



As shown on the map there are a number of bars and clubs in this area, not just The Courtyard. Many of these venues close around 2/3am and that causes a build up in the congregation areas shown. The build up of people in this concentrated area can lead to anti-social or even violent offences. These are often called into the police by Courtyard door staff and in turn are logged as a courtyard incident regardless of whether or not it involved our patrons. People congregate in this area to wait for lifts/taxis as they feel safe, due to our door staff, CCTV and safety in numbers.

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## Antisocial behaviour on city centre

Confrontation caused by large gangs of youths (on foot, push bikes or driving) happens all day and night showing there is no link with timing.

The large gangs of youths congregate in various places in the town centre. During the night time the main places they seem to congregate is outside the Admiral building and the steps to leading to the Admiral building from Cambrian Road. They are suspected to be dealing drugs, taking drugs and participating in underage drinking on the streets. It would seem that the police are turning a blind eye to the inappropriate behaviour these youths display.

Day and night, the youths are often seen riding around town with their faces covered (hiding their identity) intimidating and offering drugs to innocent by passers.

From the 16<sup>th</sup> May to the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 eight street robberies were reported in Newport City Centre. 'All the crimes were committed between 2pm and 11pm, and involved a group of youth approaching victims and demanding money or belongings.' (South Wales Argus, 2018)

Large gangs of youths, aggressive beggars, homeless, and people that fail our strict door policy (No Baseball caps, tracksuits, sports clothing, attitude, level of intoxication or have been previously banned from the venue) plague the streets due to low police presence.

There are a large number of vehicles driving around the City Centre throughout the night, many of which are suspected to be involved with the dealing of drugs. Cambrian Road being open throughout the night makes it a prime location for these vehicles to operate.

Vehicles having access to Cambrian Road during the night time poses a threat to the large number of pedestrians, especially with many of them being under the influence of alcohol.

Throughout the early evening there is a small police presence (That is sporadic). From 2:30 onwards the police presence in the area drops dramatically. Resulting in the Door staff and Managers of the venues being forced to deal with policing the areas surrounding the venues.

Managers and Door staff however have little influence on the behaviour of people that are not customers of the venue, due to them knowing there are no consequences for their actions.

Managers and Door staff have a positive influence on the patrons of our venues due to them knowing that failure to cooperate and follow our rules will result in them being banned from our venues.

People (whether their patrons or not) tend to congregate outside the venue . This is partly due to the fact the area is closely monitored by CCTV, door staff and managers (Both are known to intervene if a problem occurs outside the venue and in the surrounding areas). This is also due to the large amount of seating and shelters that the area surrounding the venue provides.

The City Centres alcohol exclusion area is not being enforced by the police.

The Council has recognised that there is a problem with youths riding bikes through the City Centre and instituted a ban on riding bikes in the City Centre. This ban is also not being enforced by the police.

Parking regulations along Cambrian Road are not being enforced. This is resulting in cars being parked on the pavements forcing pedestrians to walk on the road (putting their lives in danger).

#### Sources

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