

Public Spaces Protection Order - Alcohol Control Zone Intelligence Report

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Data

The data in this report related to UNI-form records where the request type is that of 'Street Drinking or flagged as being alcohol related between 1st April 2016 and 31st March 2021.

Incident dates are based on the date the report was received by the council. This is due to some reports not having an occurrence date, this is often due to the person reporting a series of past incidents in a single report.

Service Requests relating to Street Drinking

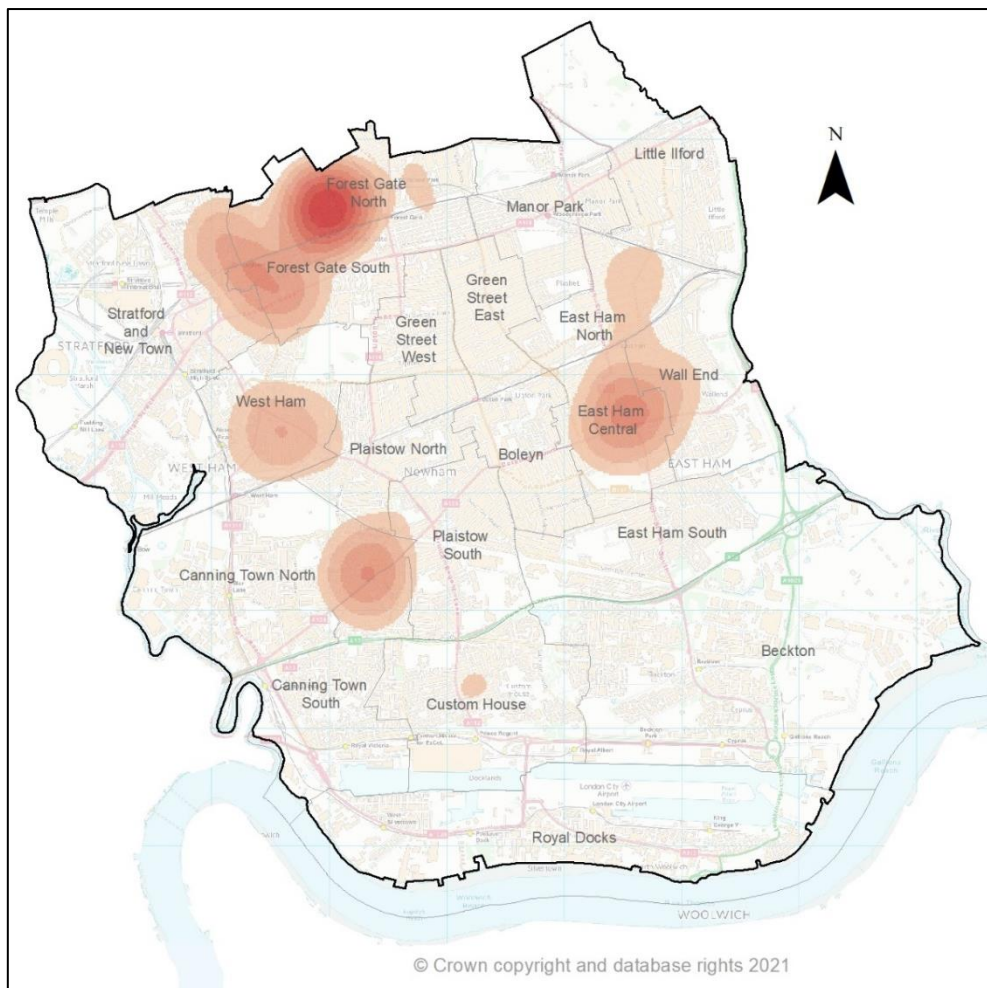
In the 5 years since April 2016, a total of 1,739 service requests relating to street drinking. Requests have been decreasing yearly since 16/17 with only 1 exception between 17/18 and 18/19. There was a 90.8% decrease in requests between 16/17 and 20/21. Covid-19 measures will have had an effect on 2020/21 figures with people being banned from congregating outside, however there was a big reduction during Oct – Dec 19 which suggests numbers were naturally decreasing to their lowest for years before the pandemic started.



There were service requests across all 20 wards in the borough with East Ham Central & North, Stratford & New Town as well as Canning Town North accounting for over 50% of all requests.

Service Requests for Street Drinking by Ward						
Ward	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
East Ham Central	7%	5%	4%	2%	0%	18%
East Ham North	8%	2%	2%	2%	0%	14%
Stratford And New Town	3%	2%	5%	1%	0%	12%
Canning Town North	3%	2%	2%	1%	0%	8%
Manor Park	1%	4%	1%	0%	0%	6%
West Ham	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	6%
Boleyn	3%	1%	1%	1%	0%	6%
Forest Gate North	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	5%
Green Street East	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	5%
Wall End	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	4%
Canning Town South	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	3%
Forest Gate South	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	3%
Plaistow North	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	3%
Plaistow South	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
Royal Docks	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Green Street West	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Little Ilford	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Custom House	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Beckton	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
East Ham South	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Total	38%	23%	24%	12%	3%	100%

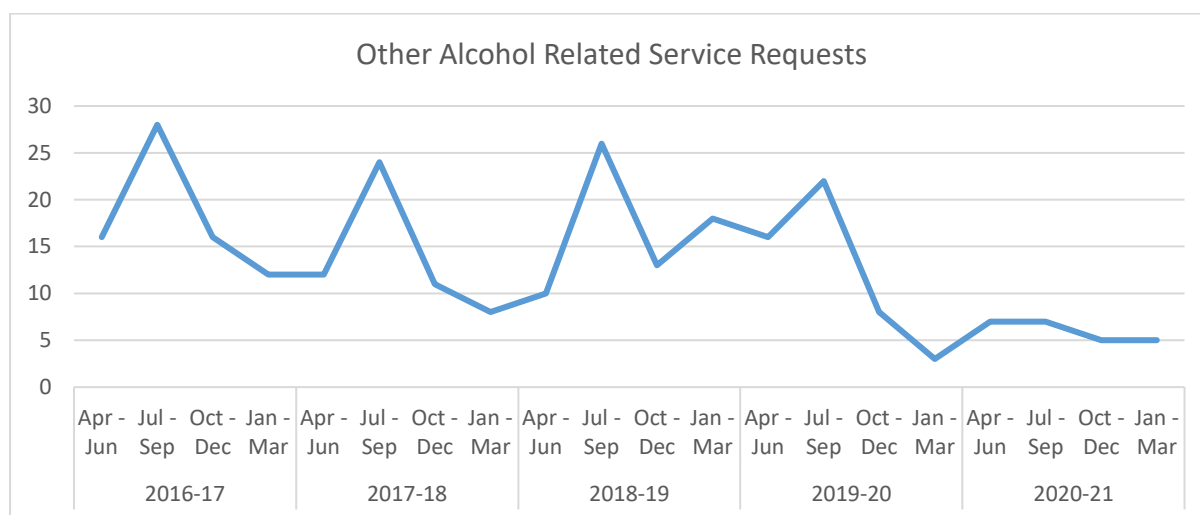
There are hotspot areas spread across the borough with all but 1 being above the A13. The main hotspot was around Forest Gate North. There were secondary hotspots in East Ham town centre, Canning Town North (around Barking Road) and West Ham on Plaistow Road. Although not always in the town centre the hotspots line up with shopping areas.



Service Requests with an Alcohol Flag

These are requests made to the council that are not street drinking but have been flagged as alcohol related.

In the 5 years since April 2016, a total of 267 service requests relating to street drinking. Requests have been decreasing yearly since 16/17 with only 1 exception between 17/18 and 18/19. There was a 66.7% decrease in requests between 16/17 and 20/21. Similar to street drinking the period during Covid-19 did decrease at a rate not seen during previous years, suggesting lockdowns caused a reduction in requests, this was a reduction also being seen from October 19 (Jan – Mar 20 was the lowest of all 5 years studied).



38.2% of alcohol flagged reports were related to drug misuse / dealing nuisance, this was followed by 25.5% rowdy / inconsiderate behaviour.

Other Alcohol Flagged Offences by Request Type						
Request Type	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
Drug misuse/dealing nuisance	24	20	31	19	8	102
Rowdy/Inconsiderate behaviour	17	13	13	14	11	68
Urinating in public areas	11	7	6	2	0	26
Litter	5	6	7	3	0	21
Verb abuse/harass/intim/threat beh	2	2	4	2	1	11
Neighbour nuisance	3	1	2	2	0	8
CCTV	2	4	0	2	0	8
Rough Sleeping	4	1	0	2	0	7
Prostitution/solicit/loit nuisance	0	0	1	1	2	4
Vehicle nuisance	1	0	0	1	1	3
Violence	2	0	1	0	0	3
Misuse of communal area	1	1	1	0	0	3
Games in street/public nuisance	0	0	0	0	1	1
Begging nuisance	0	0	0	1	0	1
Sexual acts nuisance	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	72	55	67	49	24	267

There were flagged requests in all 20 wards in the borough with Stratford & New Town, Canning Town North, Manor Park, East Ham North and Green Street East making up over 50% of requests.

Other Alcohol Flagged Requests by Ward						
Ward	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
Stratford And New Town	4%	3%	2%	3%	1%	12%
Canning Town North	1%	2%	5%	3%	1%	12%
Manor Park	3%	7%	0%	1%	0%	11%
East Ham North	3%	0%	3%	2%	1%	10%
Green Street East	3%	1%	1%	2%	0%	7%
East Ham Central	1%	2%	3%	0%	0%	7%
West Ham	3%	0%	2%	1%	1%	7%
Plaistow North	3%	0%	1%	0%	2%	6%
Plaistow South	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	4%
Forest Gate South	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	4%
Boleyn	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	3%
Green Street West	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%	3%
Canning Town South	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%
Royal Docks	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%
Forest Gate North	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%
East Ham South	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%
Little Ilford	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%
Custom House	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
Wall End	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Beckton	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	4%	3%	4%	3%	1%	15%

Service requests were spread all over the north and central areas of the borough with hotspots spreading from Canning Town to East Ham and Stratford. The main hotspot was around East Ham station with secondary hotspots in Canning Town North (mainly along Barking Road).

