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Subject: Baps and Pittas Late Food Licence Application

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Dear Licensing.

Please acknowledge this independent representation for the Baps and Pittas Late Food Licence Application. I am supported by Respect Weymouth (North Harbourside) and agree with the report they have submitted. Please set this as my own position.

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Yours sincerely

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Sent: 23 February 2024 16:36
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Subject: Baps and Pittas Late Food Licence Application
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Dear Licensing,

Please acknowledge this independent representation for the Baps and Pittas Late Food Licence Application. I am supported by Respect Weymouth (North Harbourside) and agree with the report they have submitted. Please set this as my own position. I only add one question, have the police had a say in this application? If yes what was their view, if not why not, given the “activities “ that go on in these “bar” types places, to “supplement” their generally low revenue?

Yours sincerely

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Respect Weymouth (North Harbourside)

Baps and Pitta Application for a Late Food Licence

Deadline for Comments 26 February

The Committee for the above Community Support Group has agreed to the following representation. It objects to the application on the following grounds.

OVERALL

This application is likely to increase adverse impacts to the cumulative impact area (CIA).

This late night food establishment does not offer anything new to the area after 23.00.

Its location is far too close to diverse, late opening bars and nightclubs with very different cultures. Lack of crowd dispersal is likely to lead to flash points in the area.

There are numerous late night food establishments within easy walking distance of this venue that are not adjacent to late night alcohol establishments. These play an important role in designing out crime here by encouraging the dispersal of large numbers of persons away from adjacent nightclubs, bars and residential areas. This can exceed 300 at peak times.

The requested hours in this application, Sunday to Thursday until 03.00, and Friday to Saturday to 04.00 do not align to the hours sought in the recent planning application. See below.

Reference: P/LBC/2023/04774

<https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=399157>

Design Access and Heritage Statement

“It is proposed that the business will open 7 days a week from 4pm each day although we would seek that a 12-noon opening time is agreed. The business would trade until 1am from Sunday to Thursday and until 4am on Friday and Saturday only in peak season with a 1am closing time for the rest of the year. This will service the needs of the local economy with a number of cafes, bars & late venues in the area there is a need for quality takeaway food which the applicant is looking to provide.”

Application Form

Use Class:

Other (Please specify): Sui Generis Hot-Food Take-away.

Unknown: No

Monday to Friday: Start Time: 12:00

End Time: 01:00

Saturday: Start Time: 12:00

End Time: 04:00

Sunday / Bank Holiday:

Start Time: 12:00

End Time: 01:00

There are conflicting requirements in the latter, but the script clarifies the intention.

It seems the applicant has said one thing to secure planning and is now seeking another, which could increase adverse impacts to the CIA and licensing objectives.

Dorset Police have already raised concerns about this premises. They objected to the planning application on the grounds of crime and disorder.

Reference: P/FUL/2023/04773

<https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=399156>

“I have reviewed the plans and documents for the above proposed change of use and object to this application on the grounds of crime and disorder.

Late night food take-aways are often a “flash point” for anti-social behaviour especially when situated near to pubs and clubs and other late night establishments due to the large number of people congregating in one place.”

THE LICENSING OBJECTIVES

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

From a licensing perspective, this venue is situated in a CIA.

It is in the centre of one of the highest crime rate hot-spots across the CIA.

This hot-spot area has a high occurrence of ASB and violence/sexual offences when considered against the surrounding areas. See Appendix 2.

The police already struggle to attend ASB, Nuisance, and other crimes in the area, and residents/businesses/holiday lets/nightclub managers have to deal with the fallout from this.

The police have already stated that a takeaway in this location has the potential to affect crime and disorder through the creation of flash points. It seems obvious this would be worse in peak holidays and the run up to bar/nightclub closing times.

The immediate area suffers from habitual street drinking problems right outside this building. It is likely that this will also exacerbate the impacts.

Take-Away establishments seem to make little effort in managing the impacts of crime in immediate areas outside. A notice in a window will have zero effect on intoxicated patrons. A previous well known takeaway in this pedestrianised street, now closed, employed security staff after 23.00 to try and manage the high occurrence of ASB.

It is a complete myth that late night food helps to reduce adverse symptoms of excessive alcohol and the potential for crime, Likely impacts are raised below at Public Nuisance.

Public Safety

The highest crime rates and hospitalised injuries for the Weymouth CIA involve the 16-34 year age group, as defined by a CIA impact assessment of 2020. See Appendix 2. This is the exact profile of the night time economy for the immediate area.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

It is likely that people and noise to the pedestrianised area in St Mary Street will be increased, especially Sunday to Wednesday when other venues are not physically open for the 'amended' hours now sought for this licence.

It is likely that patrons will consume their food on tables outside the Golden Lion, which are meant to be removed when licensed sitting out periods are over. This clearly has the potential to increase public nuisance for residents and guests in the immediate area.

It seems likely that litter will be increased.

Experience has demonstrated that public toileting and vomiting in shop doorways and residential streets is a significant problem around late night takeaways. A previous establishment in the immediate area demonstrated this clearly. Residents frequently had to deal with piles of takeaway vomit and human excrement outside front doors. This problem disappeared overnight when it closed.

Protection of Children from Harm

No matters to raise.

SUMMARY

There is no objection to the building's use as a cafe and takeaway without a late food licence, or if the late licence included sitting in meals only. But this is not what is applied for.

It seems very obvious that a late night food licence here has the potential to increase adverse impacts to the immediate CIA. This would clearly be unacceptable. The police have already raised this matter at the planning stage. The application also seeks to be open late during peak holidays and crime risk periods.

It does not appear that this application meets the Licensing Policy criteria for demonstrating there will be no impact to the area. It seeks to operate after midnight. It is not alcohol led, but it will clearly attract others who have consumed alcohol and recreational drugs. It has not brought anything new or culturally diverse to the area.

It is clear that once a takeaway is in place, enforcement action for matters of ASB, vomiting, public toileting etc, with a stretched police service is virtually nonexistent. This needs to be designed out at the application stage, rather than enabled for a fall after.

Police are already stretched and unable to attend many incidents of nuisance, ASB, and other crime in this area. Residents and businesses have to mop this up. In addition, the true level of crime and nuisance to the area is far greater than that presented in police statistics. Lack of attendance results in lack of reporting. That's a sad but honest fact.

The hours now sought contradict the hours presented for the planning application.

The council's licensing policy states that new applications in a CIA would normally be refused with relevant representations. If the council is minded to depart from this position after considering the risk of adverse impacts, the following is sought:

Open hours to reflect the original 'change of use' planning application, with amendments:

Base Hours

Sunday, to 00.00 (originally 01.00)

Monday - Saturday, to 01.00

Peak Hours - Bank Holidays/School Holidays

Friday - Saturday, open to 03.00 (originally Friday To Saturday 04.00), to help disperse crowds on closing of nearby venues.

Security staff to be employed from 00.00 to closing Friday to Saturday, to discourage ASB and crime immediately outside the premises. Employees will not be able to do this.

Venue to provide a sitting-in capability for consumption of food at all times.

Venue toilets to be available at all times, to help mitigate public toileting in the area.

Appendix 1

The following committee members have considered and agreed the position of this representation. This meets the requirements of the Group's constitution and the following members' involvement can be validated by personal contact, if necessary.

| Respect Weymouth (North Harbourside) Support Group Committee | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|
| Name | Address | Contact Email |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |

Appendix 2

Dorset Council Cumulative Impact Assessment May 2020

The percentage share of ASB reports arising from the Melcombe Regis area compared to across Weymouth & Portland remains relatively high at around 40% of the total.

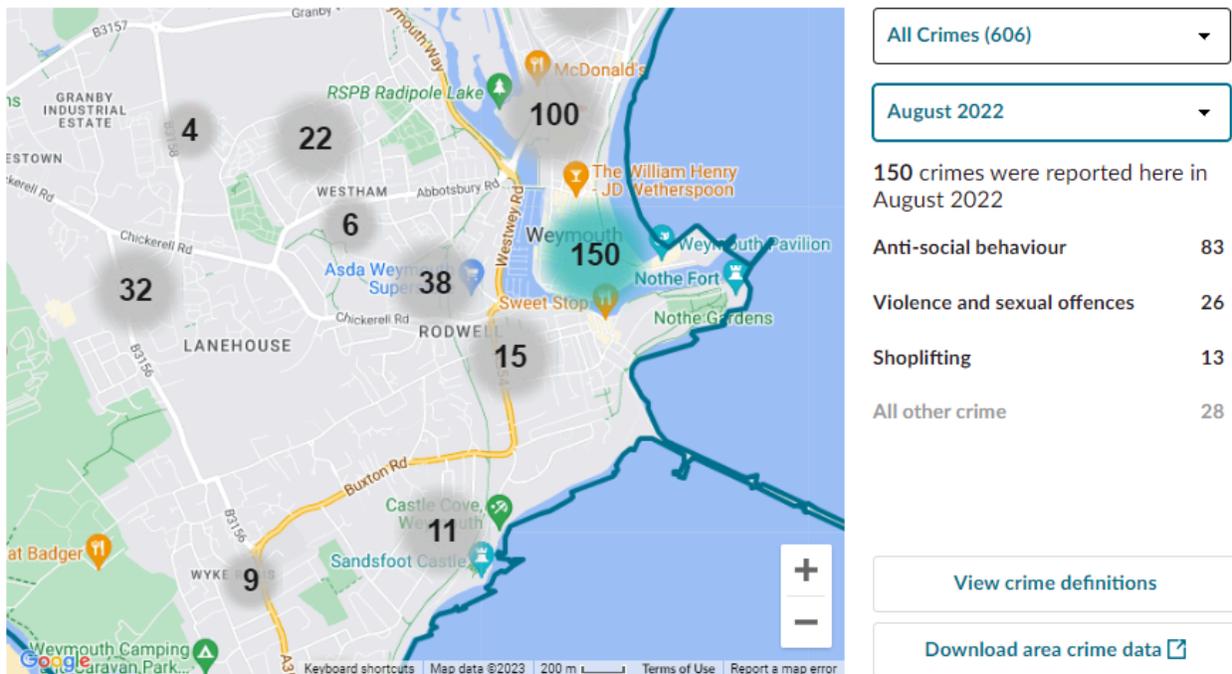
Public place assault location data also shows that the majority (46) of attendees at Dorset County hospital A+E arrived reporting an assault from within the Cumulative Impact Area.

The data also reveals that males aged 16-34 were the most likely to be assaulted

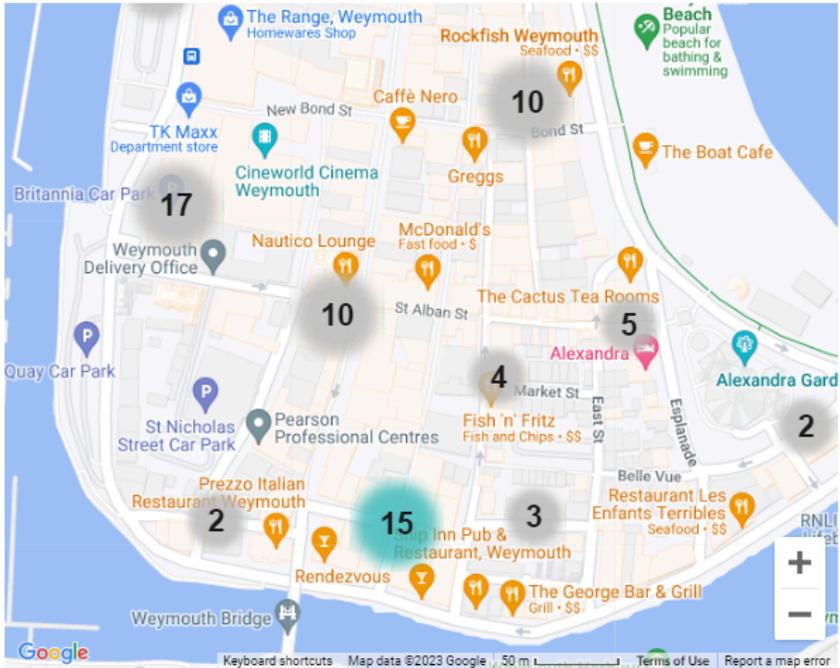
The data also shows that the majority of incidents occurred at the weekends with peaks during holiday seasons.

Police Crime UK - Statistics and Hot Spots for Weymouth Town Centre

Map 1 - Contextual map of August 2022 (2023 unavailable), showing high concentration of crime applications in the area of the application, at '150'.



Maps 2 - the following maps show hot-spots in the adjacent area of the application, shown '15' for January 2022.



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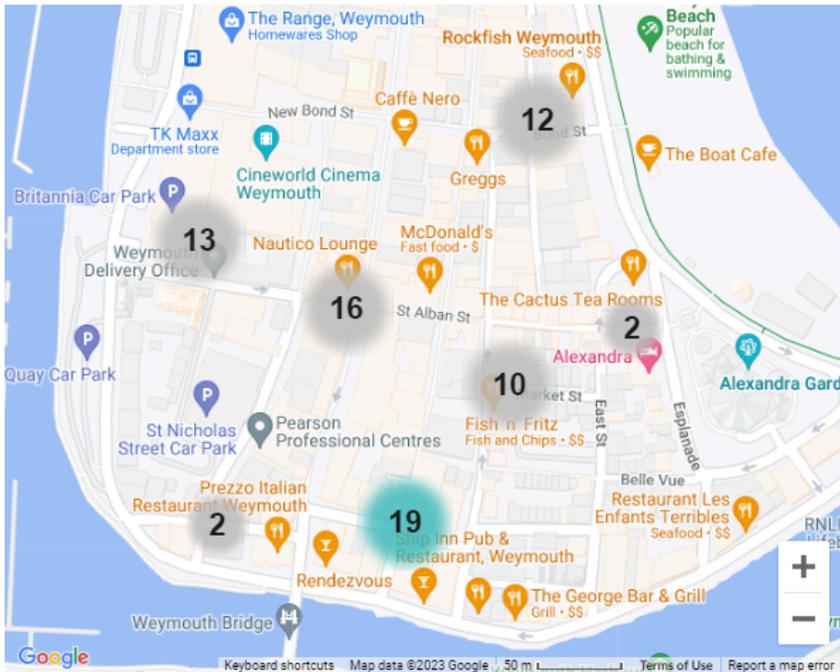
January 2022 ▾

15 crimes were reported here in January 2022

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Anti-social behaviour | 6 |
| Violence and sexual offences | 5 |
| Criminal damage and arson | 1 |
| All other crime | 3 |

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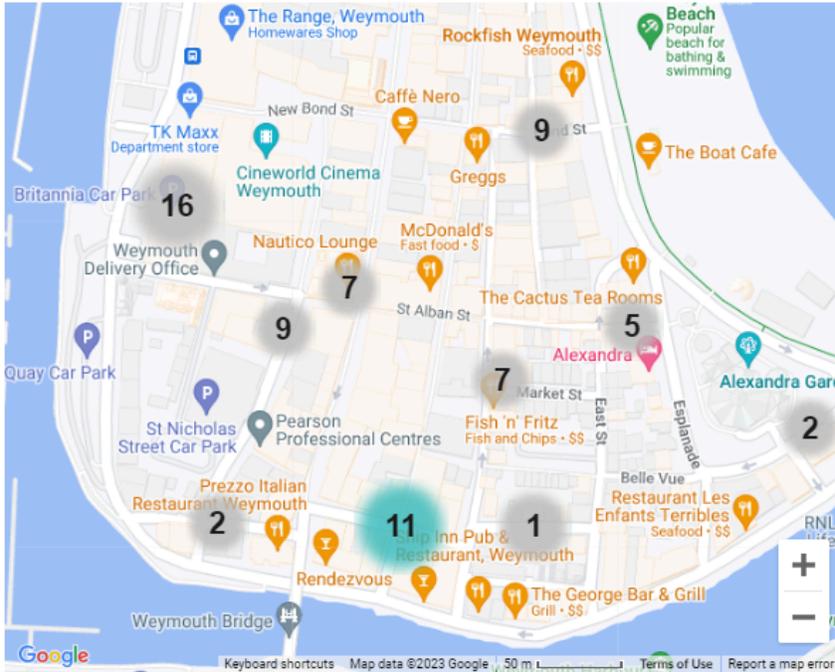
February 2022 ▾

19 crimes were reported here in February 2022

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Violence and sexual offences | 11 |
| Anti-social behaviour | 4 |
| Public order | 2 |
| All other crime | 2 |

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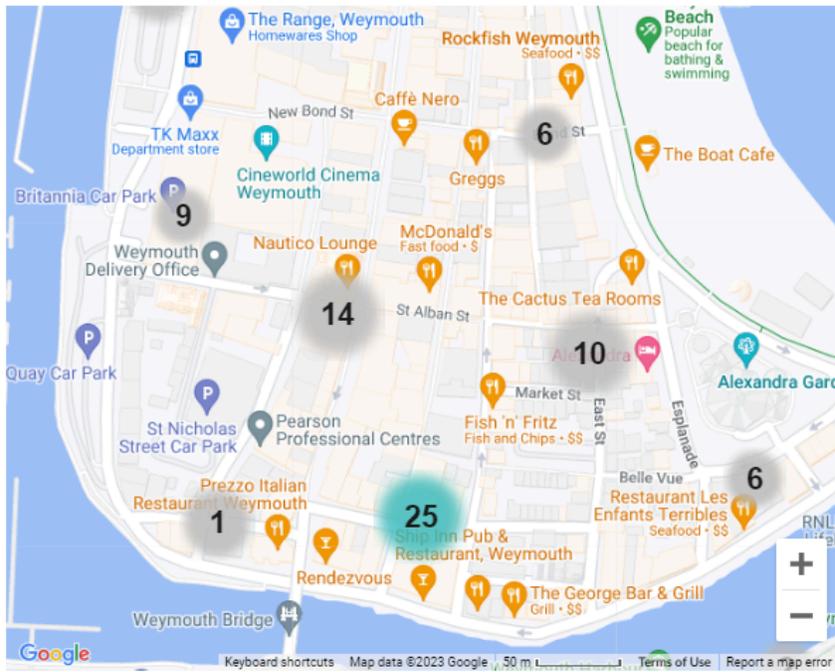
March 2022 ▾

11 crimes were reported here in March 2022

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Anti-social behaviour | 6 |
| Violence and sexual offences | 4 |
| Drugs | 1 |

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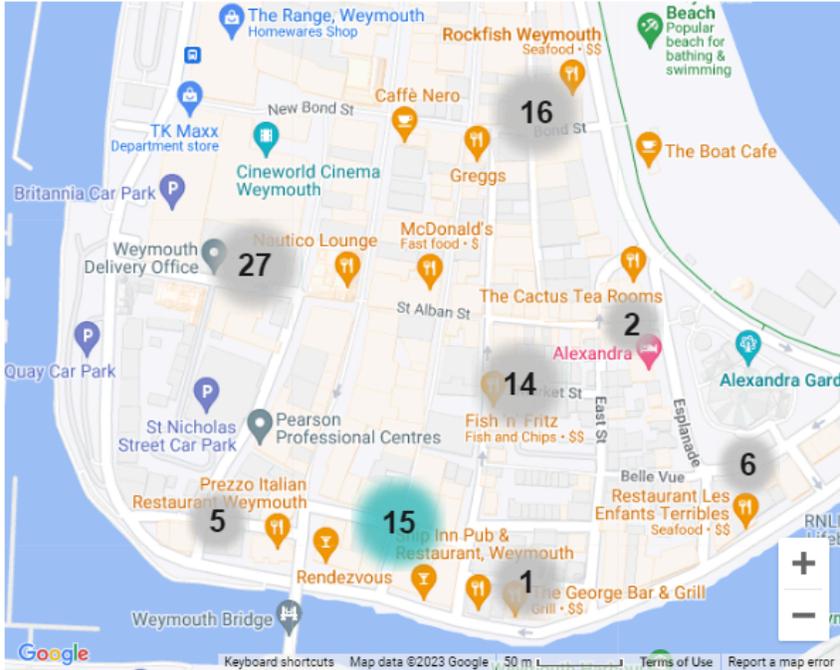
April 2022 ▾

25 crimes were reported here in April 2022

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Violence and sexual offences | 12 |
| Anti-social behaviour | 7 |
| Other theft | 4 |
| All other crime | 2 |

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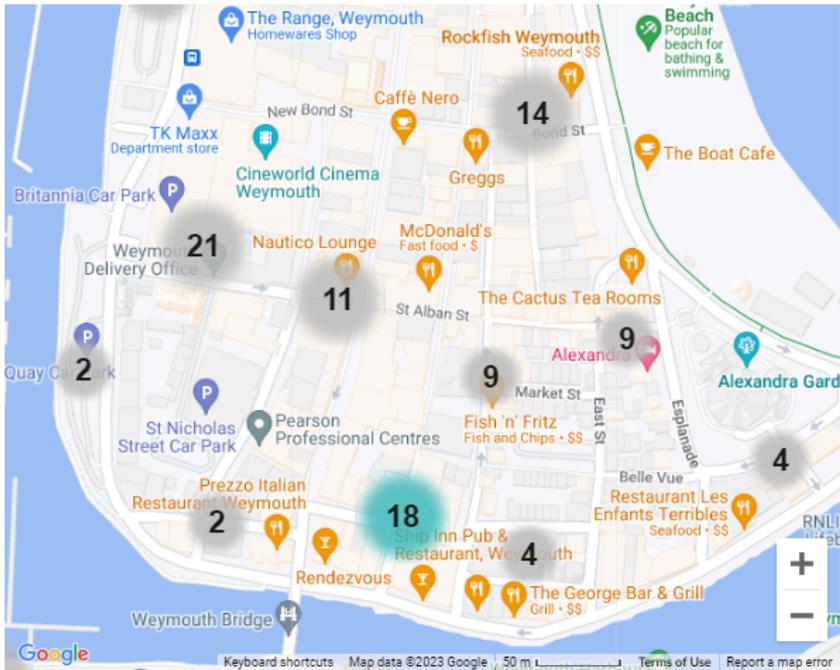
May 2022 ▾

15 crimes were reported here in May 2022

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Anti-social behaviour | 8 |
| Violence and sexual offences | 5 |
| Drugs | 1 |
| All other crime | 1 |

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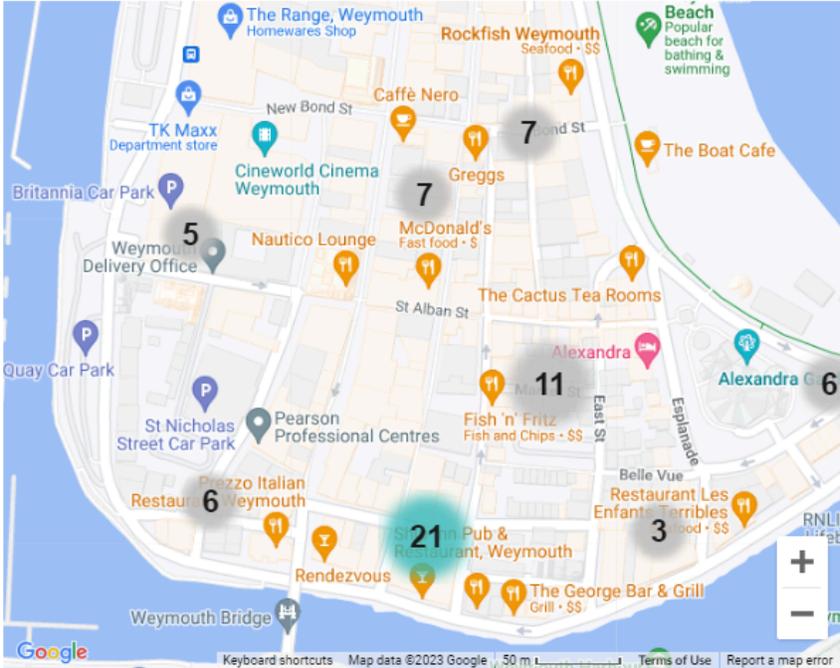
June 2022 ▾

18 crimes were reported here in June 2022

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Violence and sexual offences | 10 |
| Anti-social behaviour | 3 |
| Criminal damage and arson | 3 |
| All other crime | 2 |

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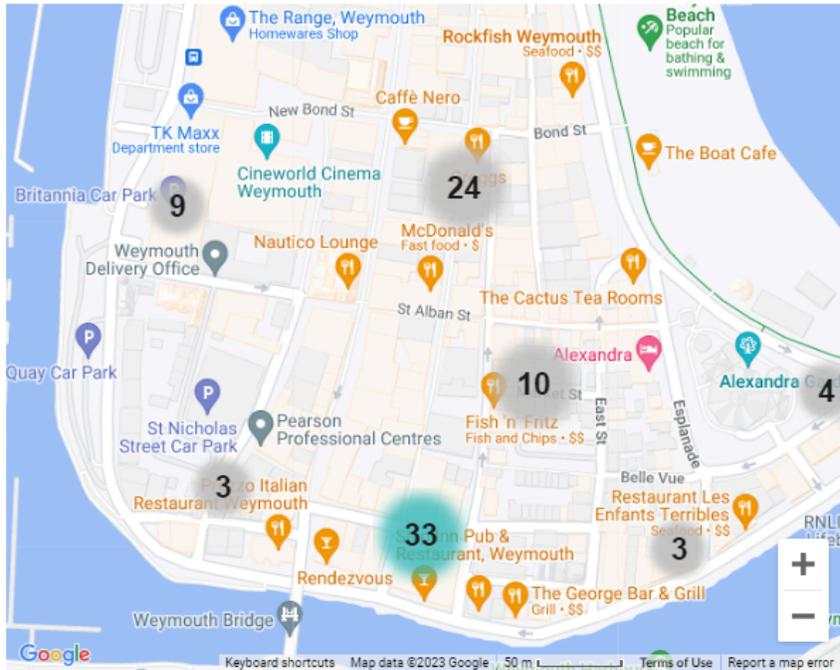
July 2022 ▼

21 crimes were reported here in July 2022

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Anti-social behaviour | 10 |
| Violence and sexual offences | 6 |
| Other theft | 3 |
| All other crime | 2 |

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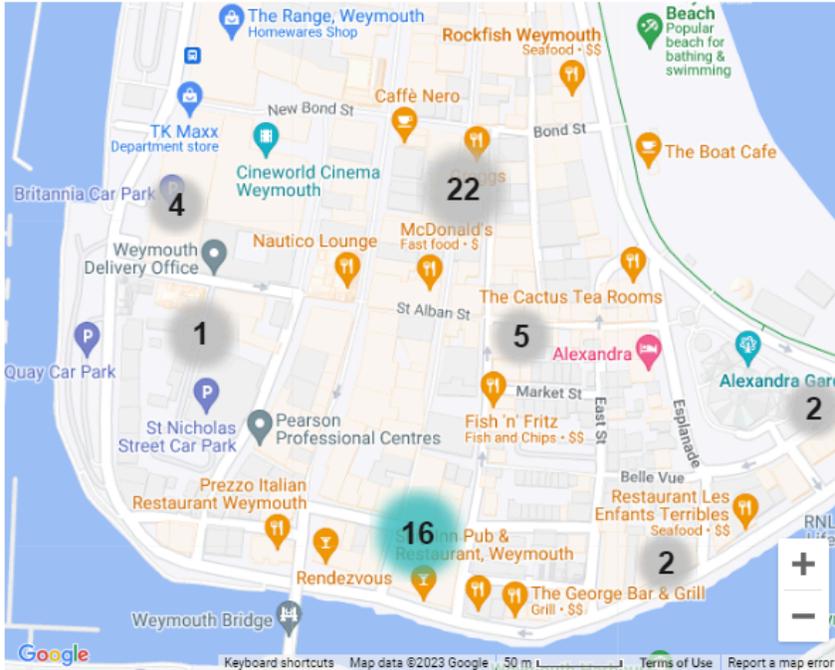
August 2022 ▼

33 crimes were reported here in August 2022

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Anti-social behaviour | 20 |
| Violence and sexual offences | 5 |
| Criminal damage and arson | 3 |
| All other crime | 5 |

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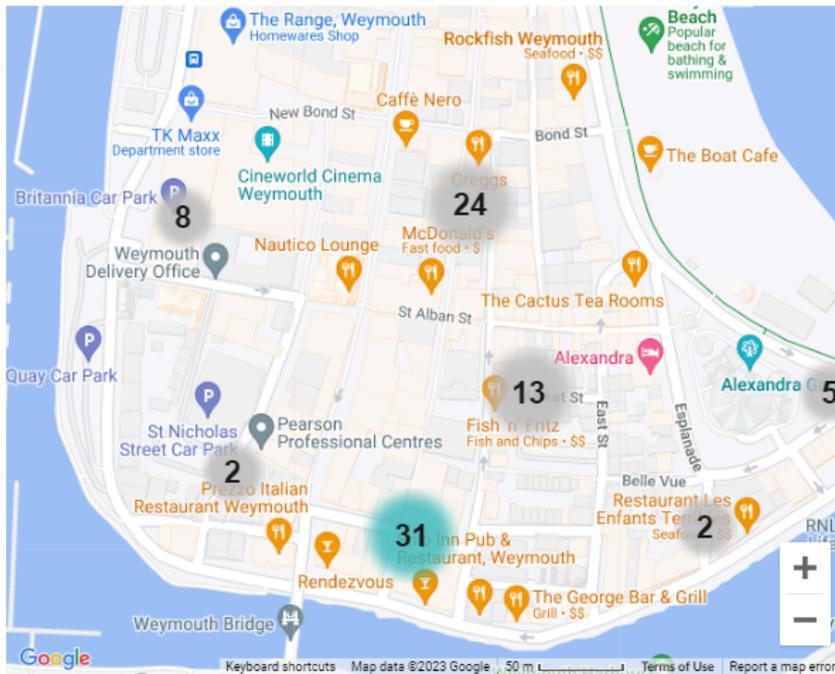
September 2022 ▾

16 crimes were reported here in September 2022

- Anti-social behaviour 10
- Violence and sexual offences 6

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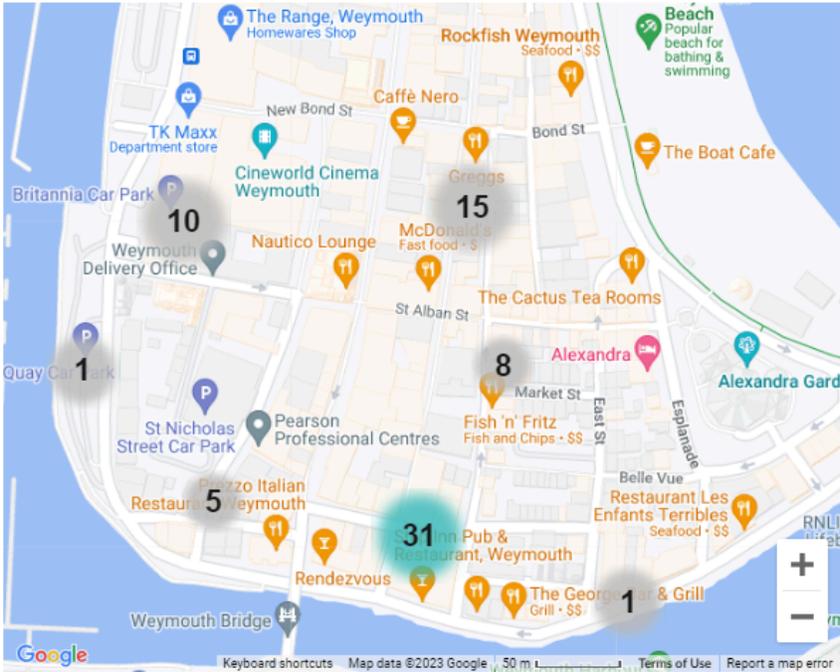
October 2022 ▾

31 crimes were reported here in October 2022

- Anti-social behaviour 16
- Violence and sexual offences 10
- Other theft 2
- All other crime 3

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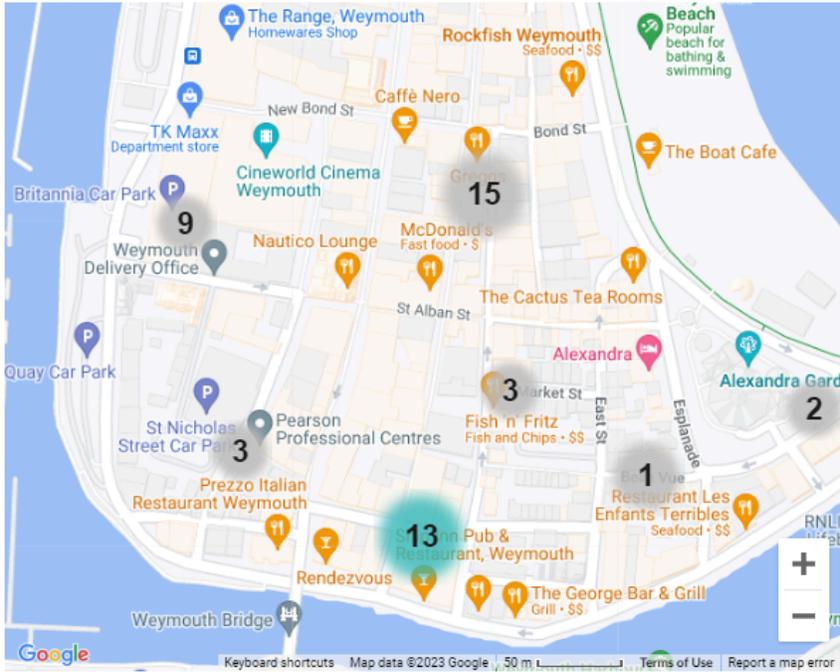
November 2022 ▾

31 crimes were reported here in November 2022

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Anti-social behaviour | 20 |
| Violence and sexual offences | 9 |
| Public order | 2 |

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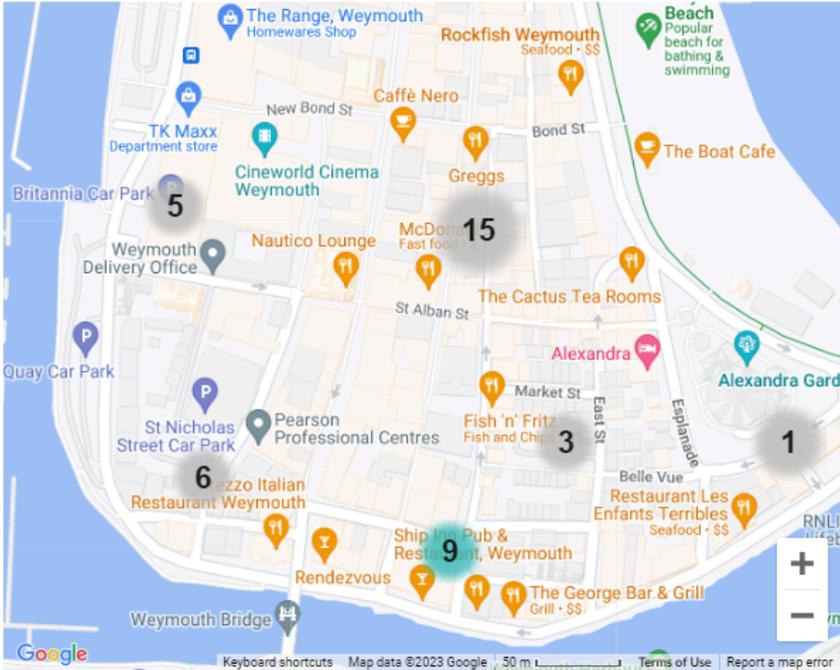
December 2022 ▾

13 crimes were reported here in December 2022

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Violence and sexual offences | 6 |
| Anti-social behaviour | 5 |
| Criminal damage and arson | 1 |
| All other crime | 1 |

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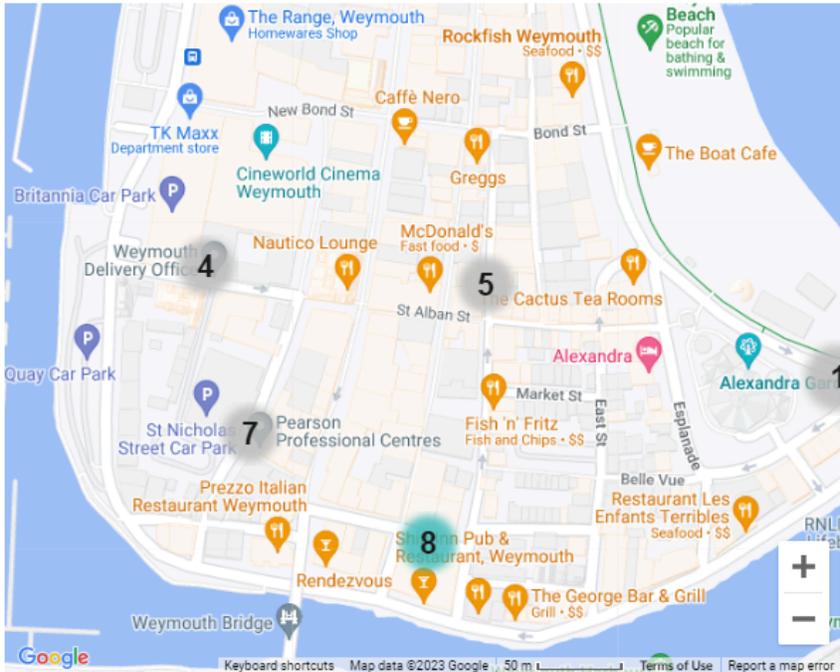
January 2023

9 crimes were reported here in January 2023

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Anti-social behaviour | 5 |
| Violence and sexual offences | 3 |
| Public order | 1 |

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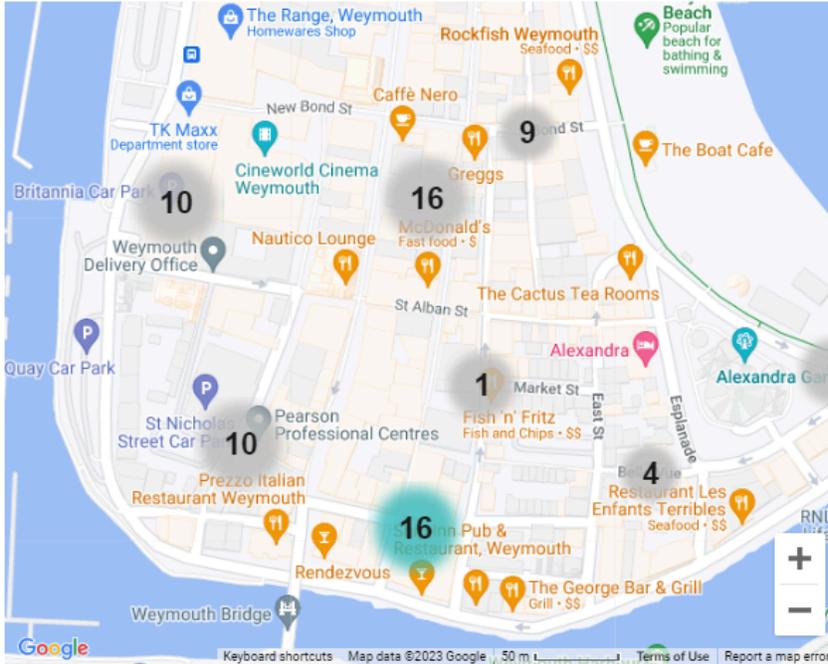
February 2023

8 crimes were reported here in February 2023

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Violence and sexual offences | 5 |
| Criminal damage and arson | 1 |
| Other theft | 1 |
| All other crime | 1 |

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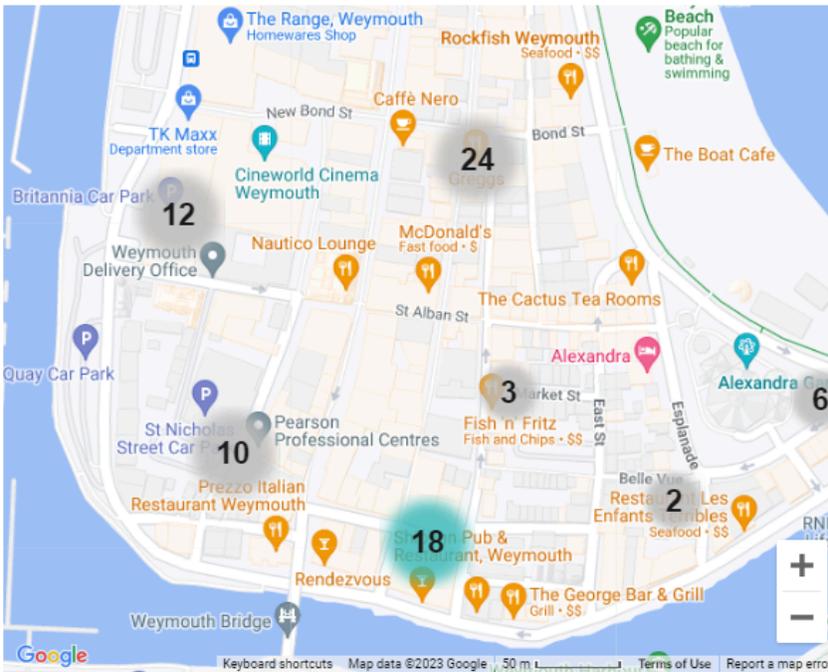
March 2023 ▾

16 crimes were reported here in March 2023

- Violence and sexual offences 11
- Anti-social behaviour 4
- Criminal damage and arson 1

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All Crimes (506) ▾

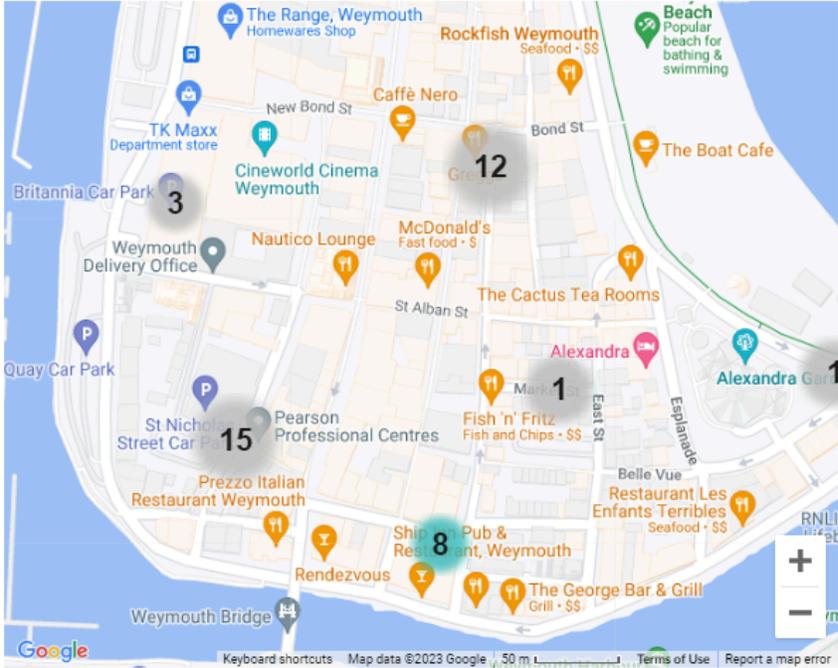
April 2023 ▾

18 crimes were reported here in April 2023

- Anti-social behaviour 8
- Violence and sexual offences 6
- Other theft 2
- All other crime 2

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All Crimes (551) ▾

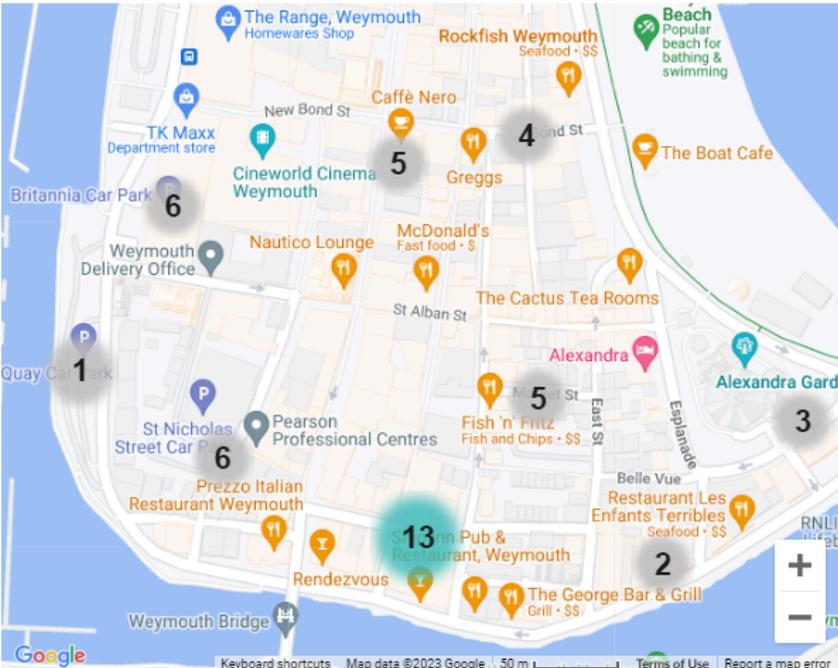
May 2023 ▾

8 crimes were reported here in May 2023

- Anti-social behaviour 6
- Violence and sexual offences 2

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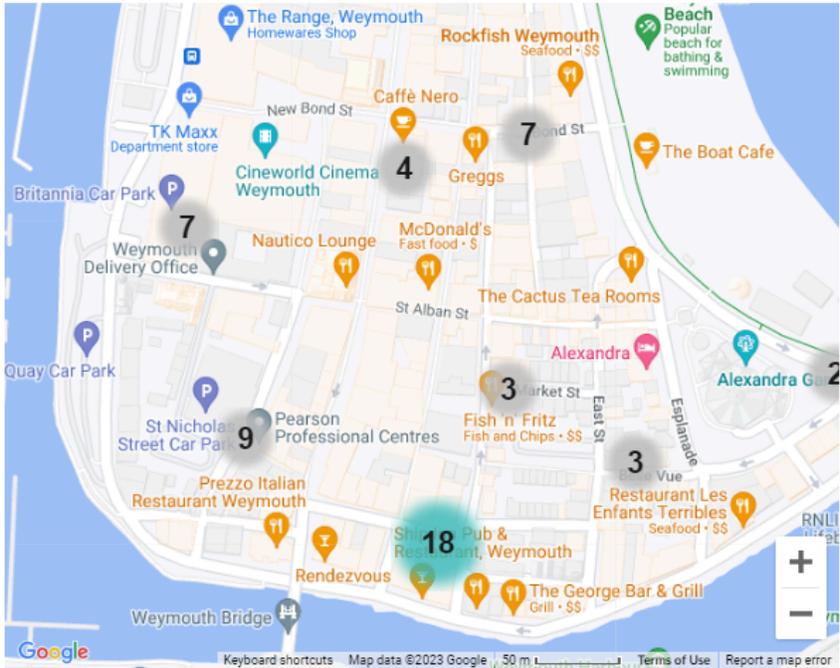
June 2023 ▾

13 crimes were reported here in June 2023

- Violence and sexual offences 9
- Anti-social behaviour 2
- Criminal damage and arson 1
- All other crime 1

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July 2023 ▾

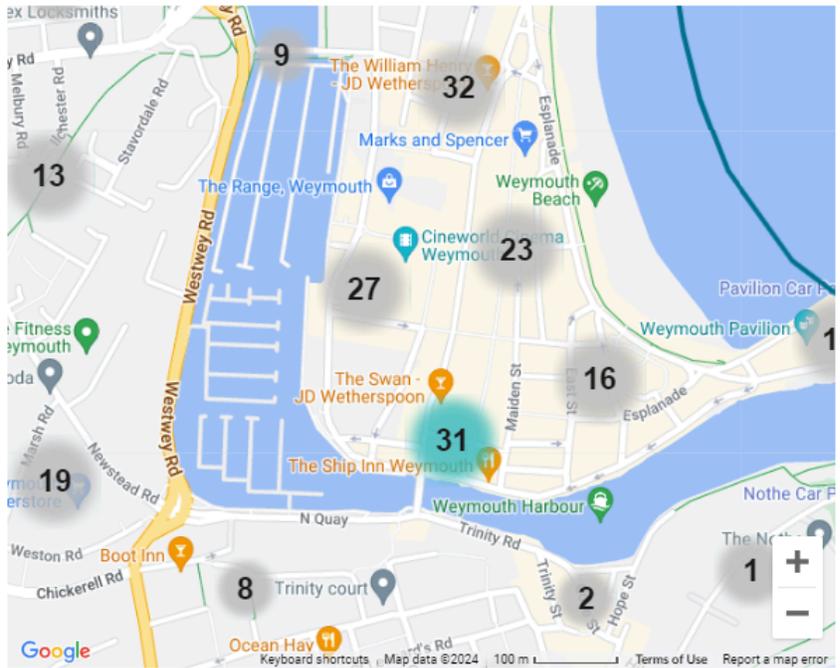
18 crimes were reported here in July 2023

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Violence and sexual offences | 8 |
| Anti-social behaviour | 6 |
| Criminal damage and arson | 1 |
| All other crime | 3 |

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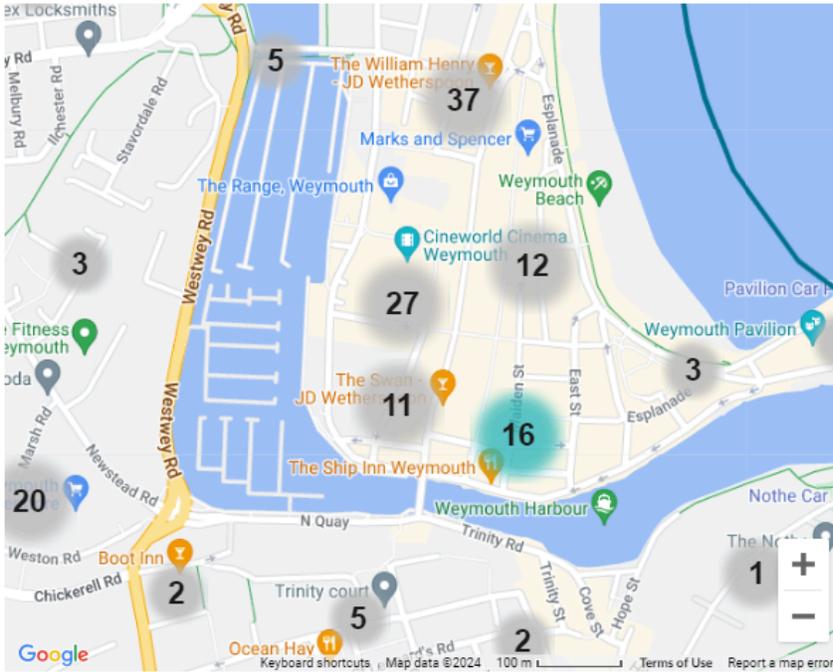
August 2023 ▾

31 crimes were reported here in August 2023

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Violence and sexual offences | 13 |
| Anti-social behaviour | 8 |
| Shoplifting | 4 |
| All other crime | 6 |

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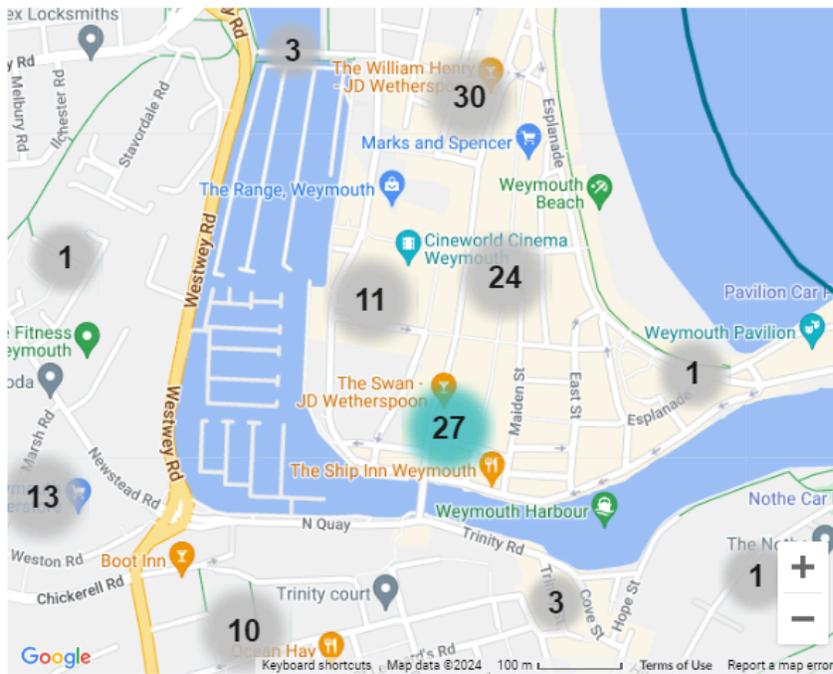
September 2023 ▾

16 crimes were reported here in September 2023

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Violence and sexual offences | 7 |
| Anti-social behaviour | 6 |
| Burglary | 1 |
| All other crime | 2 |

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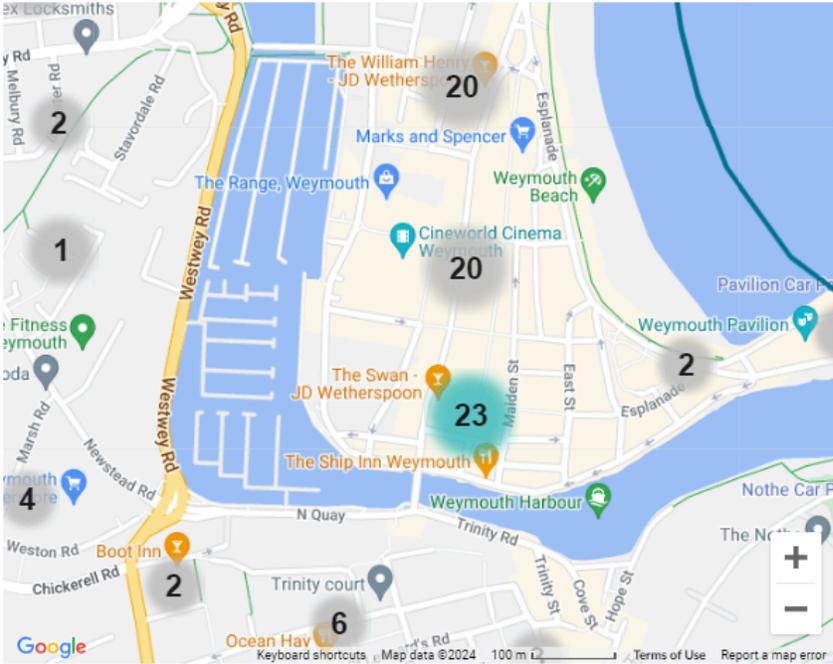
October 2023 ▾

27 crimes were reported here in October 2023

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Violence and sexual offences | 11 |
| Anti-social behaviour | 9 |
| Shoplifting | 4 |
| All other crime | 3 |

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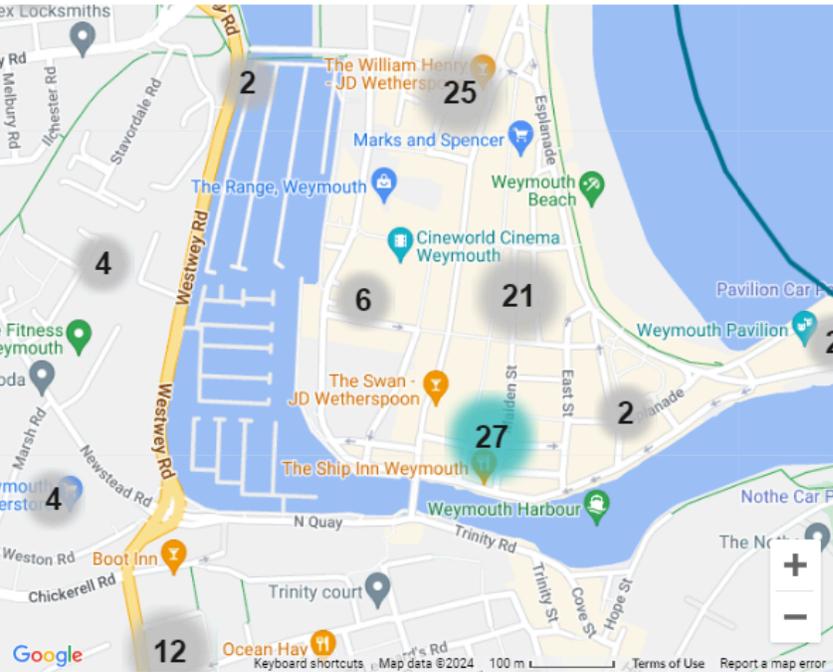
November 2023

23 crimes were reported here in November 2023

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Anti-social behaviour | 8 |
| Violence and sexual offences | 6 |
| Shoplifting | 5 |
| All other crime | 4 |

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All Crimes (459)

December 2023

27 crimes were reported here in December 2023

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Anti-social behaviour | 13 |
| Violence and sexual offences | 11 |
| Shoplifting | 2 |
| All other crime | 1 |

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Dear licensing officer

Re:50 St Mary Street Dt4 8PU

I would like to object to the above application for the late night operating hours for the following reasons.

Directly above the premises are number of private residential premises owned by different individuals.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] of 46 St Mary Street which has three flats above the shop. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of 59 St Mary street with four flats above the shop. There are approximately 50 residential units within 50 yards of this application, which the exact numbers can be checked online. To allow this application would only open the gateway for the other three catering outlets to do the same. There are three take aways in the next Street which one already operates late hours.

Many thanks for taking time to read my objection.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone