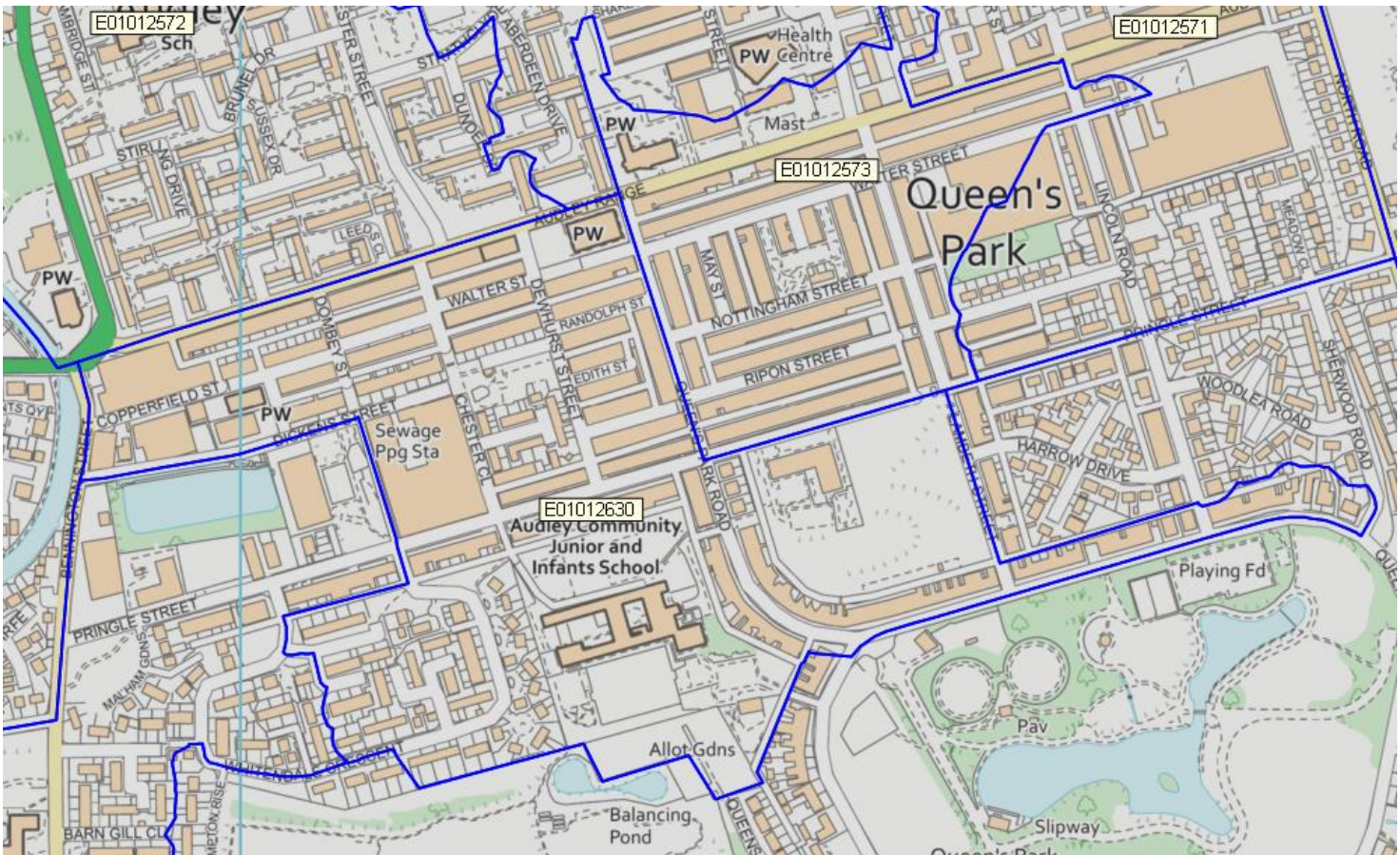


Blackburn With Darwen Safer Streets 4 – Potential alley gate areas overview

As part of the Safer Streets 4 project a request was made from Blackburn with Darwen council to provide an overview of crime and disorder figures within the LSOA area E01012630, with a view to identifying whether specific streets within the area would benefit from alley gate schemes.



The streets identified within the LSOA were:

Randolph Street BB1 1RH

Winchester Street BB1 1RG

Edith Street BB1 1RQ

Walter Street BB1 1TG

Cromwell Street BB1 1RL

Copperfield Street BB1 1RB

Dickens Street BB1 1RN (not proposed as an alley gate site, but overview requested).

To determine the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in the LSOA and in particular the specified streets, the police Connect crime recording database was utilised. A three year date period was chosen to provide a thorough overview of crime and disorder within the areas. All offences recorded between 1st January to 31st October 2020, 1st January to 31st October 2021 and also 1st January to 31st October 2022 were collated and the offences occurring in the above streets/areas were extracted.

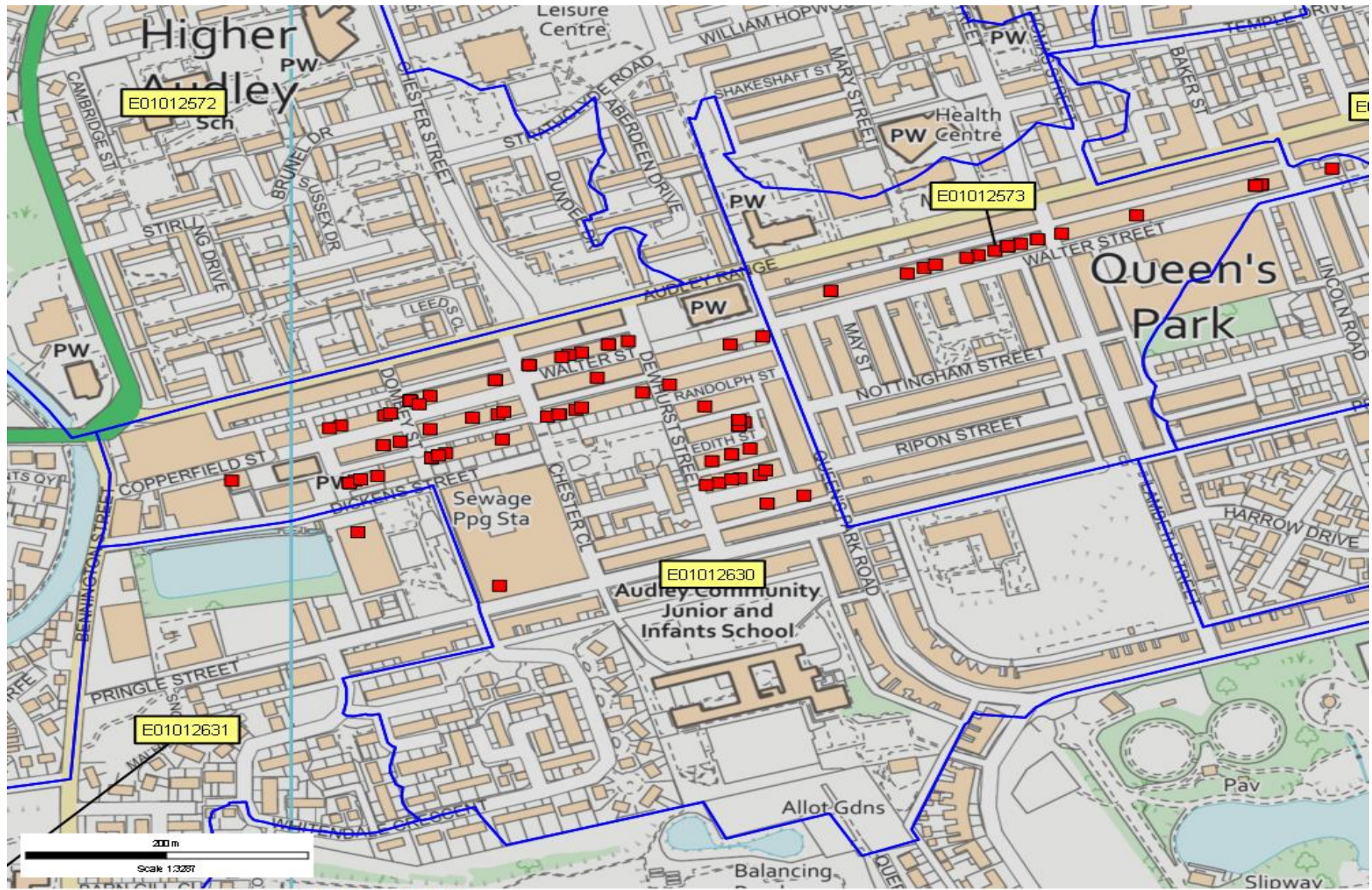
A similar process was utilised to identify incidents of Anti-social behaviour (ASB) from the police incident logs.

It should be noted that Walter Street runs through two LSOAs, E01012630 and also E01012573. Although the second LSOA is not the area we are interested in, as it is the same street the figures have been kept in to provide an overview of the area, but not included in the LSOA totals.

The below tables identify the streets referred to in relation to any crime or ASB that occurred in the above outlined streets. The tables are broken down into each 10-month period January to October 20, 21 and 22 for both crime and ASB with the LSOA included to account for those crimes/incidents which occurred on Walter Street but in the adjacent LSOA.

LSOA	Street	Crime Jan - Oct 20	Crime Jan - Oct 21	Crime Jan - Oct 22	Crime total	ASB Jan - Oct 20	ASB Jan - Oct 21	ASB Jan - Oct 22	ASB total	Crime & ASB 3 year total
E01012630	Copperfield Street	2	2	2	6	0	3	2	5	11
	Cromwell Street	1	3	3	7	0	0	1	1	8
	Dickens Street	3	6	8	17	5	5	1	11*	28
	Edith Street	1	9	2	12	0	1	1	2	14
	Randolph Street	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
	Winchester Street	0	5	5	10	0	0	0	0	10
	Walter Street	5	7	8	20	4	2	1	7	27
E01012573	Walter Street	4	14	4	22	1	1	1	3	25
E01012630 Total		14	32	28	74	9	11	6	26	100

The map on the next page illustrates the locations of all the crime and ASB in the area during the three-year period (this shows LSOA E01012630 but also the locations for crime and ASB on Walter street in LSOA E01012573).



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In addition to the above data relating to all crime and ASB, the original data was weeded by conducting a text search for: 'alley, rear, yard, behind, ginnel and back'. This was in order to identify crime and ASB incidents that could possibly have been prevented had an alley gate been in situ.

The records that contained these words were further filtered to remove entries that did not meet the criteria i.e. backwards, back of car, arrears etc. This ensured only offences and ASB incidents occurring in relation to the rear of properties have been identified, hence the following tables record far fewer offences and incidents.

LSOA	Street	Crime Jan - Oct 20	Crime Jan - Oct 21	Crime Jan - Oct 22	Crime total	ASB Jan - Oct 20	ASB Jan - Oct 21	ASB Jan - Oct 22	ASB total	Crime & ASB 3 year total
E01012630	Copperfield Street	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	3
	Cromwell Street	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Dickens Street	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	2*	3
	Edith Street	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Randolph Street	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Winchester Street	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2
	Walter Street	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	4
E01012573	Walter Street	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
E01012630 Total		3	1	4	10	0	0	0	5	15

It should be noted that the two incidents in Dickens Street highlighted in the above table are actually plotted on the map in the neighbouring LSOA area E01012631, but they occurred at or near properties that fall on the border between the two LSOAs and so have been kept in the above dataset.

Only two of the crimes/incidents that could potentially have been prevented if an alley gate was in situ occurred in the section of Walter Street that falls in the adjacent LSOA, so although overall a high number of all crime and ASB occurred in the other LSOA, in relation to those that could have been prevented with alley gates a much smaller number occurred in the section of Walter Street that is not in E01012630.

The map below illustrates the locations of the incidents and crimes in the area during the three-year period that could possibly have been prevented had an alley gate been in situ.

