the existing Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) should cease as from 19 September 2021;
 - (b) The period of consultation commences on 3 August, 2021 until 5pm on 20 August 2021; and
 - (c) Recommend to Council that the existing CIA should cease as from 19 September 2021, and that a CIA be further considered in the next 6-12 months, subject to the availability of all relevant data at that time.

7.4 In its consideration of the above recommendations, the Licensing and Regulatory Committee was also informed that prior to that meeting, Officers had considered it appropriate to seek the views of three of the statutory consultees, the Director of Public Health and Commissioning, Northumbria Police and Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service on such proposals. The Members were informed that the above consultees had all confirmed that they were in agreement with the proposal that the CIA should cease as from 19 September 2021. The Licensing and Regulatory Committee will receive confirmation of the outcome of the consultation at its Meeting of the 6 September 2021 in the terms set out at paragraph 7.5 below.

7.5 Following the statutory consultation on the proposal that the CIA should cease as from 19 September 2021, no responses were received.

8.0 REASONS FOR DECISION

8.1 To facilitate compliance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 that the Council undertakes a review of its CIA within three years of implementation.

9.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

9.1 There are no alternative options available to the Council which are considered to be appropriate. The existing CIA is required to be reviewed within the statutory timescale. In the absence of relevant current data, there are insufficient grounds to exercise a CIA beyond 18 September 2021, and therefore the proposal to cease with a CIA as set out in the Report is the only appropriate option available at this time.

10.0 IMPACT ANALYSIS

10.1 **Equalities** – No impact

10.2 **Privacy Impact Assessment** - No impact

10.3 **Sustainability** - No Impact

10.4 **Reduction of Crime and Disorder** – No Impact, the Licensing Act allows representations by responsible authorities including the Police irrespective of the presence of a CIA.

11.0 OTHER RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

11.1 **Financial Implications** – There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendation to Council to cease the existing CIA.

11.2 **Legal Implications** - The Assistant Director of Law and Governance advises that the Council is legally required to review its CIA within 3 years of publication of the previous Statement.

11.3 **The Public/External Bodies** - Statutory consultees have been consulted.

12.0 LIST OF APPENDICES

12.1 Appendix 1: The Council's current CIA for the period to 18 September 2021.

13.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

13.1 None.

APPENDIX 1

Cumulative Impact Assessment

Cumulative Impact Assessment

1. The Council considers that, in specified parts of the City, the number of premises licences and/or club premises certificates (relevant authorisations) are such that it is likely that it would be inconsistent with our duty to promote the licensing objectives set out by the Licensing Act 2003 to grant any further relevant authorisations in respect of premises in those areas. The evidential basis for our opinion is set out in Appendices 1,2 and 3. Appendix 4 contains maps of the relevant parts of the City. This assessment relates to the grant of premises licences or club premises certificates in these areas, where the premises are proposed to be authorised to sell alcohol.
2. This assessment does not relieve responsible authorities (or any other persons) of the need to make a relevant representation, before the Council may lawfully refuse an application.
3. The Council will consider properly the circumstances of all applications in respect of which relevant representations are received. Those applications which are considered to be unlikely to add to the existing cumulative impact upon the licensing objectives may be granted.
4. The Council intends that the City Centre should remain as an area where it would encourage business to set up. The Council recognises that a dynamic trading environment will feature applications for new licences. The Council considers that the operation of well-run, high quality licensed premises should not have an impact upon the licensing objectives. The Council, therefore, would welcome the submission of applications for new licences by businesses whose operations would significantly enhance the economic vitality of the City Centre.
5. This Cumulative Impact Assessment was approved for publication at a meeting of the Council on 19 September 2018.

Appendix 1

Evidential Basis for the Cumulative Impact Assessment of numbers of Licensed Premises

- 1.1 Compared with other local authority areas in England, the available relevant data shows that Sunderland as a whole has particular problems associated with alcohol. For example, Sunderland is in the worst 10% of the 152 upper tier local authority populations for alcohol-specific hospital admissions of young people aged under 18 (second highest) and hospital admission episodes for alcohol related conditions (all people) (12th highest).
- 1.2 Research into the views of residents and business people in the City upon the impact of licensed premises upon the licensing objectives revealed particular concerns about certain parts of the City. Data held by the Council, NHS and the Police, either covering the calendar year 2016 or the financial year 2015-16 as indicated, show that, in the areas identified by the research, the rates of crime and disorder and public nuisance associated with alcohol, and the risk of harm to people (which includes children) due to alcohol, are greater than the average situation across the City. Given the City's issues with alcohol as a whole, these data constitute good evidence that the relevant problems in these areas are being caused, in some instances, by customers of the local licensed premises and that the operations of these premises are having, cumulatively, a negative impact upon the licensing objectives.
- 1.3 The data are set out in Appendices 2 and 3. All of the data is presented within datasets which refer to Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs). These are areas which have approximately equal numbers of residents and are used for the purposes of making statistical comparisons. Some of the datasets exclude the LSOAs in the City Centre, which are significantly the most problematic areas of the City in relevant respects, in order that the differences between the situations in more residential areas may more readily be demonstrated. Appendix 2 shows some of the data in a pictorial format and is composed of the datasets identified below:
 - Alcohol-related hospital admissions;
 - Alcohol-related assaults resulting in hospital attendance (occurring between 6am and 9pm);
 - Alcohol-related assaults resulting in hospital attendance (occurring at any time);
 - Alcohol-related ambulance call outs;
 - Alcohol-related Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents (occurring between 6am and 9pm);
 - Alcohol-related Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents (excluding City Centre LSOAs) (occurring between 6am and 9pm);
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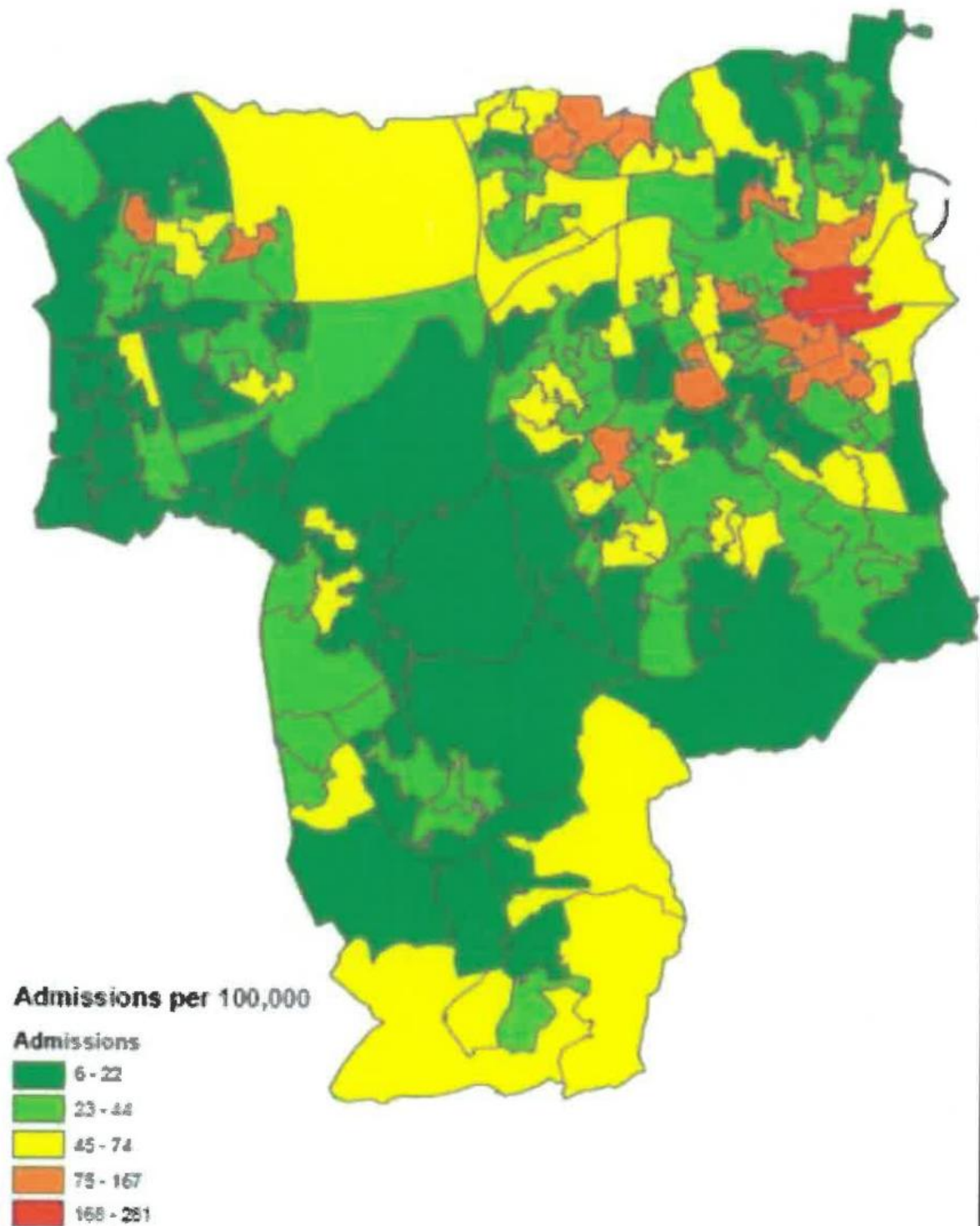
- Alcohol-related incidents (recorded by the Police) (occurring at any time; and
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- 1.4 Appendix 3 contains a table which indicates:
- numerical values for some of the datasets listed at paragraph 1.3 above;
 - other datasets as identified in the table;
 - the numbers of licensed premises in the relevant LSOAs; and
 - in respect of each criterion, the ranking of the relevant LSOAs relative to all 185 LSOAs in the City.
- 1.5 The Cumulative Impact Assessment areas are not coterminous with Council ward boundaries. Some of the areas are wholly located within single wards whereas others are composed of parts of more than one ward. The areas are identified in the list below:
- the City Centre and East End (parts of Hendon, Millfield and St Michael's wards);
 - Millfield and Pallion (parts of each ward);
 - Hendon (parts of Hendon and St Michael's wards);
 - Southwick;
 - Shiney Row;
 - Washington North; and
 - Hetton (parts of Copt Hill and Hetton wards).
- 1.6 The fact that these areas may be seen to experience more relevant problems than the average for the City during daytime specifically, as well as on a 24 hour basis, justifies the inclusion of off licences within the assessment regime as well as premises where alcohol may be sold for immediate consumption e.g. public houses.
- 1.7 The Cumulative Impact Assessment areas do not, in all cases, follow the LSOA boundaries precisely. Some of the boundaries proposed go beyond the relevant LSOA areas in order to include areas closely adjacent to the LSOA. These either contain licensed premises which serve the adjacent LSOA or are areas in which it is envisaged that additional licences serving the adjacent LSOA may be sought. Restricting some of the proposed Cumulative Impact Assessment areas specifically to LSOA boundaries runs the risk of failing to prevent the establishment of licensed premises immediately outside the problematic LSOA area; thus having, potentially, an adverse impact on the licensing objectives within the neighbouring LSOA.
- 1.8 The boundaries of the Cumulative Impact Assessment areas are indicated in the maps contained in Appendix 4. Where a boundary is demarcated by a street, the special policy area includes only the inner side of the street i.e. that side which is continuous with the remainder of the area.

Appendix 2

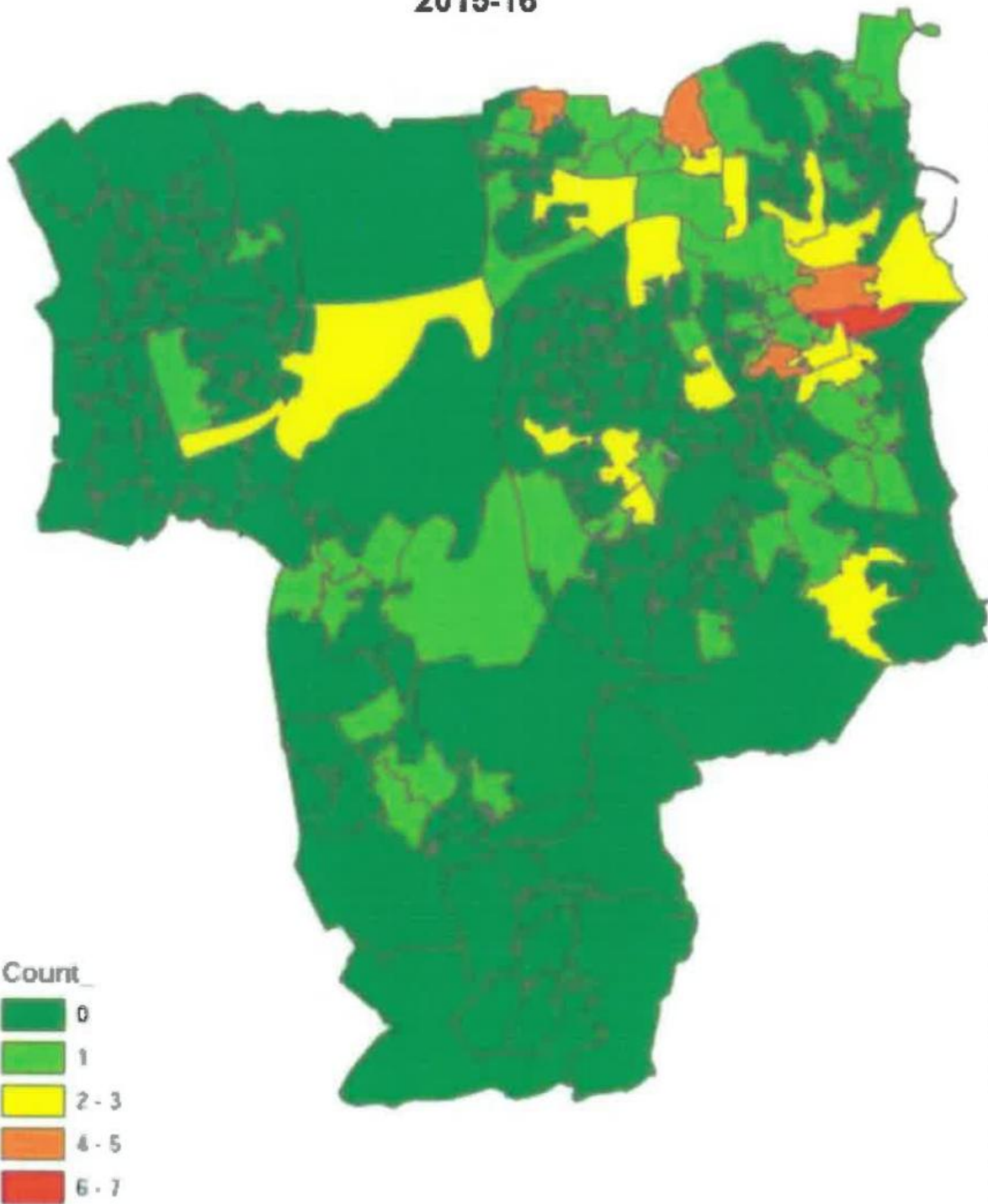
Evidential data in pictorial Format

Alcohol-related hospital admissions

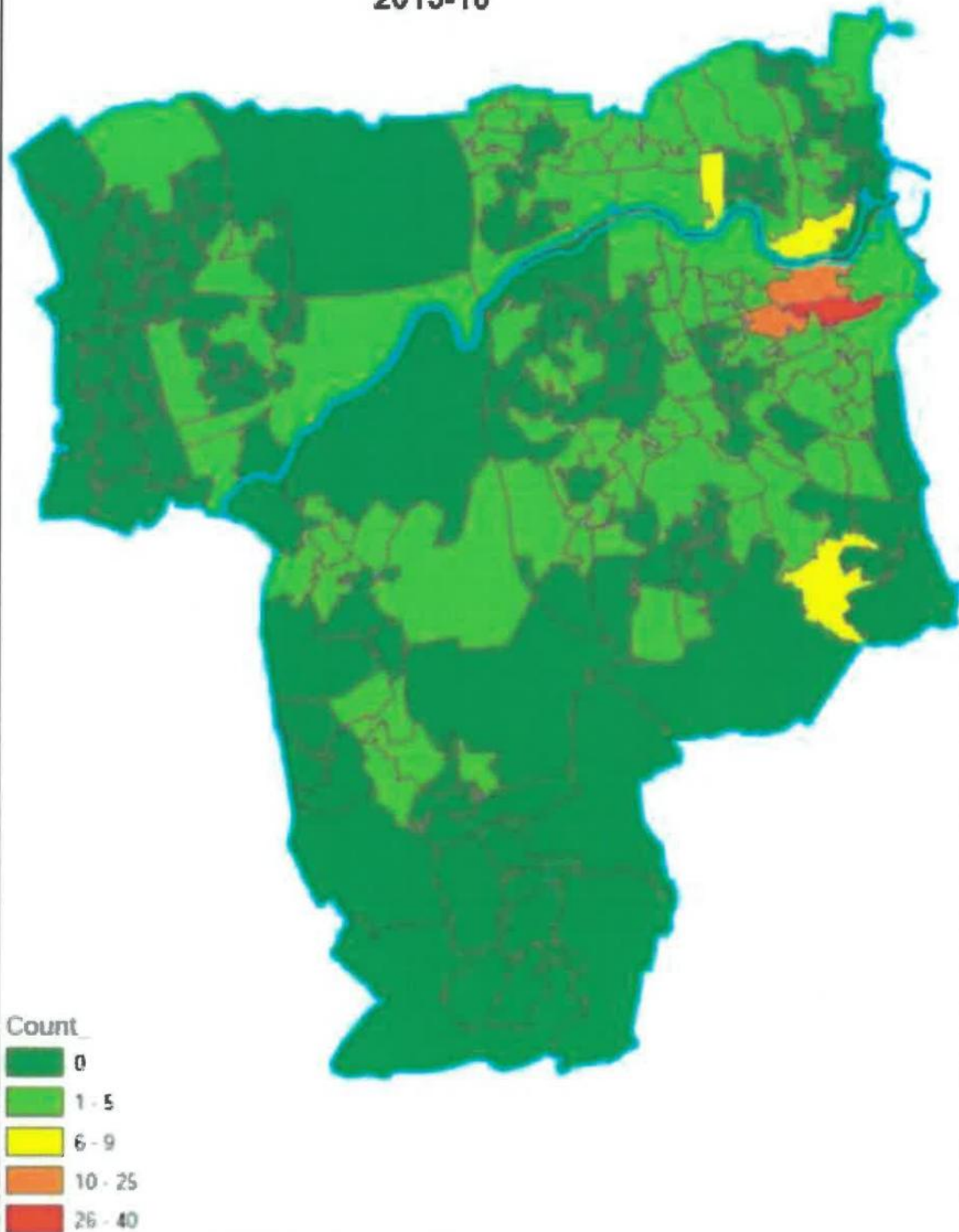
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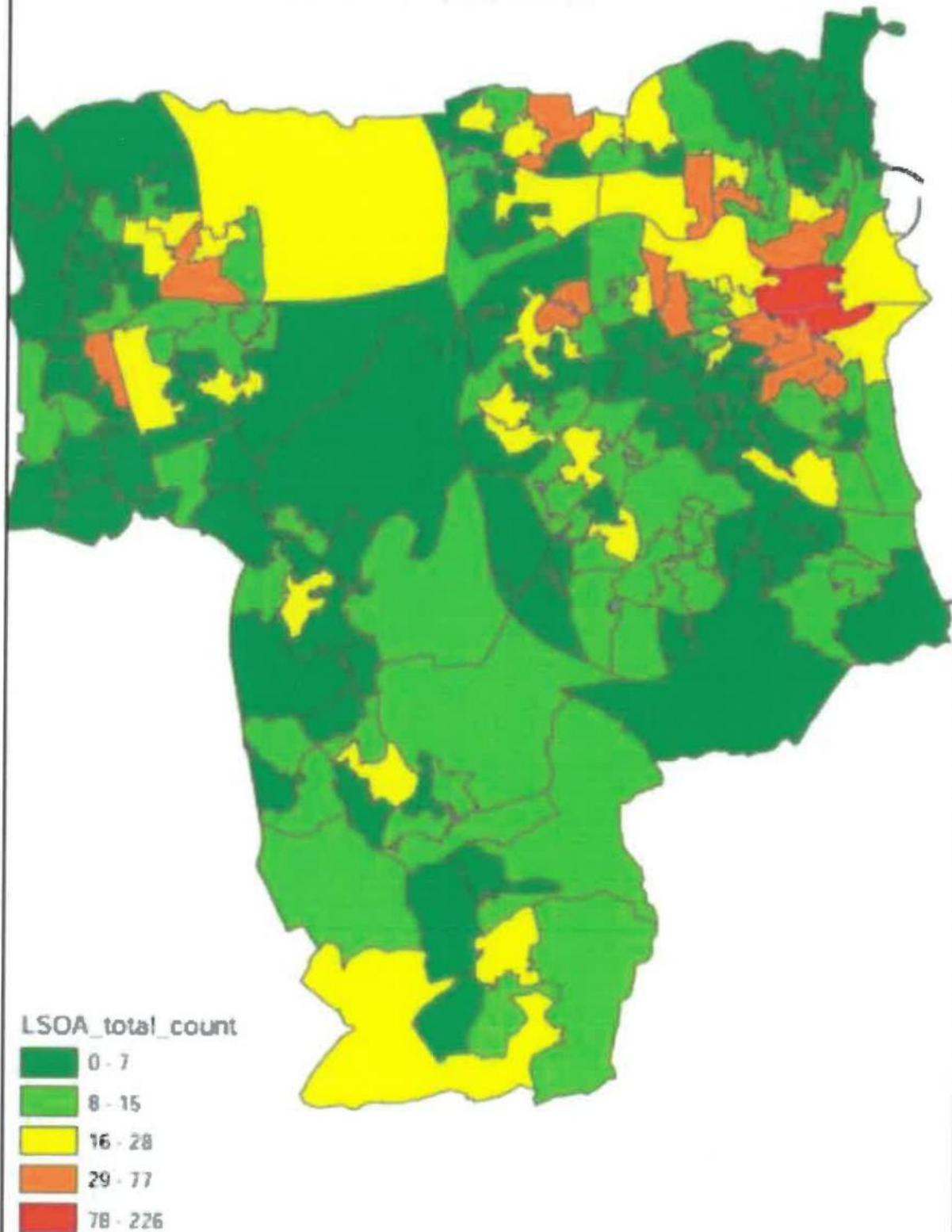
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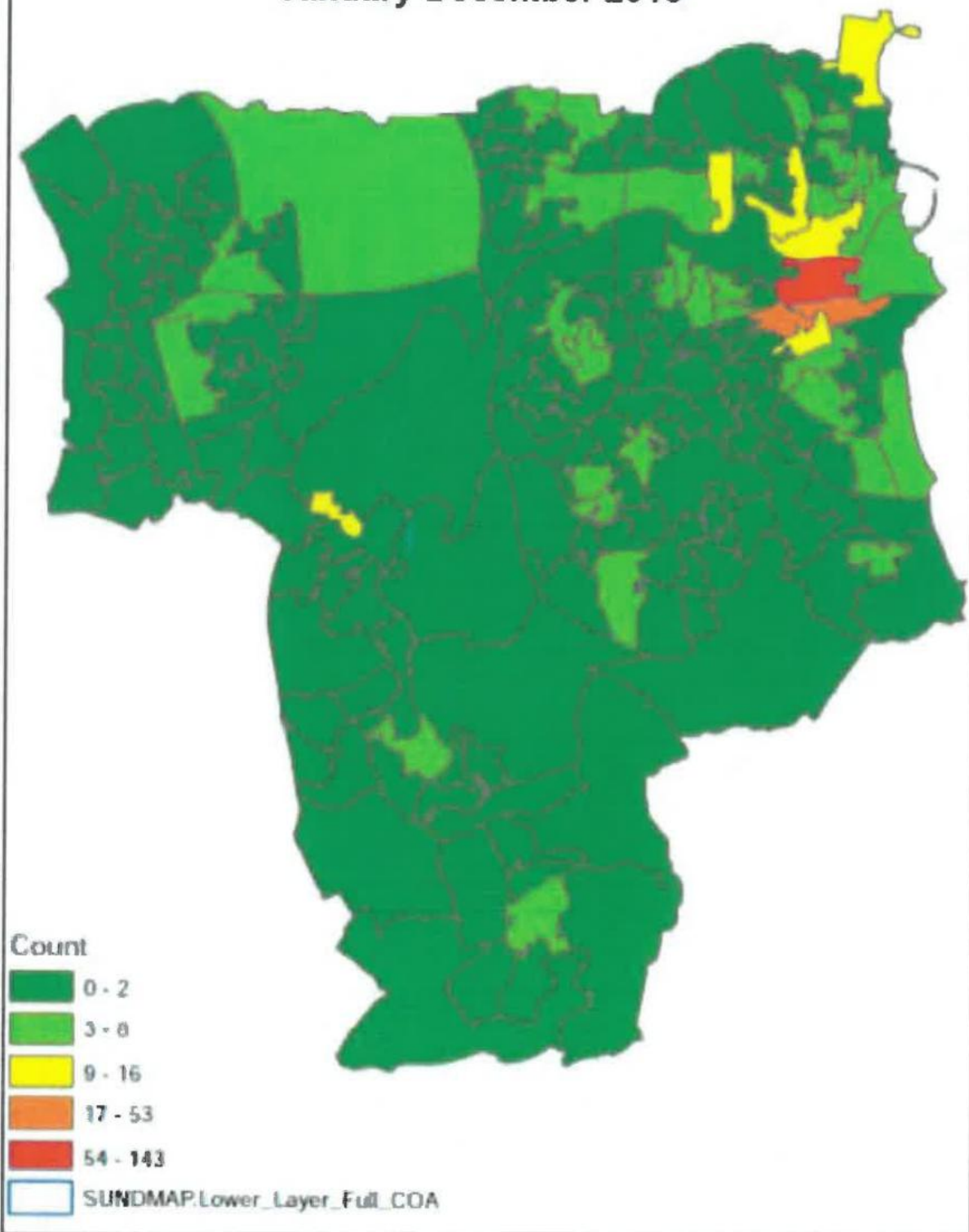
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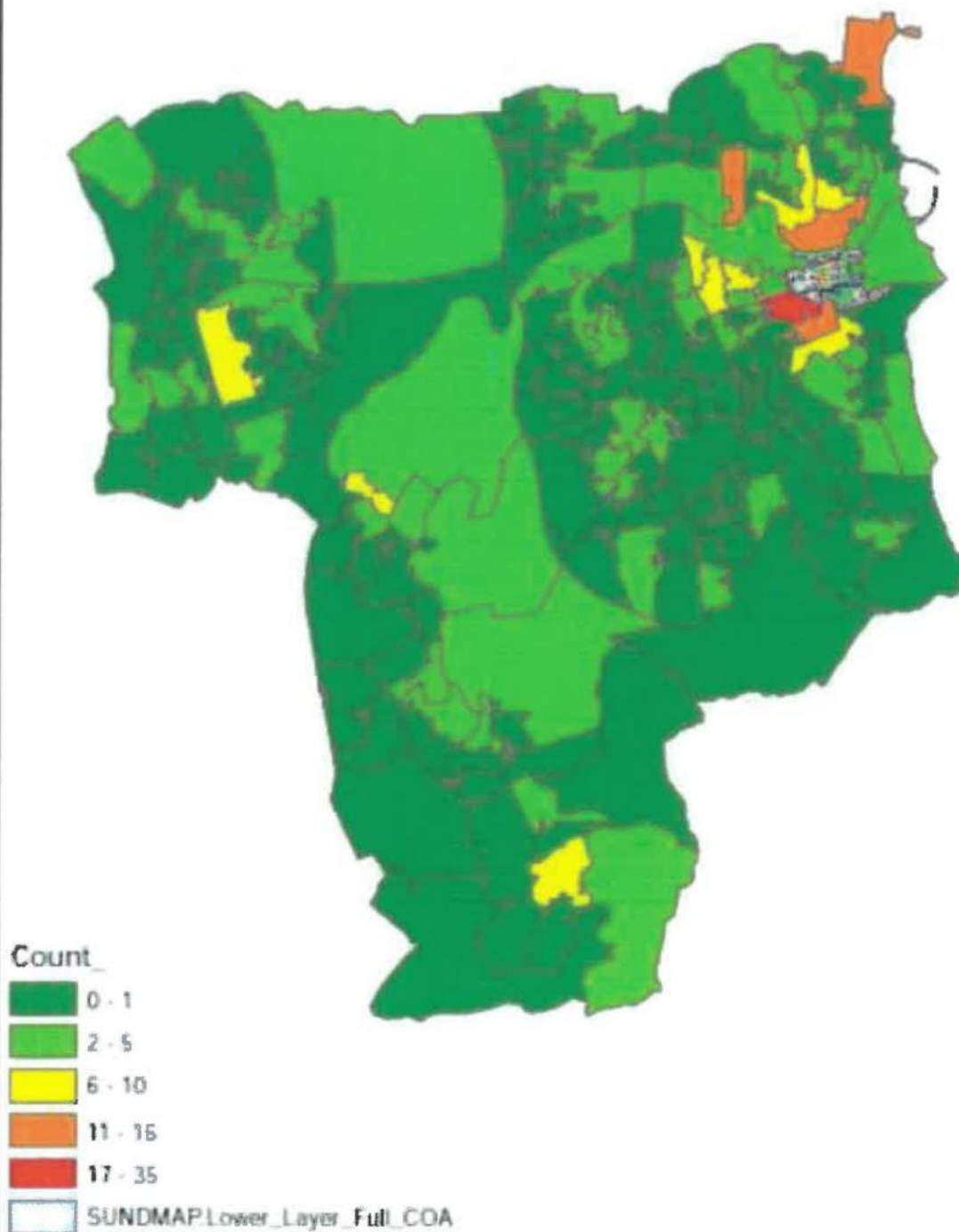
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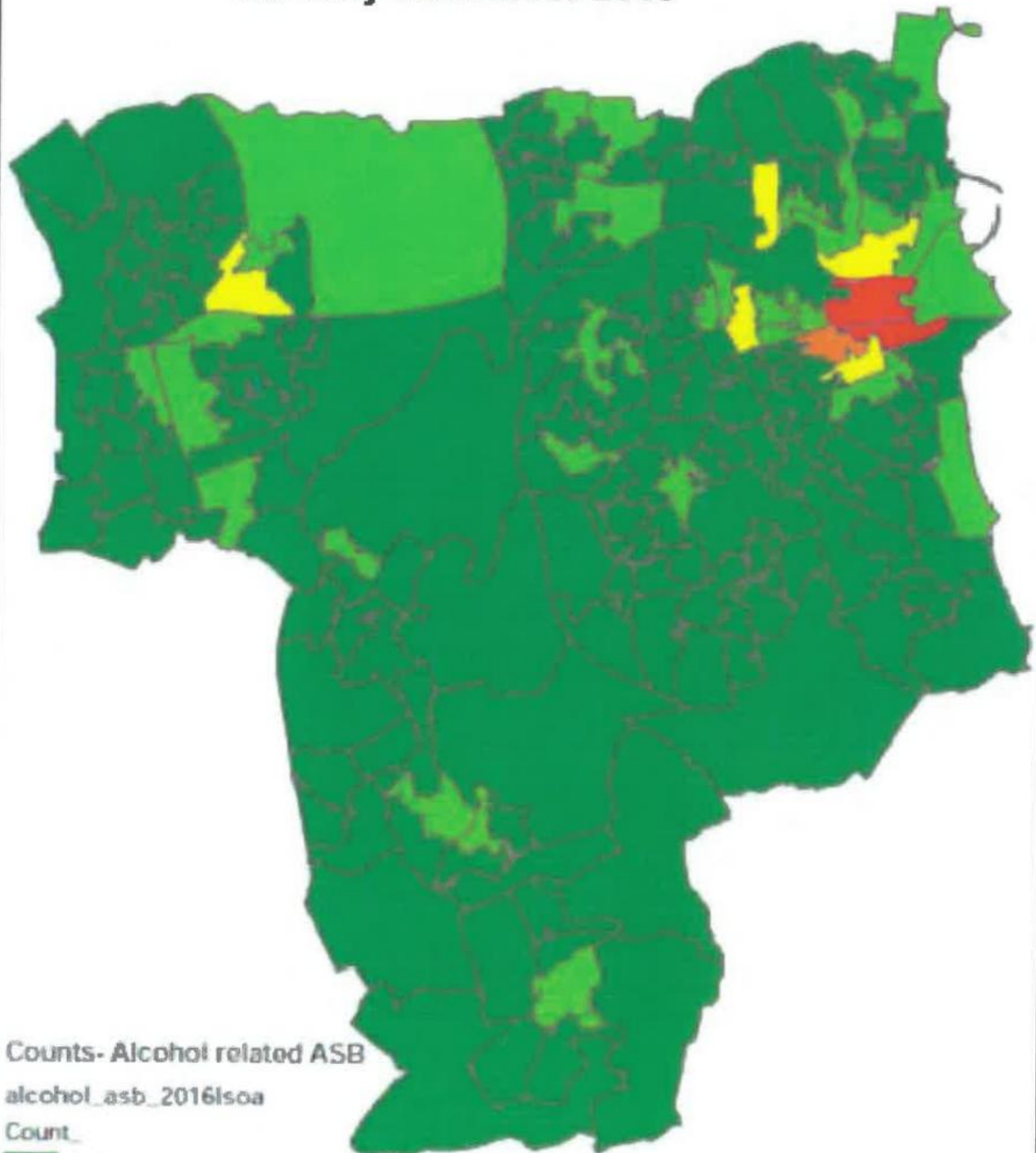
**Alcohol-related ASB incidents
(6am – 9pm)
January-December 2016**



**Alcohol-related ASB incidents
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(excluding City Centre LSOAs)**



**Alcohol-related ASB incidents
(any time)
January-December 2016**



Counts- Alcohol related ASB

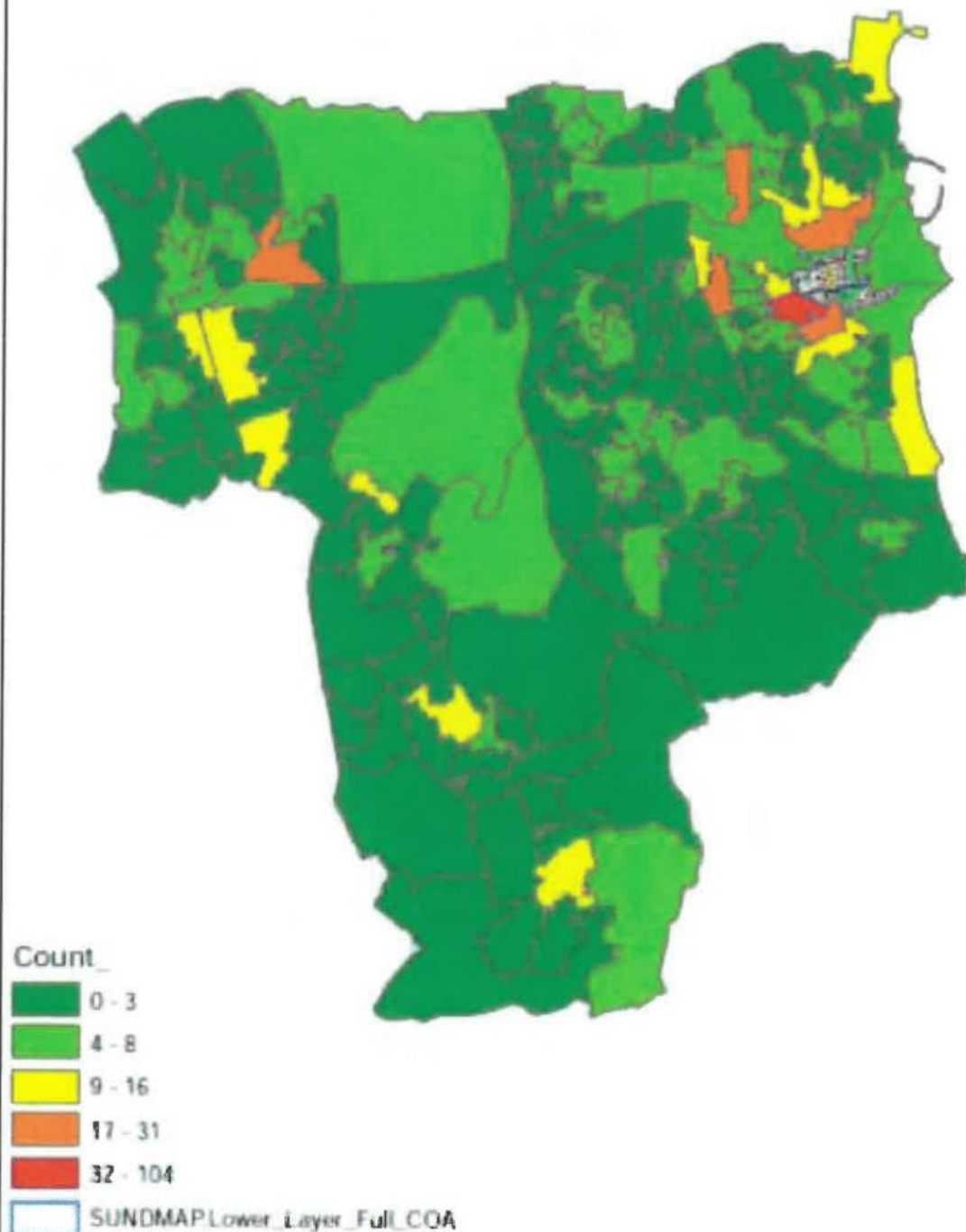
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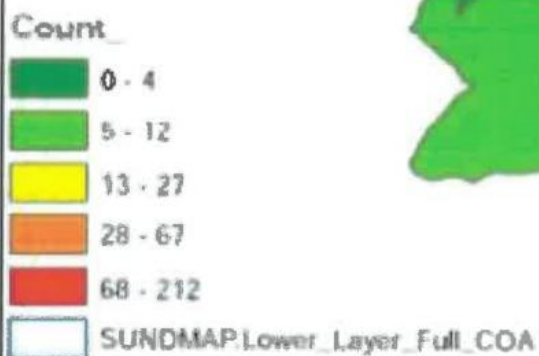
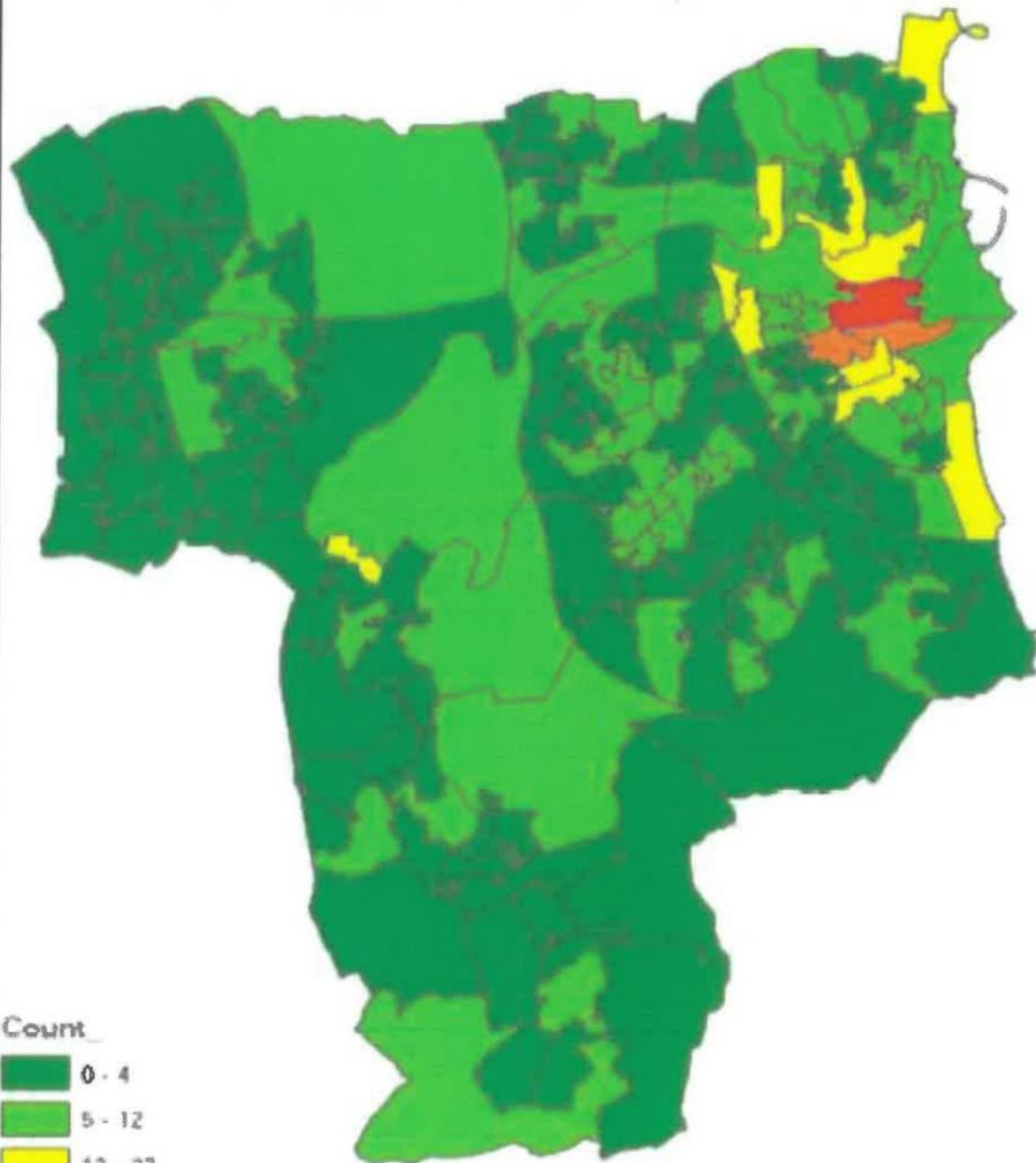
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Alcohol-related ASB incidents (any time)(excluding City Centre LSOAs)

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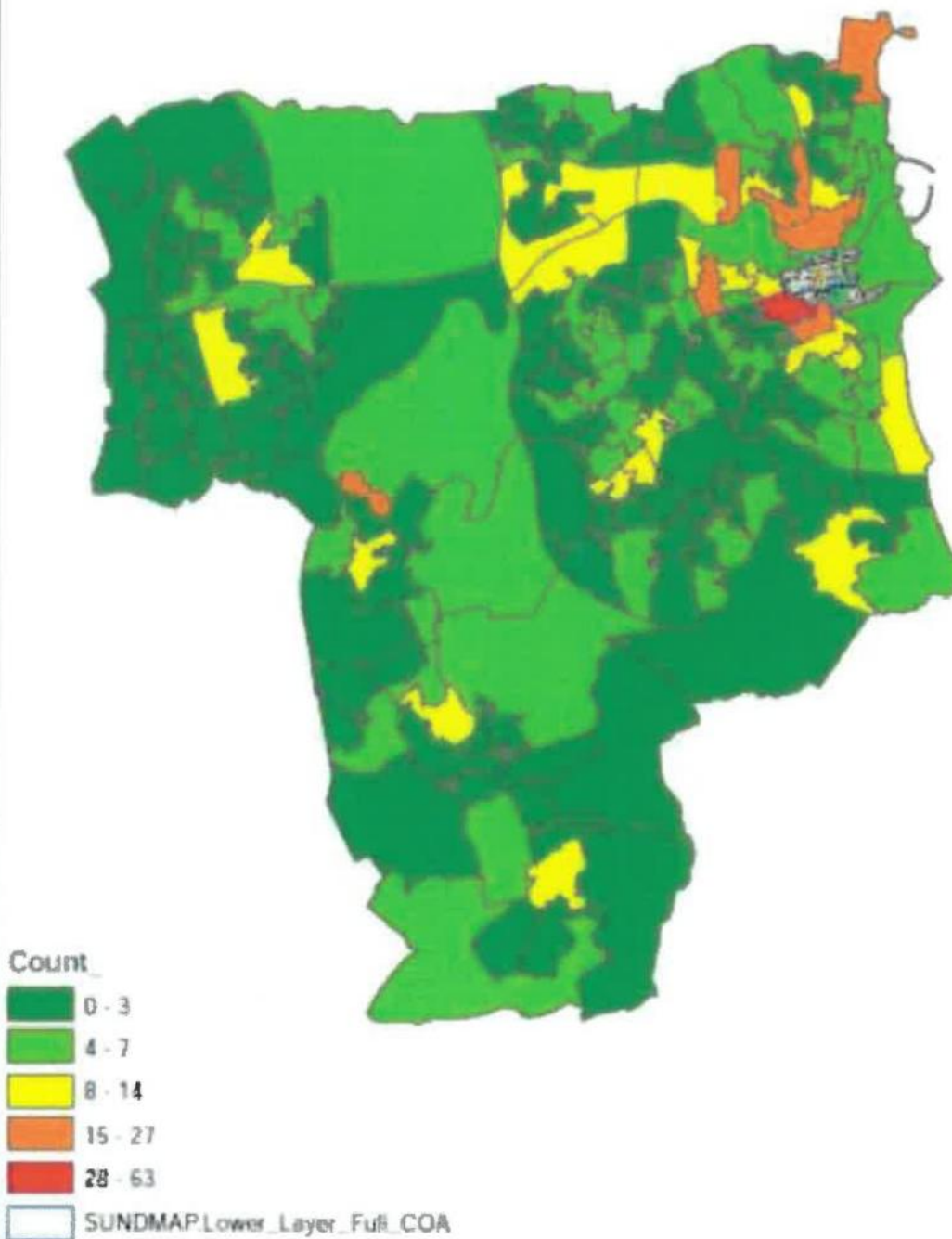


**Alcohol-related incidents (recorded by the
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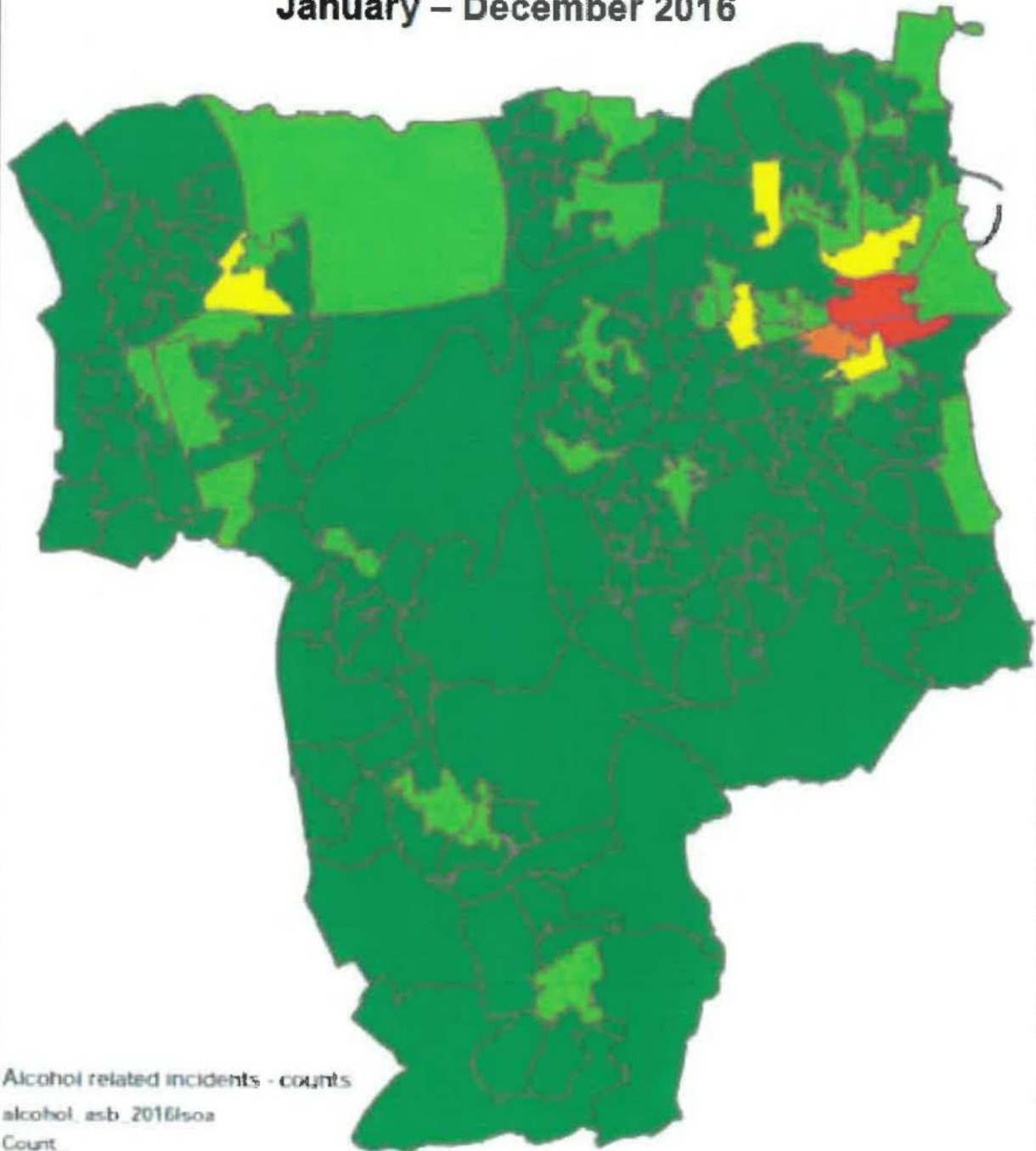
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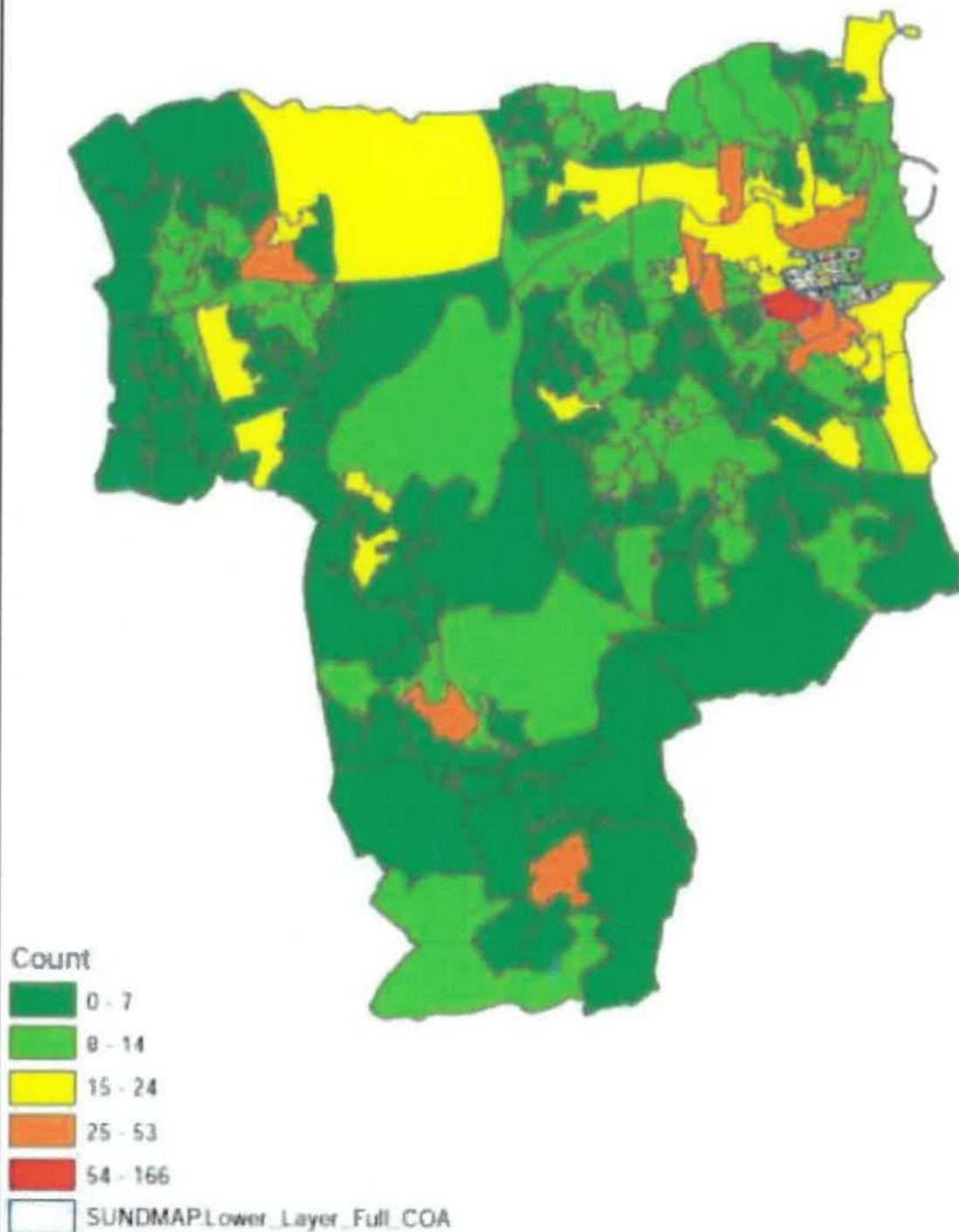
**Alcohol-related incidents (recorded by
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Appendix 3

Evidential data in tabular format

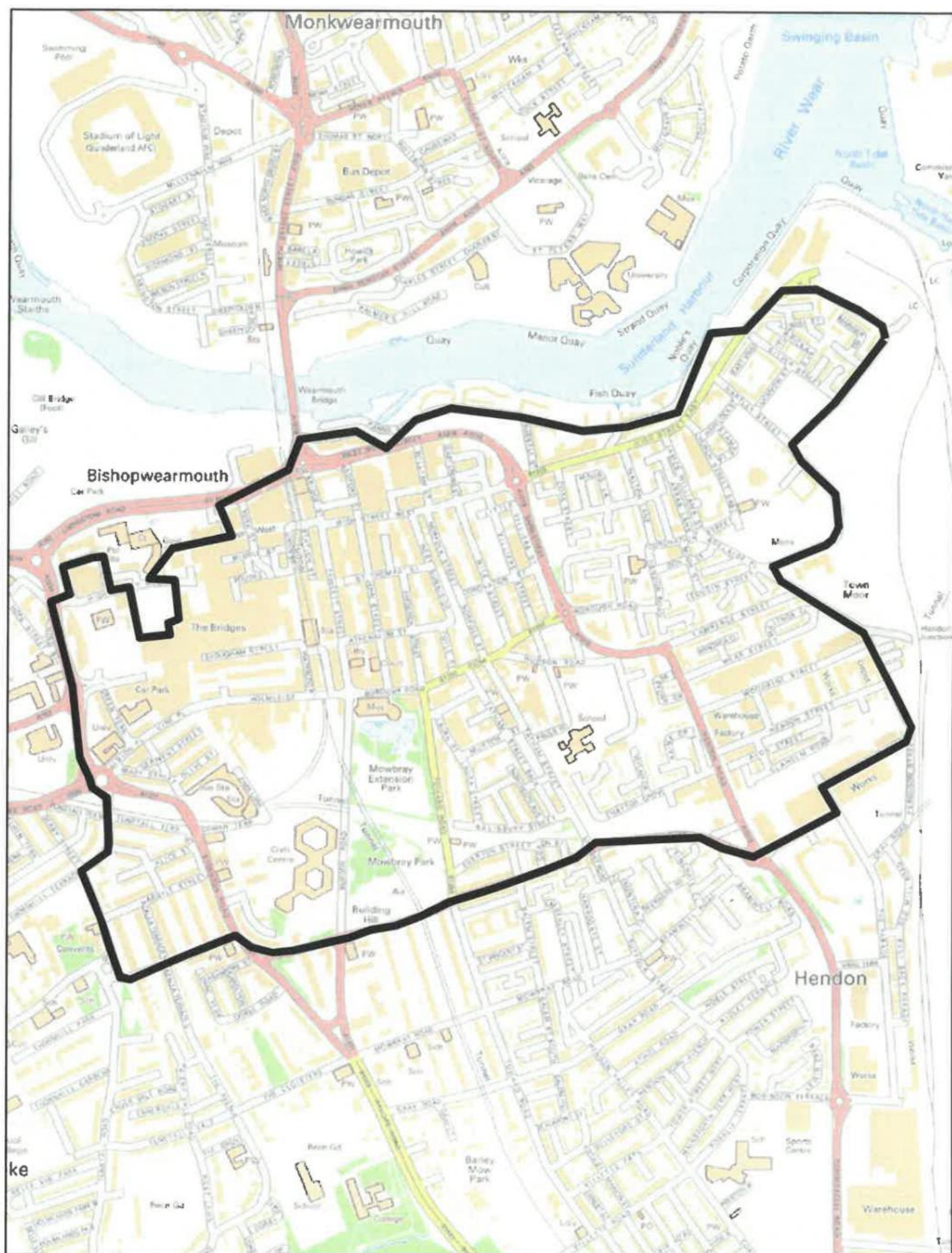
LSOA(s)		Alcohol-related ambulance callouts		Alcohol-related assaults (recorded by Police) 6:00-21:00		Alcohol-related assaults (recorded by Police) (All)		Alcohol-related ASB 6:00-21:00		Alcohol-related ASB (All)	
		Ranking within City	Number	Ranking within City	Number	Ranking within City	Number	Ranking within City	Number	Ranking within City	Number
E01008703 E01008836	City Centre	1 2	178 113	2 1	186 224	2 1	233 266	1 2	240 128	1 2	463 448
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E01008800	Shiney Row	68	8	17	21	17	30	15	12	17	19
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E01008742	Hetton	33	11	17	21	13	34	65	4	12	32

		Alcohol-related incidents (recorded by Police) 6:00-21:00		Alcohol-related incidents (recorded by Police) (All)		No. alcohol outlets	
		Ranking within City	Number	Ranking within City	Number	Ranking within City	Number
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Appendix 4

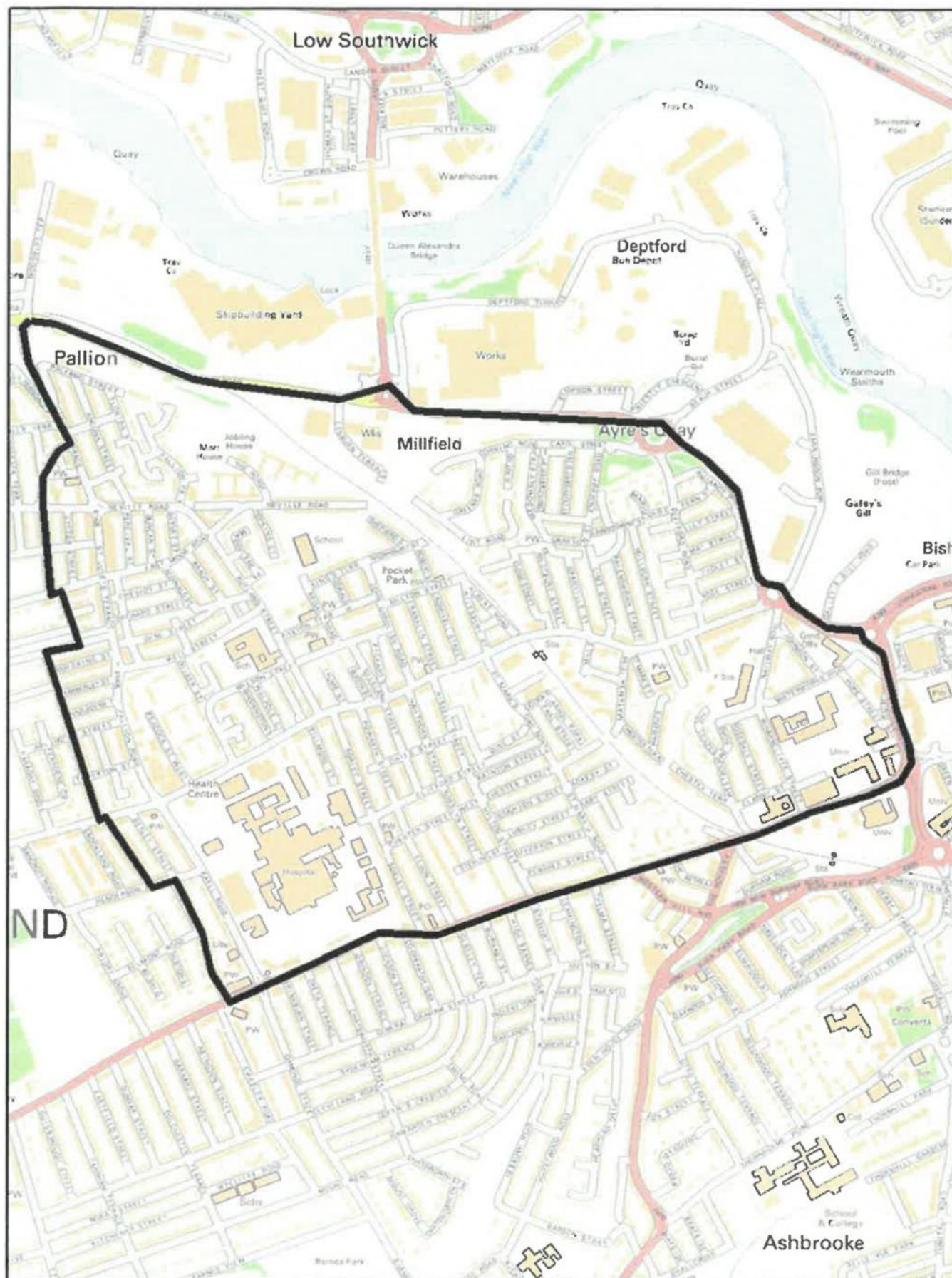
Maps of Cumulative Impact Assessment Areas

City Centre and East Cumulative Impact Assessment Area



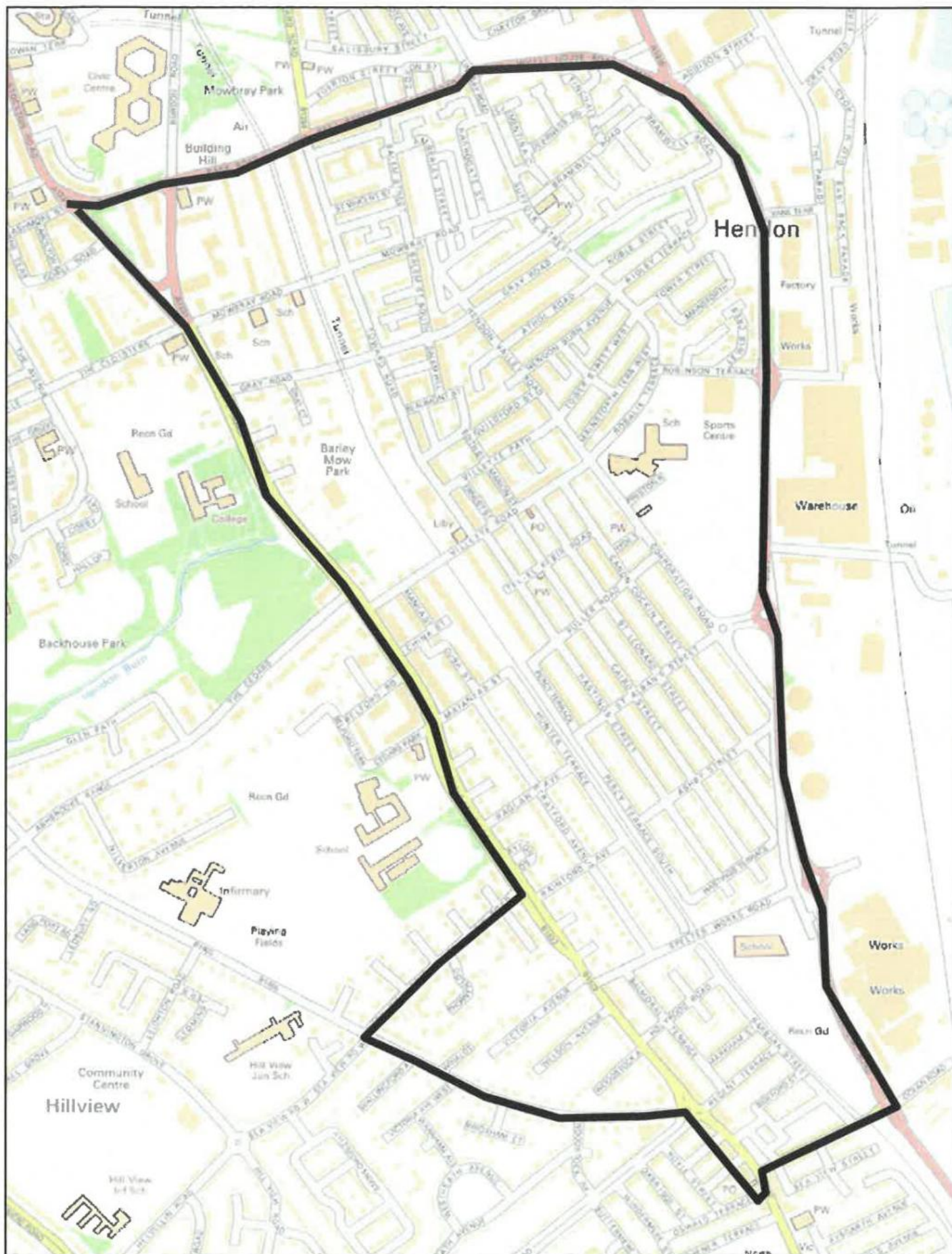
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Millfield and Pallion Cumulative Impact Assessment Area



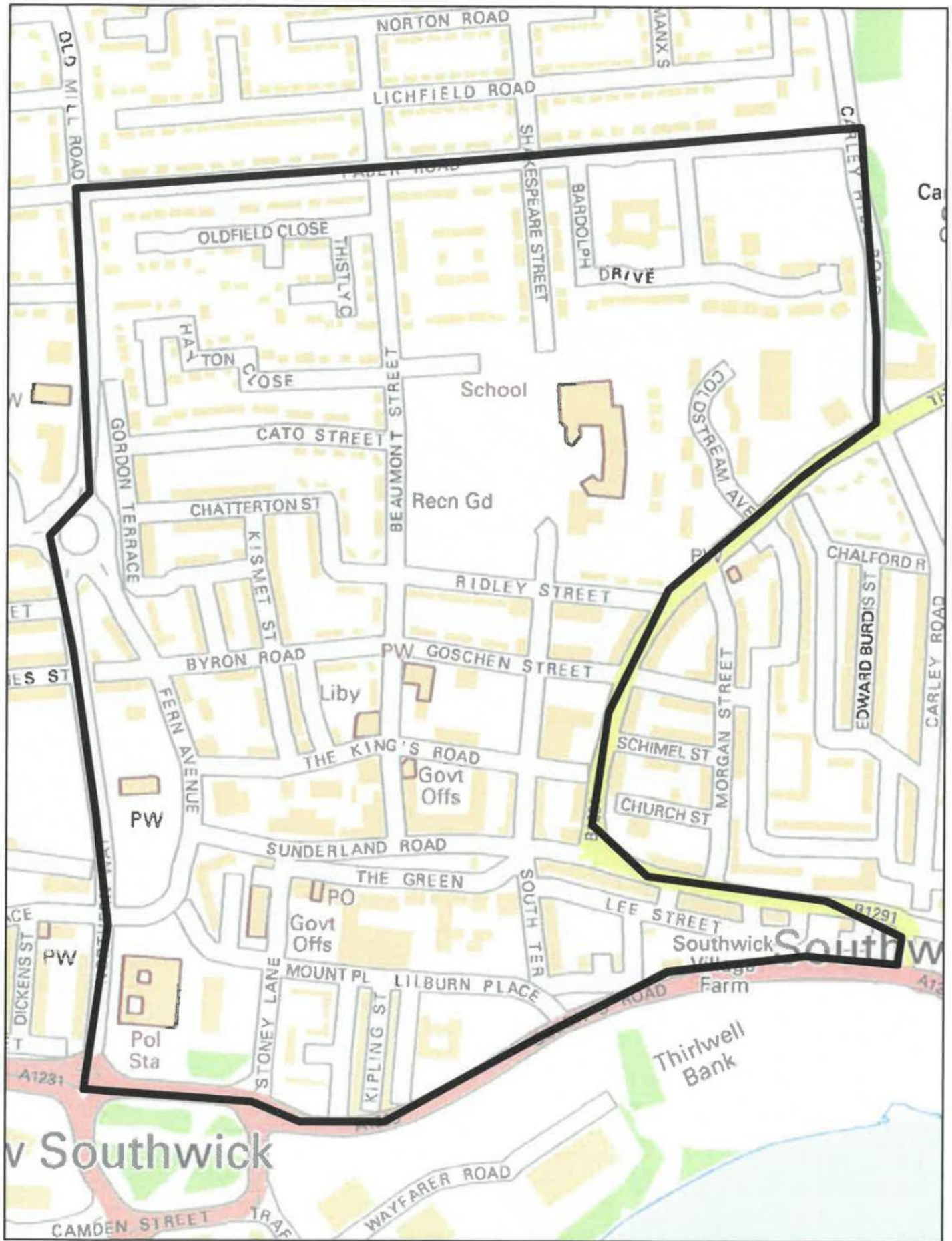
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Hendon Cumulative Impact Assessment Area



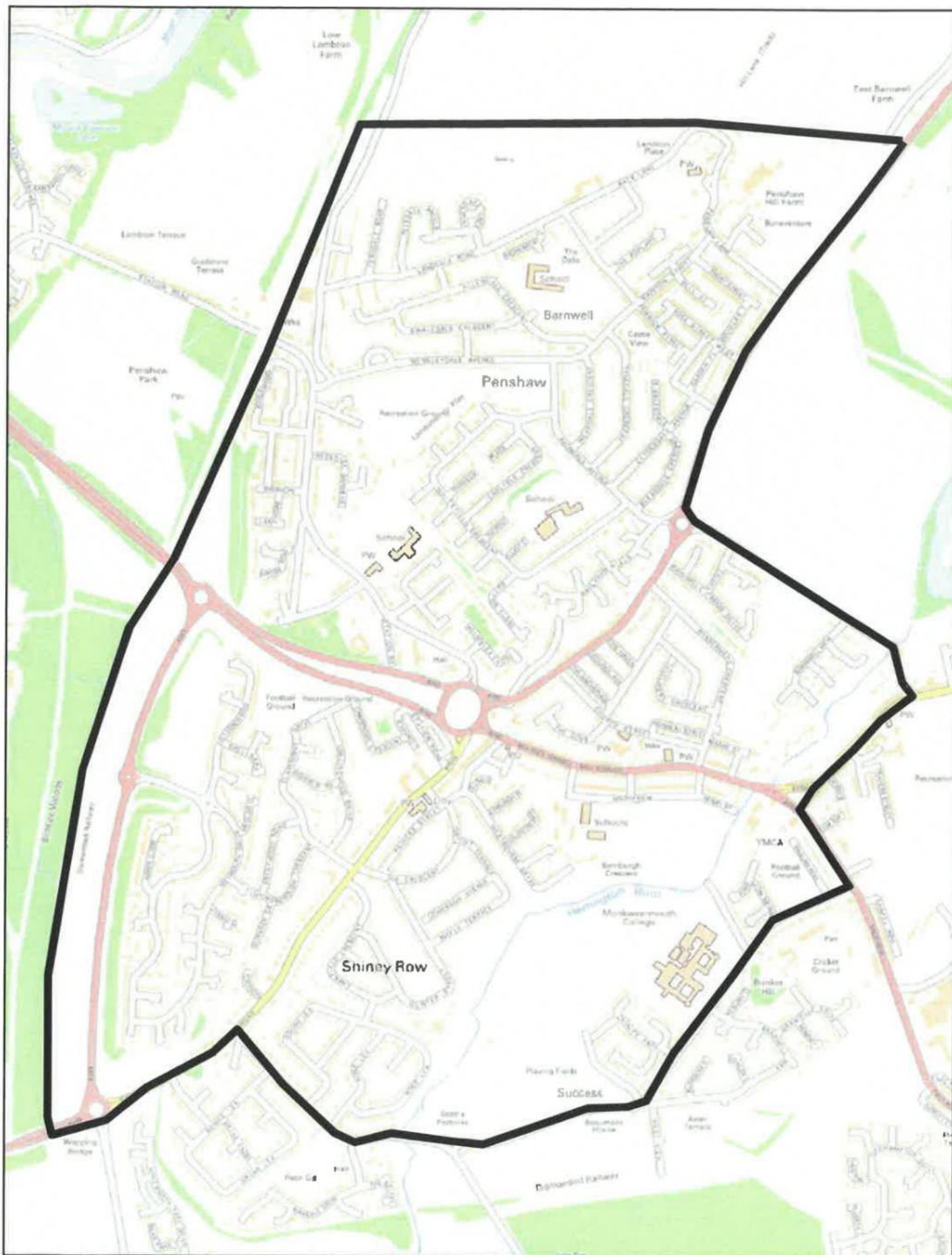
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Southwick Cumulative Impact Assessment Area



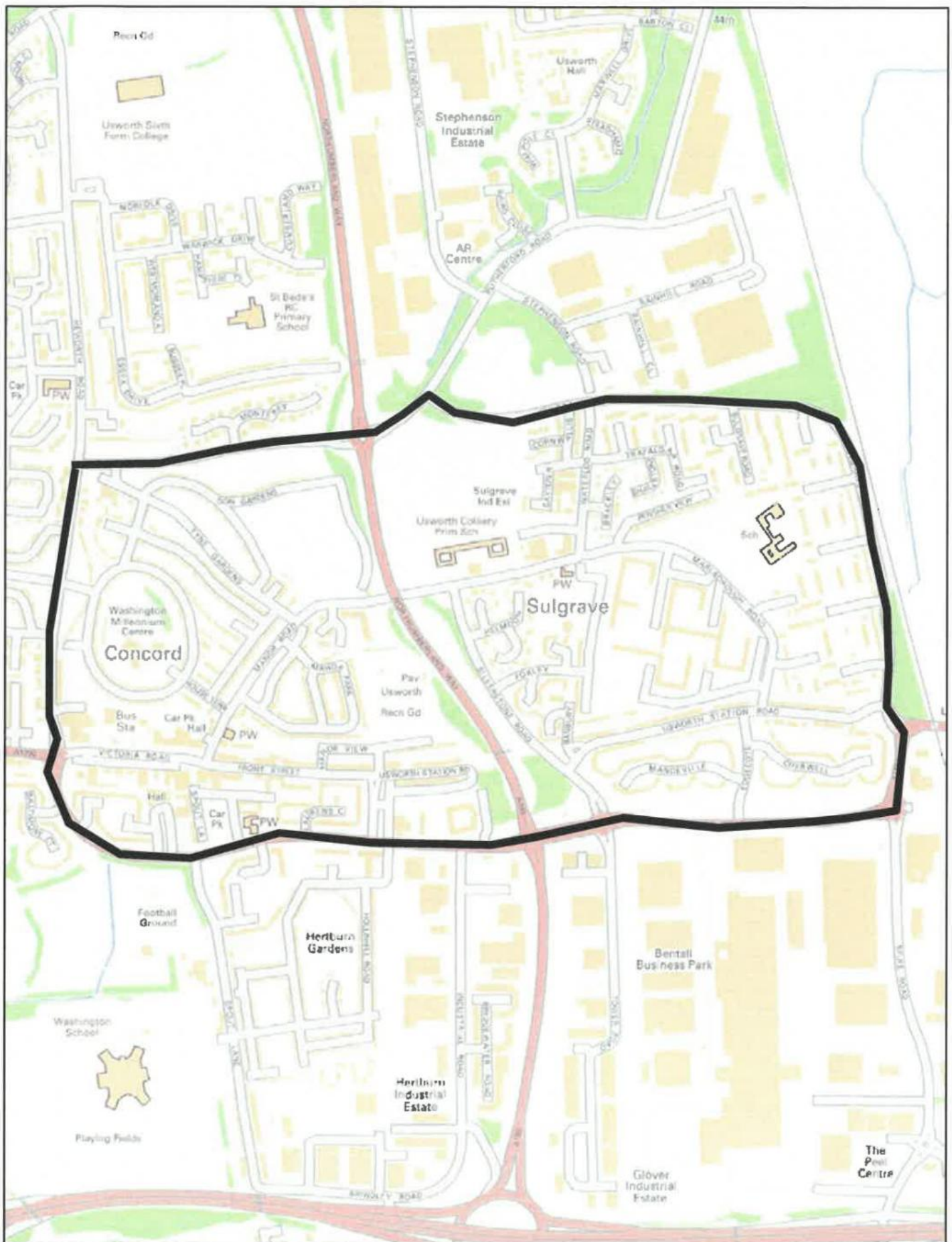
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Shiney Row Cumulative Impact Assessment Area



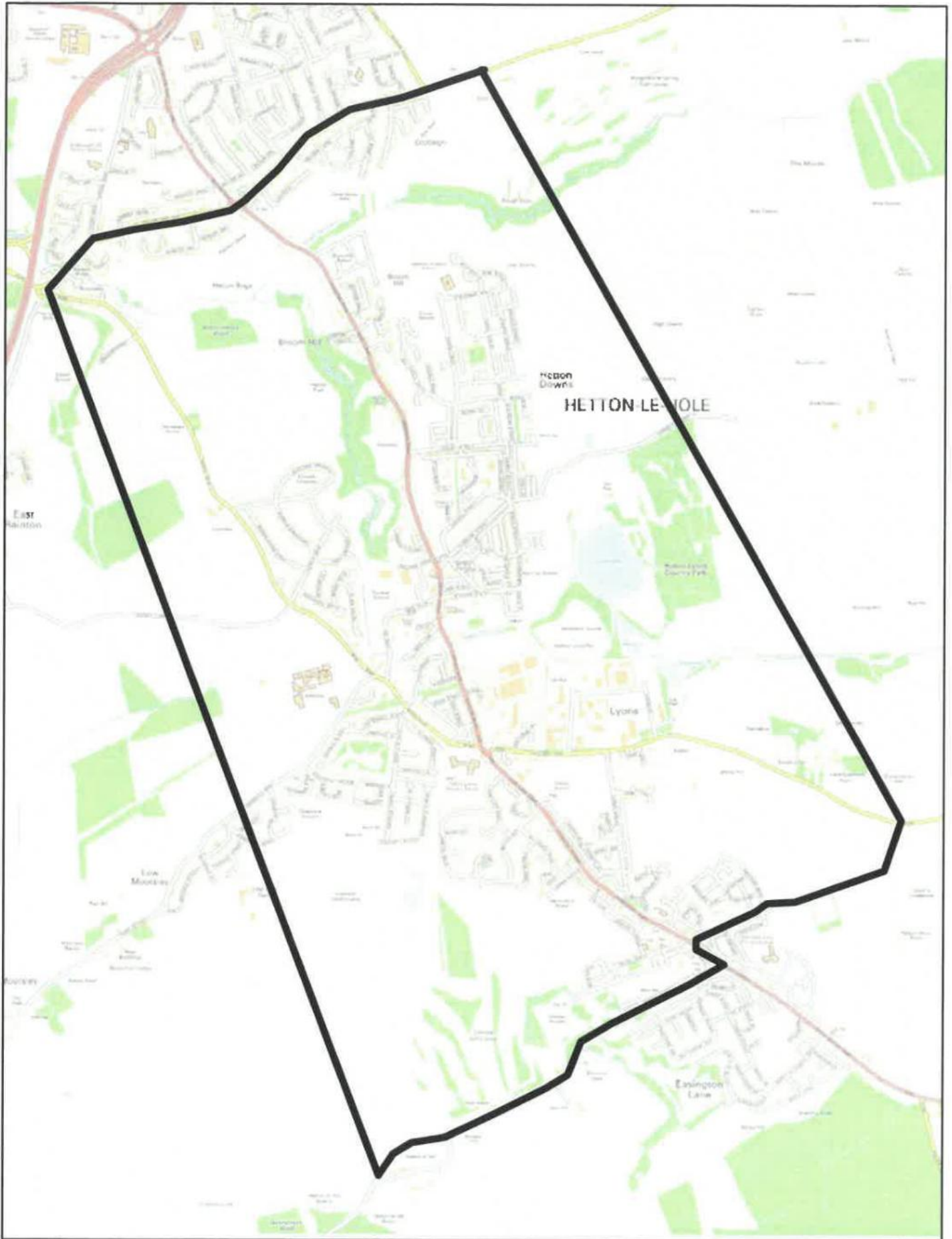
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Washington North Cumulative Impact Assessment Area



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Hetton Cumulative Impact Assessment Area



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Item 5

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14 SEPTEMBER 2021

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

COVID-19 GRANTS – FINAL POSITION SUMMARY

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To provide an overview of the Covid-19 Business Support programmes provided by Government, focusing primarily on the grants to businesses and their administration within Sunderland by the Council including the closing position.
- 1.2 The report updates the position as reported in November 2020, following the release of additional Covid-19 business support funding. Section 4 in particular covers details of the new support implemented since November 2020.

2. Background

- 2.1 As set out in the reports to the Committee's July 2020 and November 2020 meetings, a range of support measures have been announced by Government in relation to Coronavirus and its impact on businesses, initially on 17 March 2020 with further announcements at regular intervals from that point. These measures include:
 - cash grants
 - the Small Business Grant Fund
 - the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund
 - the Discretionary Fund
 - Local Restriction Support Grants (LRSG)
 - Additional Restrictions Grants (ARG)
 - Wet-led pub grants
 - Closed Business Lockdown Grants
 - Restart Grants;
 - additional business rates reliefs to the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure sectors as well as Nurseries for 2020/21 and further business rates reliefs for 2021/22;
 - loan programmes (Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme, Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme, the Bounce-Back Loan Scheme and the Recovery Loan Scheme);
 - deferral of VAT payments;
 - changes to Statutory Sick Pay;
 - the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme;
 - the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (allowing businesses to furlough employees) and the subsequent associated Job Retention Bonus (withdrawn at the point the furlough scheme was extended);
 - the Kickstart job placement scheme; and

- the Job Support Scheme (which follows the earlier Job Retention scheme).
- 2.2 As previously reported, the Council has set up dedicated web pages for businesses and employers (<https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/Covid-19business>) with links to key information, advice and guidance to help ensure the city's businesses are able to maximise the take-up of the support for which they are eligible. This has been maintained on a regular basis through the Council's Communications Team, with social and printed media signposting businesses to updates. This includes guidance for businesses in relation to re-opening safely and Covid-19 Secure requirements as well as signposting to guidance in relation to handling incidents and outbreaks.
- 2.3 As set out in the earlier reports, the Government's full information and advice for business can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/business-support>. The Government also developed a coronavirus business support finder tool (<https://www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder>), which can help businesses and self-employed people to quickly and easily determine what financial support is available to them after filling out a simple questionnaire.
- 3. Covid-19 Business Support March 2020 – September 2020**
- 3.1 As set out in July's report grants totalling £45.5m were provided to eligible businesses and organisations across the city under the Small Business Grant Fund, and the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund.
- 3.2 In addition to the grants detailed above, the Government announced additional business rates reliefs for eligible properties in the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure sectors as well as Nurseries. The Business Rates team awarded reliefs totalling over £41.96m to 1,528 eligible properties for 2020/2021.
- 3.3 As reported previously in July 2021, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) announced the Local Authority Discretionary Grants Fund on 1 May 2020. The Council received a funding allocation of £2,412,500.
- 3.4 The Discretionary Fund was launched in order to support a range of businesses that were unable to access the Small Business Grant Fund and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Fund.
- 3.5 In Sunderland, the Discretionary Fund was administered in two phases. Phase 1 delivered support to the four categories of businesses identified by Government:
- Small businesses in shared offices or other flexible workspaces, which do not have their own business rates assessment. Examples could include units in industrial parks, science parks and incubators;
 - Regular market traders with fixed building costs, such as rent, who do not have their own business rates assessment;
 - Bed & Breakfasts which pay Council Tax instead of business rates; and

- Charity properties in receipt of charitable business rates relief which would otherwise have been eligible for Small Business Rates Relief or Rural Rate Relief.

Phase 2 set out to support businesses with a rateable value below £51,000 (excluding home based businesses) which:

- had experienced loss of income due to Covid-19; and
- had not been eligible for any of the previous grant schemes.

The guidance for Phase 2 also identified two key sectors for the local economy to be prioritised - manufacturing and engineering, and software and technology.

- 3.6 In total 212 businesses in the city were able to benefit from the £2,412,500 discretionary fund available from Government, helping to safeguard 2,004 jobs within the city across both phases. The full financial allocation was distributed to city businesses.
- 3.7 In addition to the above opportunities the Council offered a Local Support Scheme (LSS) which was entirely voluntary on the part of the Council and was intended to support Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations which, for a range of reasons, were unable to access either of the above. The scheme was aimed at VCS organisations who had suffered a major loss of income or were experiencing financial pressures and concerns over their ability to continue to deliver in communities. In total 165 grants totalling £410,950 were awarded.

4. Covid-19 Business Support Grants September 2020 – July 2021

- 4.1 During this period, in response to the changing impact of the pandemic both locally (i.e. which Tier of restrictions Sunderland was in) and nationally, the Government introduced a number of grant schemes to support businesses. These schemes had defined criteria determined by government and required businesses to be the rateable occupier of the business premises. The schemes introduced were:
- Local Restrictions Support Grant (Open) – covering the period from 18 September to 4 November 2020;
 - Local Restrictions Support Grant (Sector) – covering the period 1 to 4 November 2020 and 2 to 30 December 2020;
 - Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed) Addendum – covering the period 5 November 2020 to 1 December 2020;
 - Local Restrictions Support Grant (Open) v2 – covering the period 2 December 2020 to 30 December 2020;
 - Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed) v2 – covering the period 2 December 2020 to 30 December 2020;

- Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed) Addendum Tier 4 – covering the period 31 December 2020 to 4 January 2021;
- Christmas Support payment for wet-led pubs – one-off payment covering the period 2 December 2020 to 29 December 2020;
- Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed) Addendum – covering the period 5 January to 31 March 2021;
- Closed Businesses Lockdown Payment – one-off payment covering the national lockdown period commencing 5 January 2021.
- Restart Grants – one-off payment covering the period from 1st April 2021

An overview of each of the schemes above is included from section 4.3 onwards.

- 4.2 Given the complexity of the various schemes the Council sought to minimise the application process for businesses by requiring a single application to be made for each eligible property and the business would then be considered for all grant schemes for which they were eligible. The only exception being the Christmas Support payment for wet-led pubs where, due to specific eligibility criteria, a separate application was required in order to determine eligibility.

4.3 Local Restrictions Support Grant (Open) Schemes (18 Sept – 4 Nov; 2 - 30 Dec 2020)

- 4.3.1 This is a grant for specified sectors, initially covering the period of local restrictions until the start of the national lockdown – from 18 September to 4 November 2020 (48 days). The approach was subsequently extended to run from 2 to 30 December 2020, whilst Sunderland was in Tier 3. This scheme was classed as discretionary by the Government, however, Government confirmed that the funding provided was based on businesses occupying commercial premises included in the ratings list (business rates) with a Rateable Value (RV) in Sunderland in the hospitality, hotel, bed & breakfast and leisure sectors that have not been required to close.
- 4.3.2 Government specified that the level of grant awards would be (pro-rata where necessary):
- RV up to £15,000: £934 per 28-day qualifying period
 - RV of over £15,000 and less than £51,000: £1,400 per 28-day qualifying period
 - RV of £51,000 and above: £2,100 per 28-day qualifying period

The Council received a fixed funding allocation of £1.336m which was fully utilised in making over 700 payments to eligible businesses.

4.4 Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed Schemes) (5 Nov – 1 Dec, 2 - 30 Dec, 31 Dec 2020 – 4 Jan, 5 Jan 2021 onwards)

4.4.1 These schemes ran during the period of the national lockdown (starting on 5 November until 1 December 2020), from 2 December until 30 December (whilst Sunderland was in Tier 3), the period 31 December to 4 January 2021 (whilst Sunderland was in Tier 4), and the period from 5 January 2021 onwards in relation to the third national lockdown.

4.4.2 Eligible businesses were those that were the rateable occupier of a business premises and that had been mandated to close by Government in accordance with the national lockdown / local restrictions in place at the time and provide direct in-person services from their business premises in the following areas:

- non-essential retail;
- hospitality venues;
- accommodation such as hotels, guest houses and B&Bs;
- personal care facilities;
- entertainment and tourism venues;
- leisure and sports facilities; and
- community facilities.

4.4.3 Grant awards were specified by BEIS in the guidance for the schemes as follows:

- RV up to £15,000: £1,334 per 28-day qualifying period / £2,001 per 42-day qualifying period;
- RV of over £15,000 and less than £51,000: £2,000 per 28-day qualifying period / £3,000 per 42-day qualifying period; and
- RV of £51,000 and above: £3,000 per 28-day qualifying period / £4,500 per 42-day qualifying period.

Where schemes were only in place for shorter periods then the grant amounts were paid on a pro rata basis.

4.4.4 Funding was provided to the Council based upon the payments made to eligible businesses within the city. Across these schemes over 7,200 payments totalling £12.280m were made.

4.5 Local Restrictions Support Grant (Sector) (1-4 Nov, 2-30 Dec 2020)

4.5.1 This grant was open to a very small number of businesses for those business sectors occupying business premises in the ratings list that have been required to close on a national basis since 23 March 2020 i.e.

predominantly nightclubs and discotheques.

- 4.5.2 Payment levels under this scheme were set by Government. The amounts referred to below were the levels set by Government for a 14-day period:
- Rateable value (RV) up to £15,000: £667 per 14-day qualifying period
 - RV of over £15,000 and less than £51,000: £1,000 per 14-day qualifying period
 - RV of £51,000 and above: £1,500 per 14-day qualifying period

Grant payments were paid to businesses on a pro-rata basis for the periods of time during which the scheme was operating where this was not an exact 14 day period.

- 4.5.3 Five payments were made totalling £1,300 under this scheme. It is important to note that these businesses were also covered by and supported through other grant support schemes.

4.6 Closed Businesses Lockdown Payment (5 Jan 2021 onwards)

- 4.6.1 The Closed Businesses Lockdown Payment provided a one-off top up grant for all businesses, which are the rateable occupier and had been mandated to close by Government during national restrictions, that provide direct in-person services from their business premises and include non-essential retail, leisure, personal care, sports facilities and hospitality businesses.

- 4.6.2 Grant awards were specified by BEIS in the guidance for the scheme as:

- RV up to and including £15,000: £4,000;
- RV of over £15,000 and less than £51,000: £6,000; and
- RV of £51,000 and above: £9,000.

- 4.6.3 Funding was provided to the Council based upon the payments made to eligible businesses within the city. Across this scheme almost 1,700 payments totalling £8.001m were made.

4.7 Christmas Support Payment for wet-led pubs

- 4.7.1 The Government announced the introduction of additional support over the festive period for wet-led pubs in areas under Tier 2 or 3 restrictions, which applied to Sunderland. Government clarified that wet-led pubs were those that do not derive 50% of their income from food sales, that they should be open to the general public and allow free entry other than when occasional entertainment is provided, that allow drinking without requiring food to be consumed, and that permit drinks to be purchased at a bar.

- 4.7.2 A flat rate one-off grant of £1,000 was payable for each eligible pub. A total of 142 wet-led pubs were supported with a value of £142,000.

4.8 Restart Grants (1 April 2021 onwards)

- 4.8.1 In the March 2021 budget, the Government announced the provision of further funding to support businesses predominantly reliant on delivering in-person services for the general public at their business premises through Restart Grants. Government also confirmed that these grants could not be paid until 1 April 2021. There were two strands to this grant scheme:

Strand 1 (non-essential retail) One-off grants of up to £6,000 paid to non-essential retail business premises, to help them reopen safely.

Strand 2 (other sectors) One-off grants of up to £18,000 paid to hospitality, accommodation, leisure, personal care and gym business premises, which might open later under plans set out in the Government's roadmap and were expected to be more impacted by restrictions when they did reopen.

- 4.8.2 Grant awards were specified by BEIS in the guidance for the scheme as:

Strand 1 - Non-essential retail:

- RV up to and including £15,000: £2,667
- RV of over £15,000 and less than £51,000: £4,000
- RV of £51,000 and above: £6,000

Strand 2 - Other Sectors:

- RV up to and including £15,000: £8,000
- RV of over £15,000 and less than £51,000: £12,000
- RV of £51,000 and above: £18,000

- 4.8.3 Funding has been provided to the Council based upon the payments made to eligible businesses within the city. Across this scheme over 1,700 payments totalling £12.393m have been made.

4.9 Business Rates Reliefs (2021/22)

- 4.9.1 As with 2020/21, Government announced a set of extended business rates reliefs to support those businesses most severely impacted by the pandemic in 2021/2022. The business rates reliefs are less than those in 2020/21 and were to be provided to:

- shops;

- restaurants, cafés, bars or pubs;
- cinemas or music venues; and
- hospitality or leisure businesses - for example, a gym, a spa, a casino or a hotel.

4.9.2 The amount of business rates relief to be provided is:

- 100% for the first 3 months of 2021/2022; and
- 66% for the rest of the 2021 to 2022 tax year - up to a total value of £2 million. To note, if a business was legally allowed to open during the national lockdown starting 5 January 2021, the value of the relief for the period 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022 is capped at £105,000 rather than £2 million.

4.9.3 Separately, nurseries were also provided with additional business rates relief during 2021/2022 on the following basis:

- 100% for the first 3 months of 2021/2022; and
- 66% for the rest of the 2021 to 2022 tax year - up to a total value of £105,000.

4.9.4 In total, the Business Rates team have awarded reliefs totalling over £18.264m to 1,525 eligible properties for 2021/2022.

5.0 Additional Restrictions Grant

5.1 The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) announced the Local Authority Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) Fund on 31 October 2020. As with the earlier Discretionary Fund, the Government set out guidance and eligibility criteria on its use and highlighted a number of priority areas for consideration, but the Council had discretion on how the funds were allocated, in order to address local need.

5.2 The initial amount of funding provided to the Council was £5,554,100. However, due to continued restrictions, two further ARG payments were received; £2,466,868 announced on 5 January 2021, which was followed by £1,168,624 announced 3 March 2021. The latter payment was conditional on 100% of the two earlier allocations being spent and all funding is to cover the period to 31 March 2022

5.3 A number of schemes were developed to support a wide a range of businesses impacted by the restrictions in place locally in the city from 18 September 2020 and nationally from 2 November 2020. The schemes were developed to support as many businesses as possible within the scope of funding available. In Sunderland, 1896 business have benefited from the allocation of ARG funding, across the various schemes administered.

- 5.4 ARG funding in Sunderland has been used in the main to support those businesses not eligible for the mainstream Government funding. Each ARG funded scheme was developed and delivered at pace, with criteria set to ensure the businesses most in need received the funding. The schemes funded by ARG which were delivered in Sunderland between October 2020 and July 2021 are set out below.
- 5.5 **ARG Extended Support Grants** were initially paid to businesses in the categories below that did not meet the criteria for the mainstream LRSG funding. This was on a like for like basis to the grants available through LRSG, using rent as a proxy for business rates where a business did not have a Rateable Value (R.V).
- Businesses which met all other eligibility criteria for the Open / Closed and Closed Business Lockdown Payments (CBLP) schemes but who do not have their own Rateable Value and are not home-based businesses.
 - Businesses which directly supply to the Hospitality, Accommodation and Leisure (HAL) sectors and which had been severely affected by mandatory closures during national lockdown measures.

The intention of these grants was to support businesses based in commercial property, and therefore with the most significant property costs. Where a R.V was not available, businesses needed to demonstrate lease costs of £250 per month or more, ensuring the initial support was targeted at those most impacted with the highest fixed costs. Applications closed for this support on 18 February 2021 to enable the delivery of the following schemes with the remaining funds.

- 5.6 **Covid Resilience Grants** were open to all businesses significantly impacted by Covid-19 restrictions, regardless of sector, with a R.V or monthly rental costs of £250 per month or more. In total, 468 businesses were supported with grants of £5000, £7500 or £10,000 depending on their R.V and using rent as a proxy when there was no business rates assessment. The scheme closed for applications on 19 March 2021.
- 5.7 **Taxi Driver Grants** were paid to all eligible taxi drivers licensed to operate in the city, of which 961 successfully applied. Two payments of £500, totalling £1000 per driver were made to reflect the impact on the sector from the restrictions and their significance in supporting vulnerable people in the city. The second payment was made automatically, without the need for a second application, on 22 April 2021 following the receipt of the second phase of ARG by the Council. The Business Investment Team worked closely with the Licensing Team and Business Support to administer the scheme and all taxi drivers were contacted to alert them to the availability of funding. The scheme closed for applications on 31 March 2021.
- 5.8 **Covid Support Grants** were paid to 189 home based, mobile and face-to-face businesses mandated to close in Hospitality, Accommodation and Leisure (HAL) sectors, including the direct supply chain. An initial payment of £2000 per business was made with a further payment of £500, totalling £2500 per business. The payment rates reflected the lower fixed property

costs of these businesses compared to the earlier schemes. The scheme closed for applications on 18 April 2021.

- 5.9 **Restart Extension Grants** were paid to all eligible businesses who had applied for the ARG Extended Support Grant scheme. All businesses received the equivalent of mainstream Tier One Restart Grants, regardless of sector, due to the limited funding available. Payments of £2667, £4000 or £6000, depending on R.V or rent as a proxy, were made to all eligible applicants who applied for the ARG Extended Support Grant.
- 5.10 **ARG (Open) July Grants** were paid to businesses in HAL and the direct supply chain who remained impacted by the extended restrictions in place until 18th July 2021. These grants were paid at the rate of the Government's previously used 28 day Open grant: £934, £1400 or £2100 to businesses in commercial property, using their R.V or rent as a proxy. Payments were also made to eligible HAL businesses who had applied to the Covid Resilience Grant scheme at a rate of £934, and to eligible businesses who had applied to the Covid Support Scheme at a rate of £500. These payments were made from the third allocation of ARG funding from Government.
- 5.11 **Businesses most significantly impacted by continued restrictions** received the final allocation of ARG funding in July 2021. Through intelligence gathered from discussions and feedback with the business community, these businesses were identified as Travel Agents, Theatres, Live Music Venues and Nightclubs. Payments of £7000, £12000 or £17,000 were made depending on R.V.
- 5.12 To date over 5,500 ARG payments have been made with a value of £9.157m leaving a small balance of c. £32,000 which will be allocated ahead of the deadline set by Government of 31 March 2022.

6 Wider Covid-19 Business Support

- 6.1 The Business Investment Team have liaised with over 1360 businesses across all sectors since early March 2020 as part of the Covid-19 response. This has included supporting them to access Government grants where they were eligible, as well as signposting them to other forms of support including the Self Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS), Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS), the Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Scheme (CLBILS), the Bounce Back Loan Scheme (BBLs), the Kickstart scheme and the North East LEP Restart and Recovery Grant Scheme.
- 6.2 Businesses in the city have also taken up the opportunity to furlough staff through the Covid Job Retention Scheme. Nationally, data issued by HMRC in August 2021 (the most recent data available at the time of writing, which refers to the end of 30 June 2021) indicates that 539,800 employers were at that point furloughing staff with a total of 1,857,400 employees furloughed. This data indicates that the North East Region has 64,000 people on furlough, including 31,000 within Tyne and Wear, with 9,200 Sunderland residents

identified as being in furloughed employment. The furlough scheme is set to end on 30 September 2021 and during August and September the Government's contribution is reduced to 60%, with employers paying 20%.

- 6.3 Throughout the pandemic staff in the Business Investment Team and Finance have monitored Government guidance and business support interventions on a regular basis. This ensured that the most up to date information could be communicated with businesses as quickly as possible, and that we could help them to access whatever support was available to assist them during these very challenging times. This approach continues to date.
- 6.4 Throughout the pandemic the Council has continued to share weekly feedback from businesses with Government both through the co-ordinated NE local authorities' approach and through the NE Local Enterprise Partnership. This has in turn been fed into the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and the Department for Business Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) respectively.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the information included in this report, and to consider and comment on the contents.

8 Glossary

- 8.1 None

9 Background Papers

- 9.1 None

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14 SEPTEMBER 2021

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2021-2022

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT CO- ORDINATOR

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report sets out the current work programme of the Committee for the 2021-22 municipal year.

2. Background

- 2.1 The work programme is designed to set out the key issues to be addressed by the Committee during the year and provide it with a timetable of work. The Committee itself is responsible for setting its own work programme, subject to the coordinating role of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee.
- 2.2 The work programme is intended to be a working document which Committee can develop throughout the year, allowing it to maintain an overview of work planned and undertaken during the Council year.
- 2.3 In order to ensure that the Committee can undertake all of its business and respond to emerging issues, there will be scope for additional meetings or visits not detailed in the work programme.
- 2.4 In delivering its work programme the Committee will support the Council in achieving its corporate outcomes

3. Current position

- 3.1 The current work programme is attached as an appendix to this report.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The work programme is intended to be a flexible mechanism for managing the work of the Committee in 2021-22.

5 Recommendation

- 5.1 That Members note the information contained in the work programme.

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ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME 2021-22

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SSTC and Port – Visit – Date to be confirmed

NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with an opportunity to consider the items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Holding the Executive to account is one of the main functions of Scrutiny. One of the ways that this can be achieved is by considering the forthcoming decisions of the Executive (as outlined in the Notice of Key Decisions) and deciding whether Scrutiny can add value in advance of the decision being made. This does not negate Non-Executive Members ability to call-in a decision after it has been made.
- 2.2 To this end, the most recent version of the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions is included on the agenda of this Committee. The Notice of Key Decisions is attached marked **Appendix 1**.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 In considering the Notice of Key Decisions, Members are asked to consider only those issues where the Scrutiny Committee or relevant Scrutiny Panel could make a contribution which would add value prior to the decision being taken.
- 3.2 In the event of Members having any queries that cannot be dealt with directly in the meeting, a response will be sought from the relevant Directorate.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 To consider the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions at the Scrutiny Committee meeting.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Cabinet Agenda

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The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Notice is given of the following proposed Key Decisions (whether proposed to be taken in public or in private) and of Executive Decisions including key decisions) intended to be considered in a private meeting:-

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210118/552	To consider the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order in relation to the New Wear Footbridge.	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210419/577	To approve the dilapidation settlement figure and the procurement of the dilapidation works in respect of the CESAM building.	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210510/588	To approve the receipt of external funding for the public sector decarbonisation scheme and green homes grant local programme and the procurement of the necessary contractors to deliver the schemes.	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210420/579	To consider a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210505/586	To approve the procurement of Rock Armour for the coastal defence structures at Stonehill Wall and Hendon Foreshore Barrier, Port of Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210528/601	To consider the establishment of a Bus Enhanced Partnership.	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210602/603	To commence the procurement process and subsequently award the necessary contract for a concession contract for the installation, maintenance, and management of advertising for Large Digital Media Advertising (LDMA) Screens in the City.	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
170927/212	To approve in principle the establishment of a new police led Road Safety Partnership (Northumbria Road Safety Partnership) embracing the Northumbria Force Area.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 14 September to 30 November 2021.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
200813/494	To approve funding mechanisms for the acquisition of residential properties.	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210621/609	To consider the selection of a Preferred Bidder in respect of the procurement of a JV partner for the Council's 5G Smart City project and approval of the proposed next steps, including contract award	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210706/611	To extend the current E-Scooter Trial until the end of March 2022	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210709/612	To authorise the Executive Director of City Development to deliver the Washington F-Pit Museum Heritage Visitor Centre and Albany Park Improvement project, including to procuring of consultants and contractors.	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210728/613	To seek approval for strategic land acquisitions in Sunnyside, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210729/614	To seek approval for the Lease of Land at Azure Court, Doxford Park.	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210803/618	To seek approval for the Lease of Space in the Sunderland Software Centre to the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210804/619	To seek approval of the Highway Asset Management Policy and Strategy 2021-26.	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210805/620	To consider proposed changes to the Procurement Procedure Rules and financial thresholds, with a recommendation to Council for formal approval if agreed	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210805/621	To consider potential financing proposals from a regional body	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210805/622	To seek approval to introduce Private Sector Leasing Models	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210805/623	To seek approval for a variation to extend the HWRC Service Contract at Beach Street	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210805/624	To seek approval to negotiate and enter into a contract with MCC Homes in the delivery of 16 one bed bungalows at Hudson Road	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210805/625	To seek approval for the Winter Maintenance Plan 2021/22	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210805/626	To seek approval to acquire land from and negotiate to enter into a build contract with MCC Homes Limited in the delivery of 11 one bed bungalows and 5 three bed houses at Old Mill Road.	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210805/627	To seek approval to acquire land from and negotiate to enter into a build contract with Fit Out Yorkshire in the delivery of 13 one bed apartments at St James William Street.	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210805/628	To seek approval to enter into a Collaboration Agreement with Sunderland Culture Ltd, the University of Sunderland, and the Sunderland Music, Arts and Culture Trust	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210810/629	In respect of the Licensing Act 2003, to review the Cumulative Impact Assessment.	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210810/629	To seek approval in principle to the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order over land at Washington Road, Sunderland, and to authorise the necessary land acquisitions by private treaty and the proposed next steps.	Cabinet	Yes	14 September 2021	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210810/630	To appoint a multi-agency Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board which the Council must consult as it performs certain specified functions under Part 4 of 2021 Domestic Abuse Act.	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210510/590	Subject to the receipt of external funding, to approve funding and partnership arrangements to enable support of advanced manufacturing innovation and growth.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 14 September to 31 October 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210729/615	To consider the draft International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP) Interim Planning Policy Statement.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 14 September to 31 October 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210729/616	Subject to the outcome of a funding application to approve payment of a grant to support development of Social Enterprise and Co-operative businesses on a city-wide basis	Cabinet	Y	During the period 14 September to 31 October 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210505/587	To approve the procurement of a Contractor for the Repair Works at Hendon Foreshore Barrier, Port of Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	12 October 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210607/608	To seek approval to proposed funding arrangements with Siglion Investments LLP.	Cabinet	Y	12 October 2021	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210623/610	In respect of the Gambling Act 2005, to review of Statement of Principles.	Cabinet	Y	16 November 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210729/617	To approve the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP) Interim Planning Policy Statement for adoption.	Cabinet	Y	9 February 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

Note; Some of the documents listed may not be available if they are subject to an exemption, prohibition or restriction on disclosure. Further documents relevant to the matters to be decided can be submitted to the decision-maker. If you wish to request details of those documents (if any) as they become available, or to submit representations about a proposal to hold a meeting in private, you should contact Governance Services at the address below.

Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of documents submitted to the decision-maker can also be obtained from the Governance Services team PO Box 100, Civic Centre, Sunderland, or by email to committees@sunderland.gov.uk

***Other documents relevant to the matter may be submitted to the decision maker and requests for details of these documents should be submitted to Governance Services at the address given above.**

Who will decide;

Councillor Graeme Miller – Leader; Councillor Claire Rowntree – Deputy Leader; Councillor Paul Stewart - Cabinet Secretary; Councillor Louise Farthing – Children, Learning and Skills; Councillor Kelly Chequer – Healthy City; Councillor Linda Williams – Vibrant City; Councillor Kevin Johnston – Dynamic City.

This is the membership of Cabinet as at the date of this notice. Any changes will be specified on a supplementary notice.

Elaine Waugh,
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

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