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Attachments: InLink applications - PS.pdf

Good afternoon all,

Please find attached my comments regarding the numerous applications for InLink kiosk within Merton borough.

Please note I am now out of the office until 27th December when I can then respond to any questions.

I wish you and your family a lovely Christmas.

Kind regards

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14th December 2018

Dear Sarah and Joe,

Re: InLink applications at various locations within Merton Borough

Proposal: Application to determine whether telecom prior approval is required for the installation of InLink apparatus on the public footway for the provision of broadband, mobile device charging and public calls.

I noticed these applications on the weekly planning list.

Our reference	Your reference	Address
SW2725	18/P4221	Outside 116 London Road Morden
SW2726	18/P4220	Outside 22 Crown Lane Morden
SW2727	18/P4226	Outside 120 The Broadway Wimbledon
SW2728	18/P4222	Outside car park 111-127 The Broadway Wimbledon
SW2729	18/P4228	Outside 105-109 High Street Colliers Wood
SW2730	18/P4230	Outside 42 Aberconway Road Morden
SW2731	18/P4223	Outside 68-74 Coombe Lane Raynes Park

Also 18/P4384 for advertisement consent for Opposite 36 Merton High Street Colliers Wood.
(Our reference SW2734)

I can confirm that meetings have taken place between the police and the proposed communication provider, InLink, regarding similar installations with other boroughs and attention has been drawn to the level of ASB and drug related activities from free telephone calls.

I have reviewed all the documents made available to me in respect of these applications and at this stage can see **no** consideration towards public safety with regards to the free calls to mobile phones.

Therefore, in light of the issues with the current installations causing drug related ASB and in the interest of community safety and the prevention of crime and disorder, including the safeguarding of minors, I object to this planning application concerning the installation of InLink phone kiosks at the above locations.

The reported crime figures for a 12 month period of November 2017 to October 2018 show that the highest or second highest rate of crime committed within the vicinity of the proposed InLink kiosk concerns anti-social behaviour. Police figures and intelligence show an increase in the visible presence of drug related activity as a consequence of existing - and similarly

designed - free phone call kiosks within the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. I have concerns that the installation of these devices in Merton, would cause similar demand of the police service and have a similar negative effect on the community.

The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) are working hard to reduce offences and decrease the fear of crime associated with the introduction of free call telephone kiosks. The kiosks are known to the MPS to facilitate free calls to offenders with criminal intent on dealing drugs.

A recent investigation by the MPS showed that a significant number of calls made from such phone kiosks, were calling mobile numbers known to be solely used in connection with drugs supply.

This resulted in the generation and impact of Anti-Social Behaviour being identified in the locations surrounding the kiosks causing significant demand on local policing resources, local officials and a subsequent effect on the community.

The Metropolitan Police Service is working in conjunction with a number of local authorities and engaging with InLink to achieve a suitable resolution to the problems associated with the installation of free call kiosks, primarily around the free call to mobile telephones.

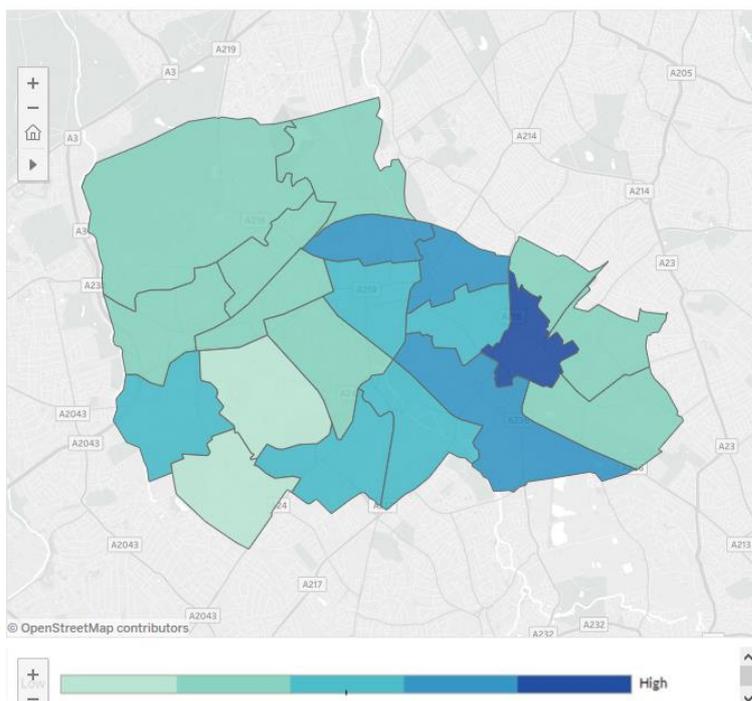
There are current trials taking place within the borough of Tower Hamlets, whereby the mobile calling function has been limited to determine if the crime issues ease, these will be reviewed in early 2019.

Until the crime risk, together with design and safety resolutions in the application of InLink phone kiosks can be achieved, - by all key stakeholders -, the Metropolitan Police Service object to this application and all new installations of free call kiosks being implemented.

The following solutions would allow a positive response to the installation of these devices:

- A. Activate the built in CCTV cameras in the kiosks so the user is visible on screen when using the device.**
- B. Remove the facility to make calls to mobile phones.**

Crime Figures



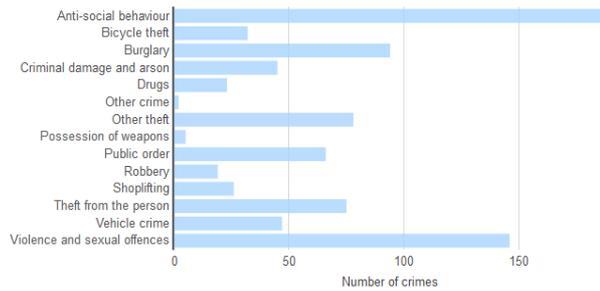
This map shows the Merton borough divided into wards. The colours depict the crime rate for each ward between December 2017 and November 2018. This allows easy comparison of which wards have low and which have high crime rate wards in the borough. Obtained from Crime Data Dashboard www.met.police.uk on 14th December 2018.

In the year ending June 2018, the crime rate in Merton (66.12) was lower than the average for the Metropolitan Police Force area (92.87) for Police recorded crimes per 1,000 population.

The crime figures below are reflective of an exceptionally high rate of antisocial behaviour within a one mile radius from the centre of each proposed location and postcode.

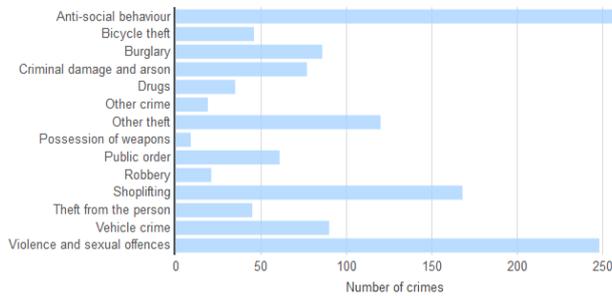
SW2725 18/P4221 Outside 116 London Road Morden
 SW2726 18/P4220 Outside 22 Crown Lane Morden

Comparison of crime types in this area between November 2017 and October 2018



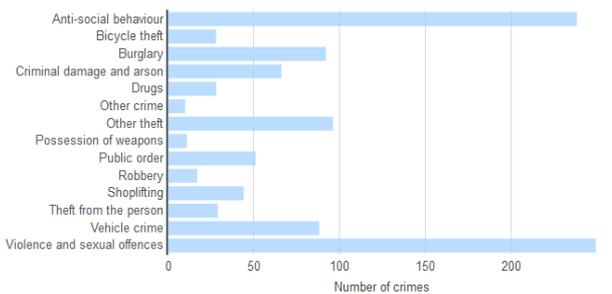
Crime type	Total	Percentage
Anti-social behaviour	188	22.22%
Bicycle theft	32	3.78%
Burglary	94	11.11%
Criminal damage and arson	45	5.32%
Drugs	23	2.72%
Other crime	2	0.24%
Other theft	78	9.22%
Possession of weapons	5	0.59%
Public order	66	7.80%
Robbery	19	2.25%
Shoplifting	26	3.07%
Theft from the person	75	8.87%
Vehicle crime	47	5.56%
Violence and sexual offences	146	17.26%

Comparison of crime types in this area between November 2017 and October 2018



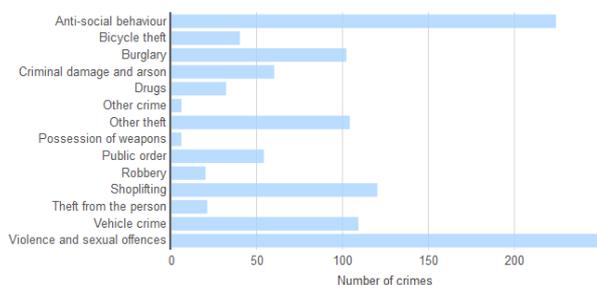
Crime type ↕	Total ↕	Percentage ▾
Anti-social behaviour	257	20.05%
Violence and sexual offences	248	19.34%
Shoplifting	168	13.10%
Other theft	120	9.36%
Vehicle crime	90	7.02%
Burglary	86	6.71%
Criminal damage and arson	77	6.01%
Public order	61	4.76%
Bicycle theft	46	3.59%
Theft from the person	45	3.51%
Drugs	35	2.73%
Robbery	21	1.64%
Other crime	19	1.48%
Possession of weapons	9	0.70%

Comparison of crime types in this area between November 2017 and October 2018



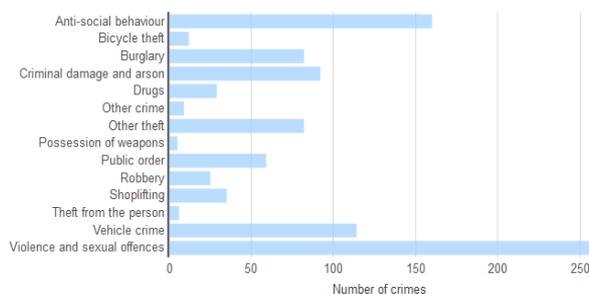
Crime type ↕	Total ↕	Percentage ▾
Violence and sexual offences	249	23.78%
Anti-social behaviour	238	22.73%
Other theft	96	9.17%
Burglary	92	8.79%
Vehicle crime	88	8.40%
Criminal damage and arson	66	6.30%
Public order	51	4.87%
Shoplifting	44	4.20%
Theft from the person	29	2.77%
Bicycle theft	28	2.67%
Drugs	28	2.67%
Robbery	17	1.62%
Possession of weapons	11	1.05%
Other crime	10	0.96%

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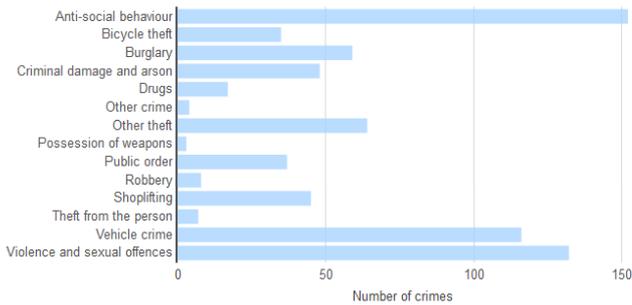
Crime type	Total	Percentage
Violence and sexual offences	249	21.71%
Anti-social behaviour	224	19.53%
Shoplifting	120	10.46%
Vehicle crime	109	9.50%
Other theft	104	9.07%
Burglary	102	8.89%
Criminal damage and arson	60	5.23%
Public order	54	4.71%
Bicycle theft	40	3.49%
Drugs	32	2.79%
Theft from the person	21	1.83%
Robbery	20	1.74%
Other crime	6	0.52%
Possession of weapons	6	0.52%

Comparison of crime types in this area between November 2017 and October 2018



Crime type	Total	Percentage
Violence and sexual offences	256	26.50%
Anti-social behaviour	160	16.56%
Vehicle crime	114	11.80%
Criminal damage and arson	92	9.52%
Burglary	82	8.49%
Other theft	82	8.49%
Public order	59	6.11%
Shoplifting	35	3.62%
Drugs	29	3.00%
Robbery	25	2.59%
Bicycle theft	12	1.24%
Other crime	9	0.93%
Theft from the person	6	0.62%
Possession of weapons	5	0.52%

Comparison of crime types in this area between November 2017 and October 2018



Crime type	Total	Percentage
Anti-social behaviour	152	20.91%
Violence and sexual offences	132	18.16%
Vehicle crime	116	15.96%
Other theft	64	8.80%
Burglary	59	8.12%
Criminal damage and arson	48	6.60%
Shoplifting	45	6.19%
Public order	37	5.09%
Bicycle theft	35	4.81%
Drugs	17	2.34%
Robbery	8	1.10%
Theft from the person	7	0.96%
Other crime	4	0.55%
Possession of weapons	3	0.41%

Figures obtained on 14th December 2018 from www.police.uk.

If you require clarification or wish to discuss any aspect of the report, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number.

Yours sincerely,

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