

18<sup>th</sup> September 2009

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Public Rights of Way Office  
City of York Council  
9 St Leonard's Place  
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Dear Emily,

**The Reeves, Acomb, York**

I am in receipt of your email correspondence regarding a petition from residents of The Reeves, Acomb, York, requesting the gating of three alleyways in the street.

I have spoken with Safer York Partnership Crime Analyst, Ian Cunningham, who has produced statistics of police-recorded crime covering a period from 1.1.2006 to 31.8.2009 and anti-social behaviour reports from 1.1.2008 to 31.7.2009. I have attached these to this document for information. These statistics clearly show that The Reeves is in a 'high crime' area and also suffers problems of anti-social behaviour.

Secured by Design largely promotes the use on non-permeable cul-de-sac layouts and several evaluations (Brown, 1999; Armitage, 2000) have indicated its effectiveness in reducing crime and the fear of crime. There is also extensive and compelling research which has been conducted over the past thirty years which consistently indicates that levels of crime are higher in more permeable street networks. The statistics produced by Ian Cunningham clearly back up the research findings and show that the area has been consistently plagued by crime and anti-social behaviour.

I have visited the location and carried out a survey of the street and the alleyways in question. The Reeves has what is termed as a 'leaking' cul-de-sac layout. The three alleyways, without question, undermine the 'defensible space' of the street and I would suggest that they have been the main catalyst for generating the majority of crime and anti-social behaviour incidents.

The first of the alleyways that I looked at was the one which runs between house numbers 47 and 49 and leads into Thoresby Road. Although it is partly overlooked by properties, the majority of its length has very limited natural surveillance.

At the time of my visit the alleyway was showing signs of 'lack of care and ownership'. I noted numerous empty beer cans and bottles and general litter strewn along its entire length. This indicated to me that there are anti-social behaviour issues associated with people congregating in this alleyway.



In addition, the horizontal bar on one of the cycle barriers, at the Thoresby Road entrance, was broken and swung round to give unrestricted access. I am concerned that this now allows motor cycles to use this alleyway as a short cut.



*Entry between house Nos 47 and 49 The Reeves.*



*Entry from Thoresby Road*

There is one street lamp fitted at the Thoresby Road entrance. I feel that this lighting is inadequate and would raise fear of crime levels amongst users during darkness hours.

The second alleyway that I looked at runs between house numbers 32 and 34 The Reeves and numbers 47 and 49 Thoresby Road. This alleyway was better maintained although there was graffiti on a brick outbuilding boundary wall at No 49.



*Entry between house Nos. 32 and 34 The Reeves.*



*Entry between house Nos. 47 and 49 Thoresby Road.*

On entering the alleyway from either direction, you cannot see the exit owing to it being dog-legged half way along. This design does not comply with 'designing out crime' guidance as it

creates a possible entrapment site and fear of crime generator. The alleyway has one street light fitted on the dog-leg which, in my opinion, is totally inadequate.

The third alleyway runs between house numbers 28 and 30 The Reeves and numbers 27 and 29 Thoresby Road. Again, you cannot see the exit when entering from either end, owing to it being dog-legged. This creates a possible entrapment site and fear of crime generator.



*Entry between house Nos. 28 and 30 The Reeves*

*Entry between House Nos. 27 and 29 Thoresby Road.*

The alleyway is narrow and has no opportunities for natural surveillance. It also has no lighting.

I am unaware of any other crime reduction initiatives that have taken place in this area to try and address crime problems.

The Community Safety Strategy for York (2008 – 2011) identifies crime and anti-social behaviour as one of the strategic priorities for action. Closure by gating or fencing off of this alleyway on crime and disorder grounds would be consistent with this Strategy. I believe that there is ample evidence to indicate that closure of these alleyways will substantially reduce incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour. On behalf of the North Yorkshire Police I would fully support closure.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Jim Shanks  
Police Architectural Liaison Officer

# **Crime Analysis Reports**

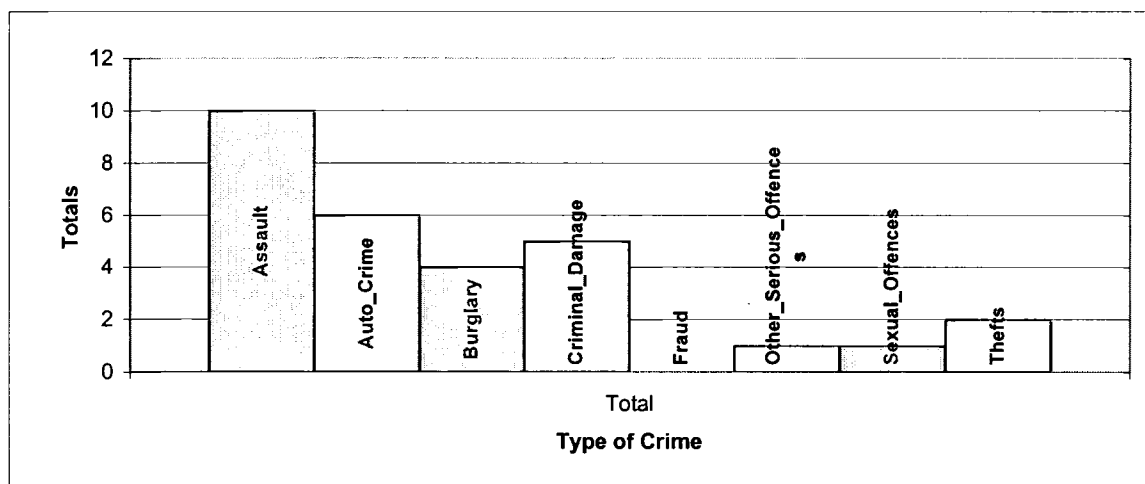
**1.1.2006 – 31.8.2009**

# Architectural Liason Officer Report

Crime Analysis Study Area:	=	<b>The Reeves Study Area</b>
Planning Application Reference:	=	
Size of Study Area from Application	=	<b>Please See Map</b>
Study Period Start:	=	<b>01/01/2009</b>
Study Period End:	=	<b>31/08/2009</b>
Date Study Completed	=	<b>17/09/2009</b>
Number of Months in Study Period	=	<b>8</b>
Geocoding Accuracy Rate	=	<b>95%</b>

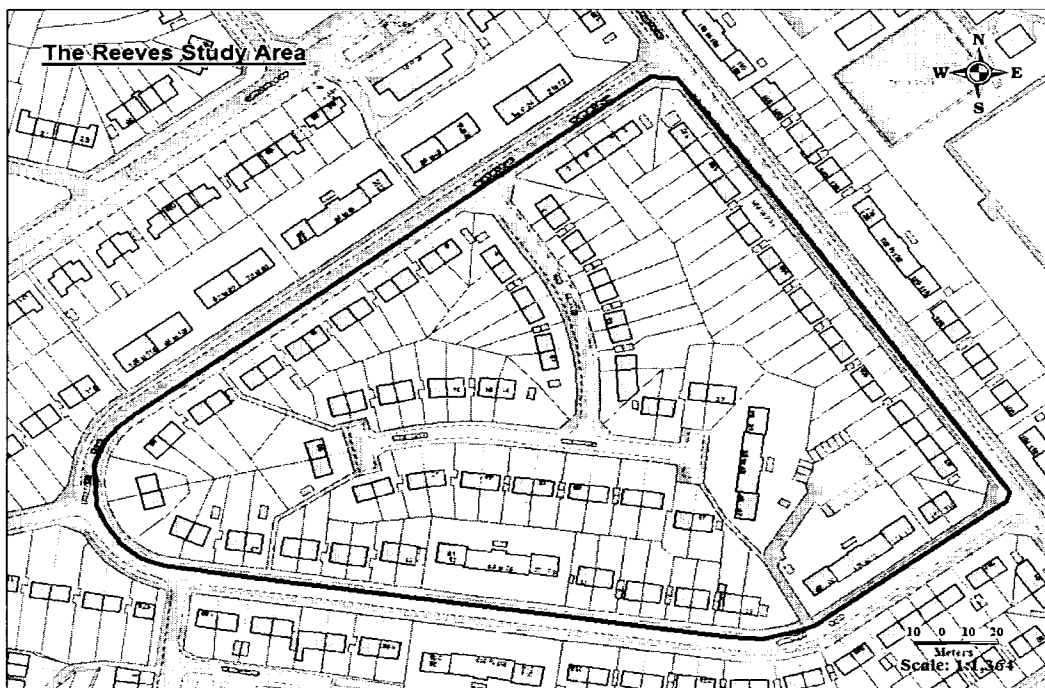
Crime Group	Total
Assault	10
Auto_Crime	6
Burglary	4
Criminal_Damage	5
Fraud	0
Other_Serious_Offences	1
Sexual_Offences	1
Thefts	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>29</b>

**A Table of Crime in the Study Area (Above) and corresponding Graph (Below)**



**A Table of Crime by Crime Group and then Crime Type**

EVENT_GROUP	HO_DESCRIPTION	Total
ASSAULT	ACTUAL BODILY HARM AND OTHER INJURY	2
	ACTUAL BODILY HARM WITHOUT INTENT	1
	ASSAULT WITHOUT INJURY	3
	INFLECTING GREIVIOUS BODILY HARM WITHOUT INTENT	1
	POSSESION OF ARTICLE WITH BLADE OR POINT	2
	PUBLIC FEAR, ALARM OR DISTRESS	1
AUTO_CRIME	THEFT FROM VEHICLE	6
BURGLARY	BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTHER THAN A DWELLING	1
	BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	3
CRIMINAL_DAMAGE	CRIMINAL DAMAGE OTHER	1
	CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO DWELLINGS	4
OTHER_SERIOUS_OFFENCES	TRAFFICKING IN CONTROLLED DRUGS	1
SEXUAL_OFFENCES	SANITISED	1
THEFTS	THEFT DWELLING OTHER THAN AUTO. M/C OR METER	1
	THEFT OF PEDAL CYCLE	1
Grand Total		29



**A Table of Crime by Month of the Year and Hour of the Day in the Study Area**

Month	Total
Jan	7
Feb	2
Mar	6
Apr	5
May	2
Jun	0

Month	Total
Jul	1
Aug	6
Sep	0
Oct	0
Nov	0
Dec	0

Crime Day	Total
Mon	5
Tue	6
Wed	6
Thu	2
Fri	3
Sat	4
Sun	3
Grand Total	29

Grand Total

29

Expected Average Crime per Month =

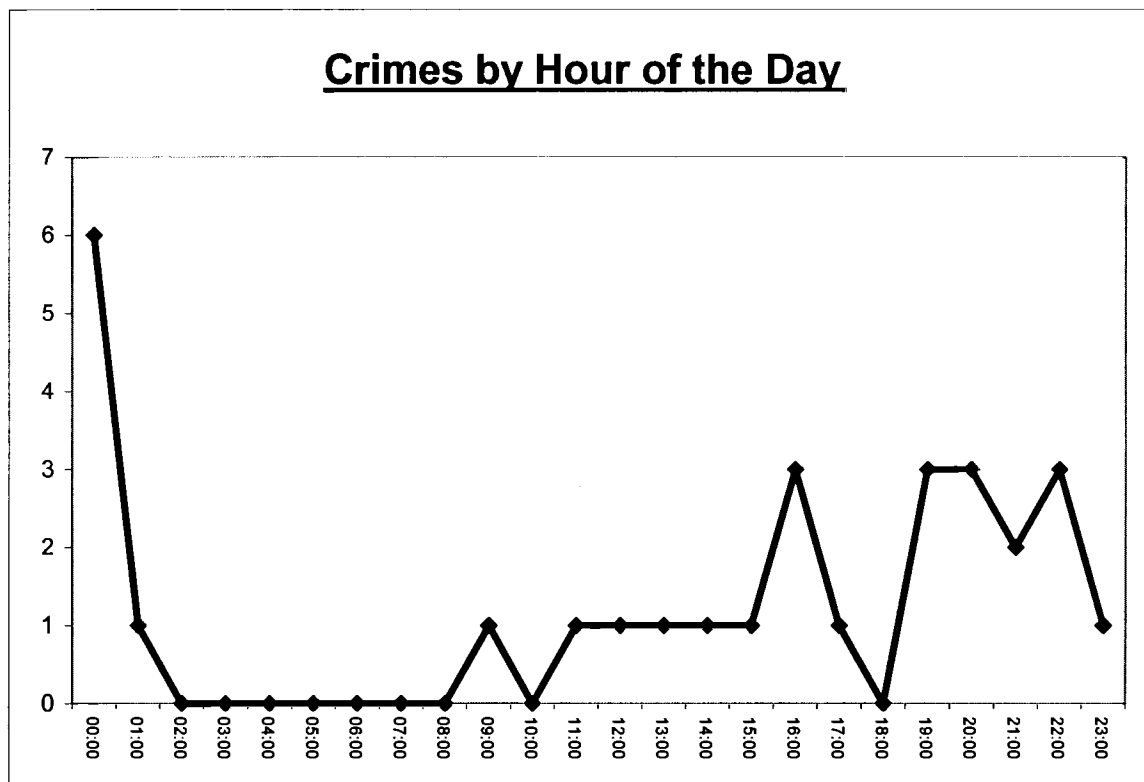
**3.63**

Expected Average Crime per Day =

**4.14**

**A Table of Crime by Hour of the Day in the Study Area**

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Total	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	0	3	3	2	3	1	29

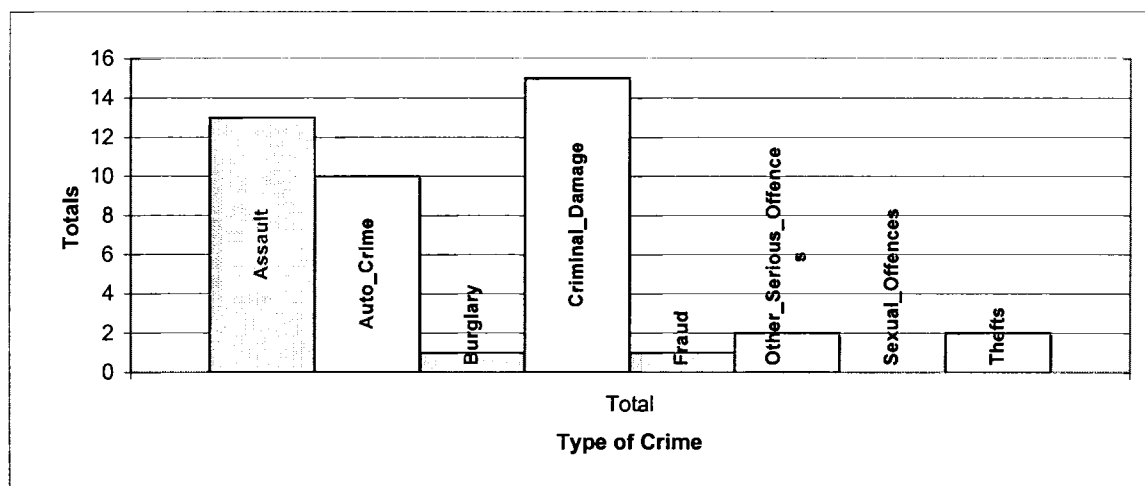


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Planning Application Reference:	=	
Size of Study Area from Application	=	<b>Please See Map</b>
Study Period Start:	=	<b>01/01/2008</b>
Study Period End:	=	<b>31/12/2008</b>
Date Study Completed	=	<b>17/09/2009</b>
Number of Months in Study Period	=	<b>12</b>
Geocoding Accuracy Rate	=	<b>95%</b>

Crime Group	Total
Assault	13
Auto_Crime	10
Burglary	1
Criminal_Damage	15
Fraud	1
Other_Serious_Offences	2
Sexual_Offences	0
Thefts	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>44</b>

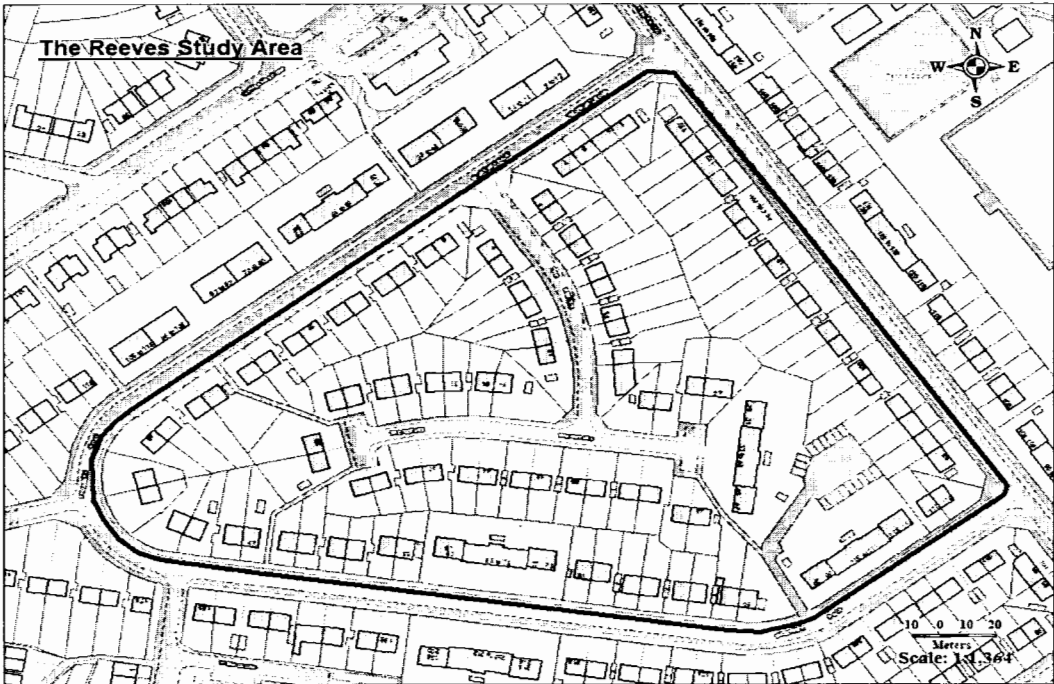
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**A Table of Crime by Crime Group and then Crime Type**

EVENT_GROUP	HO_DESCRIPTION	Total
ASSAULT	ACTUAL BODILY HARM AND OTHER INJURY	4
	ASSAULT ON CONSTABLE	1
	COMMON ASSAULT ETC.	3
	OTHER WOUNDING ETC.	4
AUTO_CRIME	THEFT FROM VEHICLE	5
	THEFT OR UNAUTHORISED TAKING MOTOR VEHICLE	5
BURGLARY	BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	1
CRIMINAL_DAMAGE	CRIMINAL DAMAGE OTHER	2
	CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO DWELLINGS	6
	CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO VEHICLES	7
FRAUD	OTHER FRAUD	1
OTHER_SERIOUS_OFFENCES	TRAFFICKING IN CONTROLLED DRUGS	2
THEFTS	OTHER THEFT OR UNAUTHORISED TAKING	1
	ROBBERY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY	1
Grand Total		43



**A Table of Crime by Month of the Year and Hour of the Day in the Study Area**

Month	Total
Jan	10
Feb	2
Mar	4
Apr	3
May	3
Jun	2

Month	Total
Jul	1
Aug	3
Sep	6
Oct	2
Nov	4
Dec	3

Crime Day	Total
Mon	5
Tue	10
Wed	4
Thu	5
Fri	12
Sat	4
Sun	3
Grand Total	44

Grand Total

44

Expected Average Crime per Month =

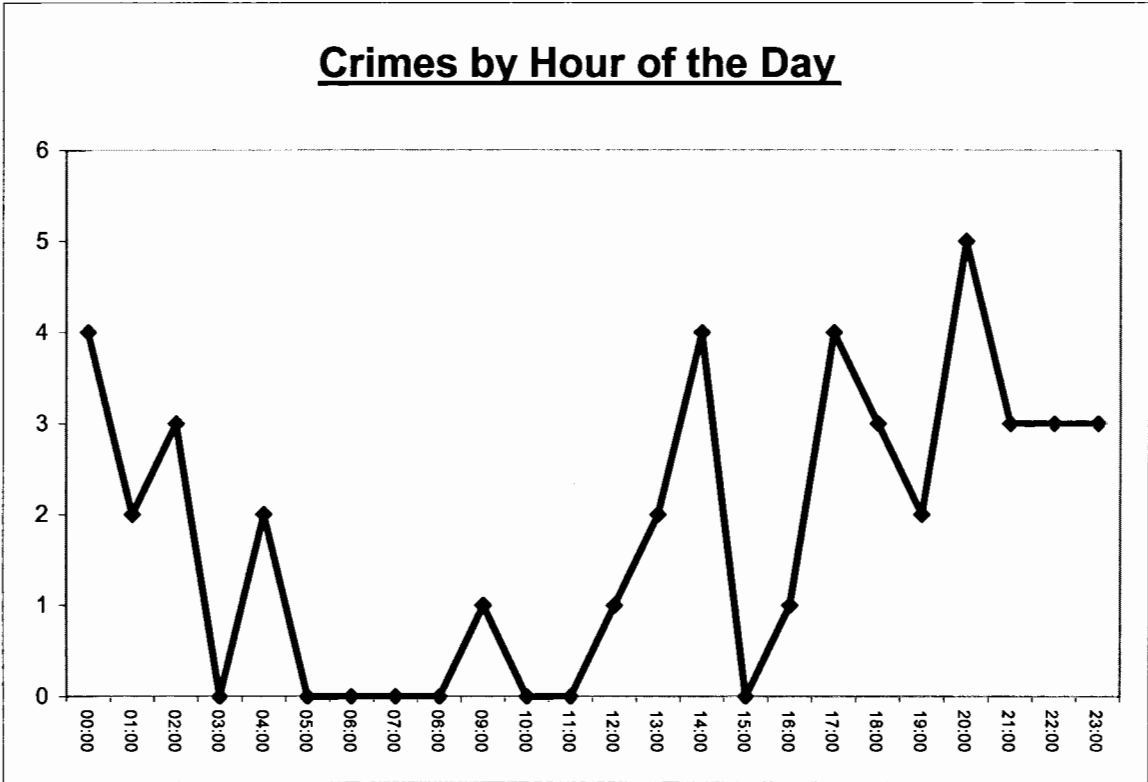
**3.67**

Expected Average Crime per Day =

**6.29**

**A Table of Crime by Hour of the Day in the Study Area**

	00:00	01:00	02:00	03:00	04:00	05:00	06:00	07:00	08:00	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00	21:00	22:00	23:00	Total
Total	4	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	1	4	3	2	5	3	3	3	43

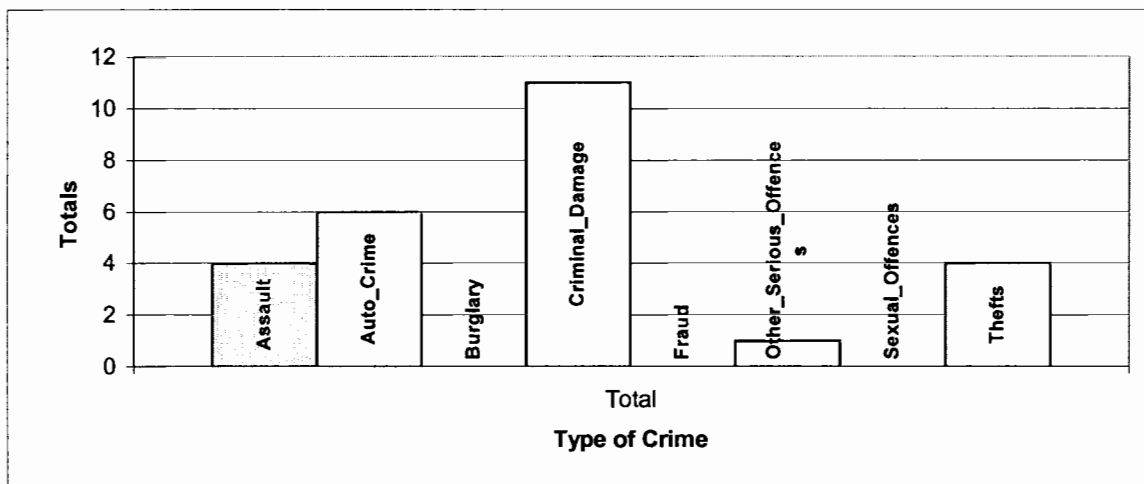


# Architectural Liason Officer Report

Crime Analysis Study Area:	=	<b>The Reeves Study Area</b>
Planning Application Reference:	=	
Size of Study Area from Application	=	<b>Please See Map</b>
Study Period Start:	=	<b>01/01/2007</b>
Study Period End:	=	<b>31/12/2007</b>
Date Study Completed	=	<b>17/09/2009</b>
Number of Months in Study Period	=	<b>12</b>
Geocoding Accuracy Rate	=	<b>95%</b>

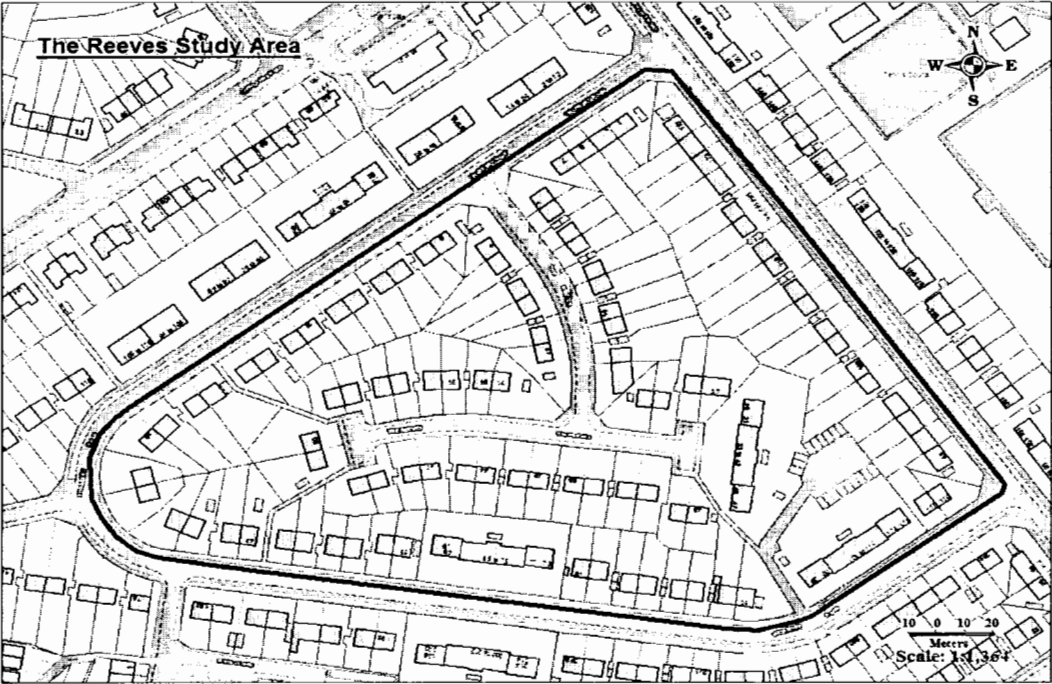
<b>Crime Group</b>	<b>Total</b>
Assault	4
Auto Crime	6
Burglary	0
Criminal_Damage	11
Fraud	0
Other_Serious_Offences	1
Sexual_Offences	0
Thefts	4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>26</b>

**A Table of Crime in the Study Area (Above) and corresponding Graph (Below)**



**A Table of Crime by Crime Group and then Crime Type**

EVENT_GROUP	HO_DESCRIPTION	Total
ASSAULT	COMMON ASSAULT ETC.	2
	OTHER WOUNDING ETC.	1
	PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	1
AUTO_CRIME	AGGRAVATED VEHICLE TAKING DAMAGE UNDER #5001	1
	THEFT FROM VEHICLE	4
	THEFT OR UNAUTHORISED TAKING MOTOR VEHICLE	1
CRIMINAL_DAMAGE	CRIMINAL DAMAGE OTHER	1
	CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO DWELLINGS	4
	CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO VEHICLES	6
OTHER_SERIOUS_OFFENCES	HANDLING STOLEN GOODS	1
THEFTS	ROBBERY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY	1
	THEFT DWELLING OTHER THAN AUTO. M/C OR METER	2
	THEFT OF PEDAL CYCLE	1
Grand Total		26



**A Table of Crime by Month of the Year and Hour of the Day in the Study Area**

Month	Total
Jan	3
Feb	0
Mar	3
Apr	3
May	1
Jun	3

Month	Total
Jul	3
Aug	0
Sep	2
Oct	2
Nov	3
Dec	3

Crime Day	Total
Mon	5
Tue	0
Wed	3
Thu	0
Fri	4
Sat	6
Sun	8
Grand Total	26

Grand Total

26

Expected Average Crime per Month =

**2.17**

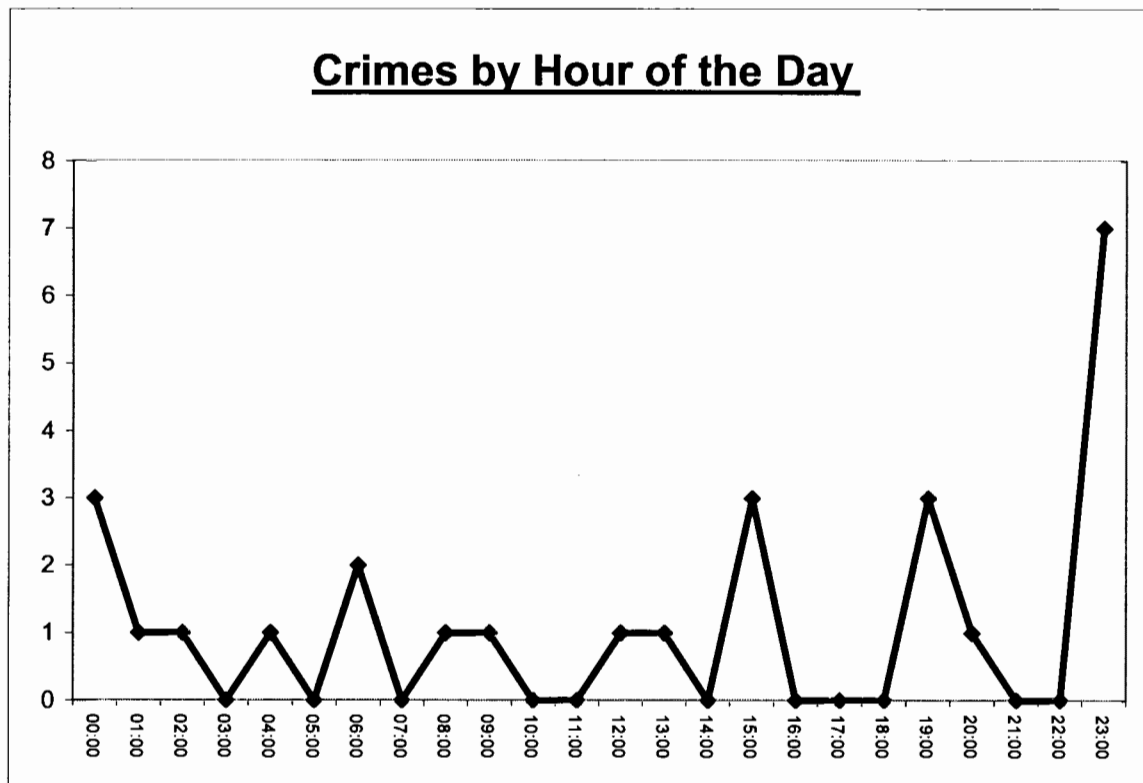
Expected Average Crime per Day =

**3.71**

**A Table of Crime by Hour of the Day in the Study Area**

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Total	3	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	7	26

**Crimes by Hour of the Day**

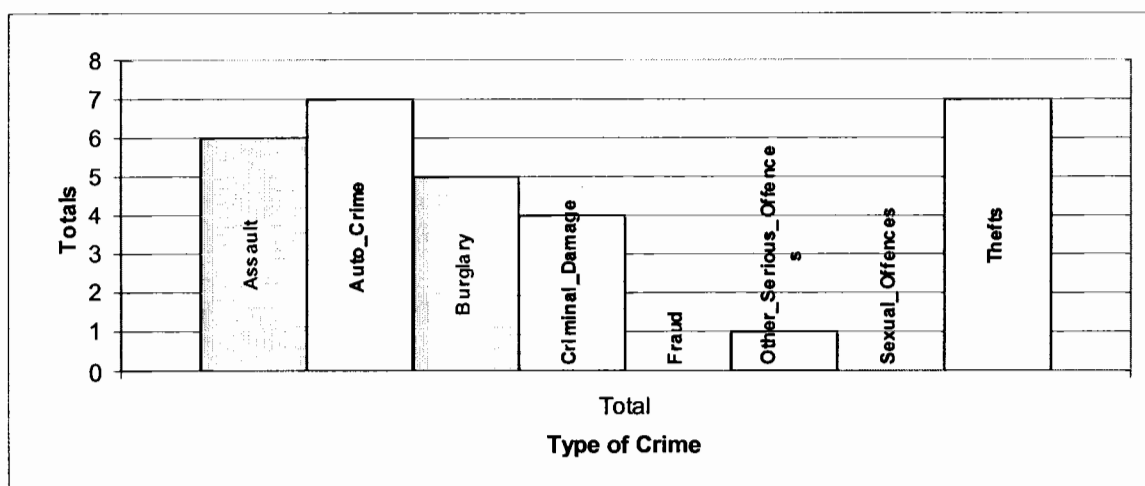


# Architectural Liaison Officer Report

Crime Analysis Study Area:	=	<b>The Reeves Study Area</b>
Planning Application Reference:	=	<b>N/a</b>
Size of Study Area from Application	=	<b>Please See Map</b>
Study Period Start:	=	<b>01/01/2006</b>
Study Period End:	=	<b>31/12/2006</b>
Date Study Completed	=	<b>14/02/2007</b>
Number of Months in Study Period	=	<b>12</b>
Geocoding Accuracy Rate	=	<b>95%</b>

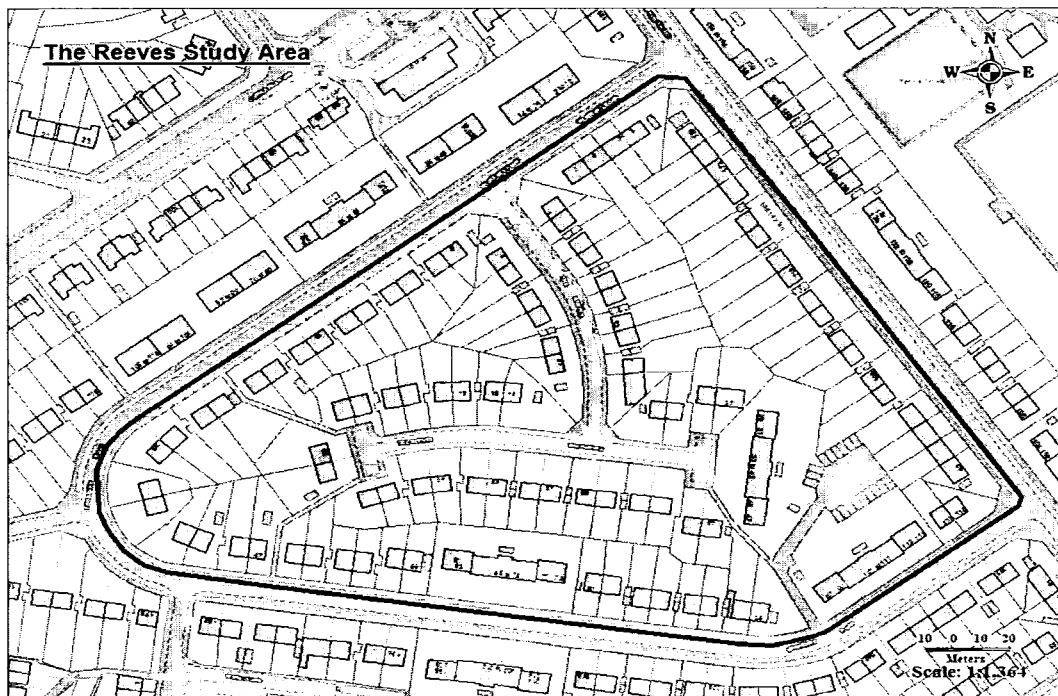
Crime Group	Total
Assault	6
Auto_Crime	7
Burglary	5
Criminal Damage	4
Fraud	0
Other Serious Offences	1
Sexual Offences	0
Thefts	7
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>30</b>

**A Table of Crime in the Study Area (Above) and corresponding Graph (Below)**



**A Table of Crime by Crime Group and then Crime Type**

EVENT_GROUP	HO_DESCRIPTION	Total
ASSAULT	COMMON ASSAULT ETC.	1
	OTHER WOUNDING ETC.	2
	PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	1
	WOUNDING OR OTHER ACT ENDANGERING LIFE	2
AUTO_CRIME	AGGRAVATED VEHICLE TAKING DAMAGE UNDER #5001	1
	THEFT FROM VEHICLE	4
	THEFT OR UNAUTHORISED TAKING MOTOR VEHICLE	1
	VEHICLE INTERFERENCE	1
BURGLARY	BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTHER THAN A DWELLING	1
	BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	4
CRIMINAL_DAMAGE	CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO DWELLINGS	1
	CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO VEHICLES	3
OTHER_SERIOUS_OFFENCES	TRAFFICKING IN CONTROLLED DRUGS	1
THEFTS	OTHER THEFT OR UNAUTHORISED TAKING	4
	THEFT DWELLING OTHER THAN AUTO. M/C OR METER	1
	THEFT OF PEDAL CYCLE	2
Grand Total		30



**A Table of Crime by Month of the Year and Hour of the Day in the Study Area**

Month	Total
Jan	4
Feb	1
Mar	0
Apr	3
May	4
Jun	3

Month	Total
Jul	1
Aug	2
Sep	4
Oct	1
Nov	3
Dec	4

Crime Day	Total
Mon	6
Tue	5
Wed	4
Thu	5
Fri	3
Sat	2
Sun	5
Grand Total	30

Grand Total

30

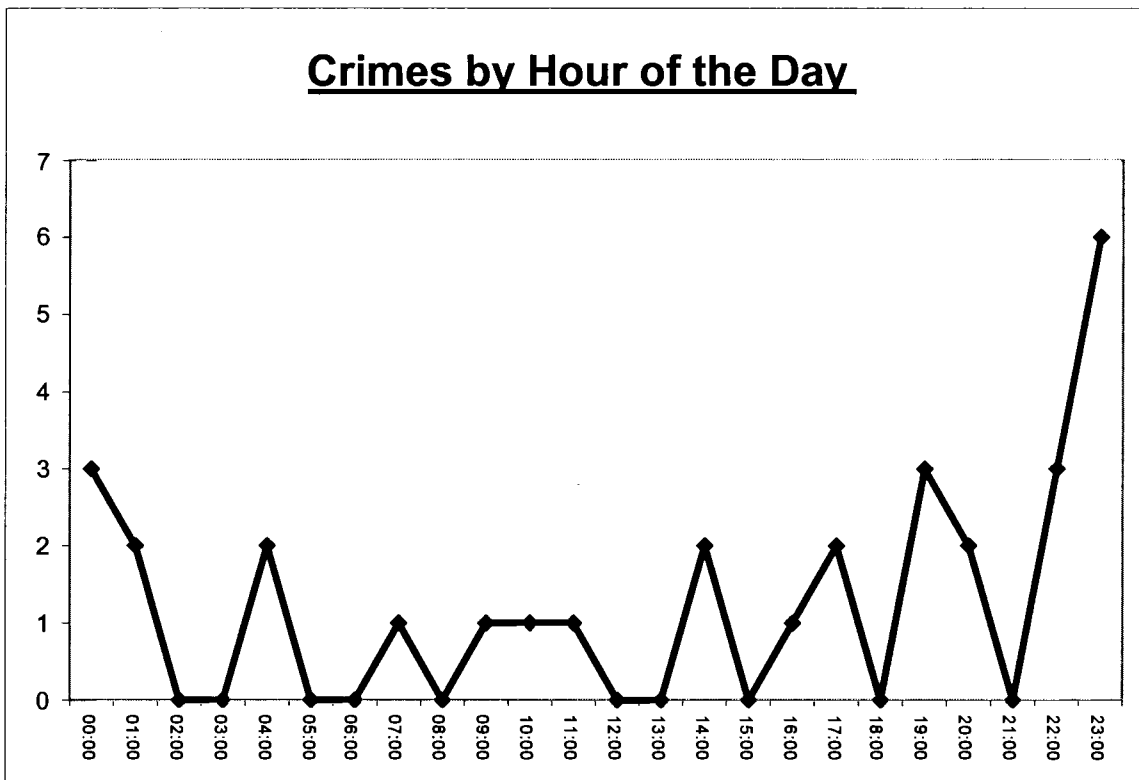
Expected Average Crime per Month = **2.5**

Expected Average Crime per Day = **4.29**

**A Table of Crime by Hour of the Day in the Study Area**

	00:00	01:00	02:00	03:00	04:00	05:00	06:00	07:00	08:00	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00	21:00	22:00	23:00	Total
Total	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	3	2	0	3	6	30

**Crimes by Hour of the Day**





# **ASB Analysis Reports**

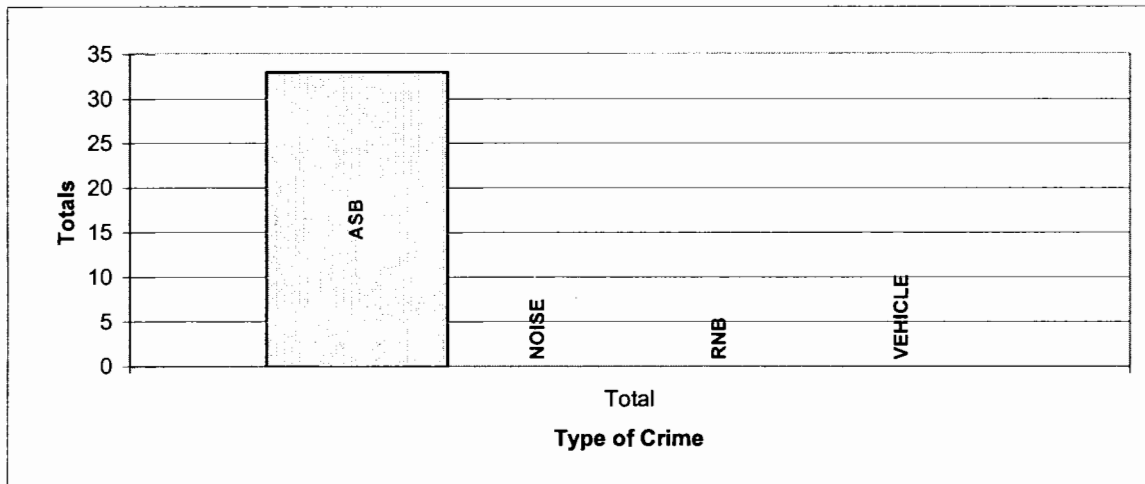
**1.1.2008 – 31.7.2009**

# NYP ASB General Incidents Report

ASB Analysis Study Area:	=	<b>The Reeves Study Area</b>
Planning Application Reference:	=	<b>Alleygating</b>
Size of Study Area from Application	=	<b>Please See Map</b>
Study Period Start:	=	<b>01/01/2009</b>
Study Period End:	=	<b>31/07/2009</b>
Date Study Completed	=	<b>17/09/2009</b>
Number of Months in Study Period	=	<b>8</b>
Geocoding Accuracy Rate	=	<b>95%</b>

ASB Incident Group	Total
ASB	33
NOISE	0
RNB	0
VEHICLE	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>33</b>

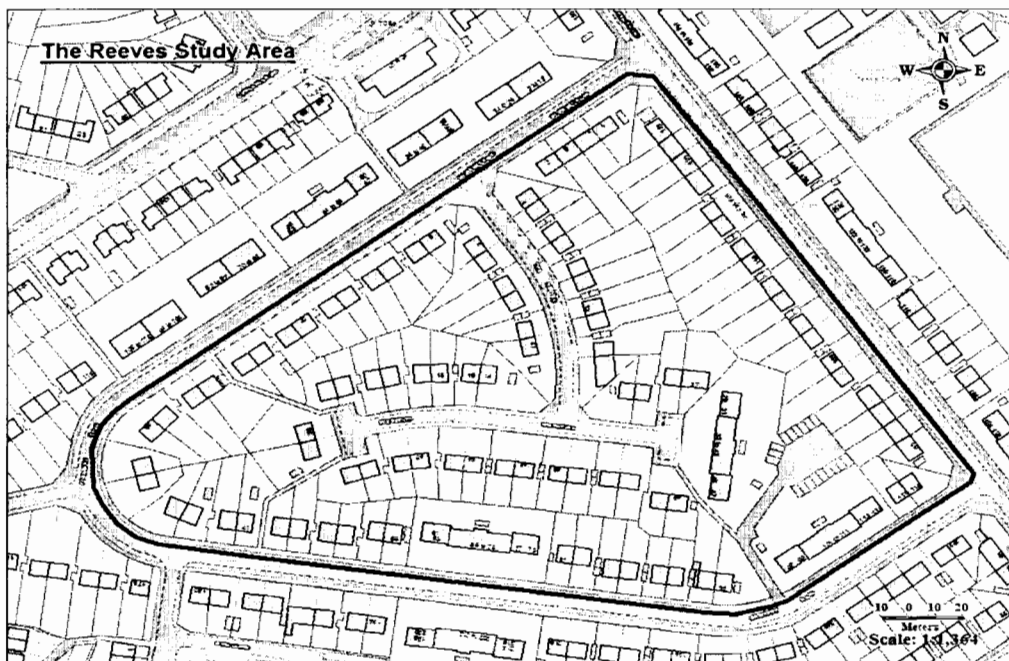
**A Table of NYP ASB Incidents in the Study Area (Above) and corresponding Graph (Below)**



**THIS REPORT DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE ASB INCIDENTS THAT HAVE BEEN CONVERTED IN TO CRIMES**

**A Table of ASB by ASB Group and then Incident Heading**

EVENT_GROUP	INCIDENT_HEADING	Total
ASB	ABANDONED	1
	BEHAVIOUR	27
	NEIGHBOUR	2
	VEHNUISAN	3
Grand Total		33



FURTHER DETAIL OF THE ABOVE DESCRIPTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: ABANDONED = ABANDONED CARS, COMMS = COMMUNICATIONS, VEHNUISANCE = VEHICLE NUISANCE, RNB = ROWDY AND NUISNCE BEHAVIOUR, SUBMIS = SUBSTANCE MISUSE

**A Table of ASB Incidents by Month of the Year and Hour of the Day in the Study Area**

Month	Total
Jan	9
Feb	12
Mar	2
Apr	2
May	4
Jun	3

Month	Total
Jul	1
Aug	0
Sep	0
Oct	0
Nov	0
Dec	0

Day	Total
Mon	4
Tue	5
Wed	3
Thu	5
Fri	8
Sat	4
Sun	4
Grand Total	33

Grand Total

33

Expected Average Incidents per Month =

**4.71**

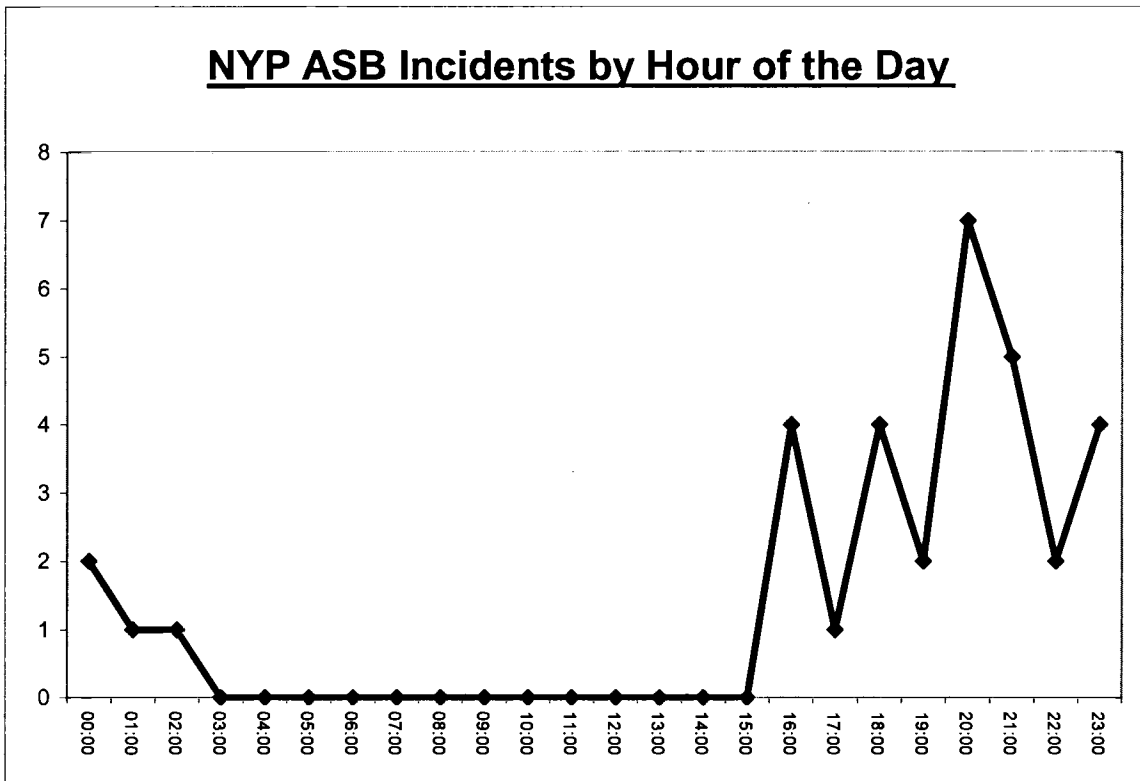
Expected Average Incidents per Day =

**4.71**

**A Table of NYP ASB Incidents by Hour of the Day in the Study Area**

	00:00	01:00	02:00	03:00	04:00	05:00	06:00	07:00	08:00	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00	21:00	22:00	23:00	Total
Total	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	4	2	7	5	2	4	33

**NYP ASB Incidents by Hour of the Day**

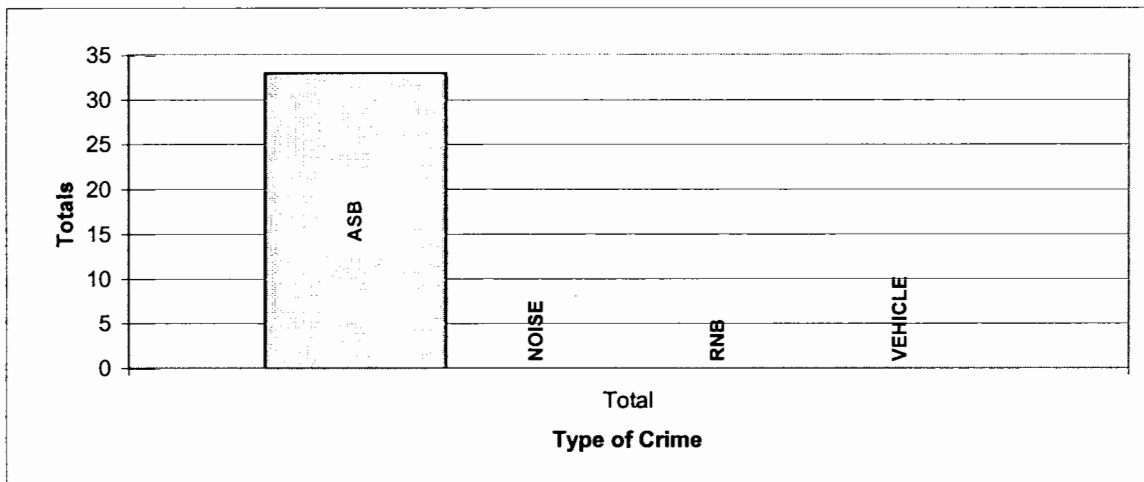


# NYP ASB General Incidents Report

ASB Analysis Study Area:	=	<b>The Reeves Study Area</b>
Planning Application Reference:	=	<b>Alleygating</b>
Size of Study Area from Application	=	<b>Please See Map</b>
Study Period Start:	=	<b>01/01/2008</b>
Study Period End:	=	<b>31/12/2008</b>
Date Study Completed	=	<b>17/09/2009</b>
Number of Months in Study Period	=	<b>12</b>
Geocoding Accuracy Rate	=	<b>95%</b>

ASB Incident Group	Total
ASB	33
NOISE	0
RNB	0
VEHICLE	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>33</b>

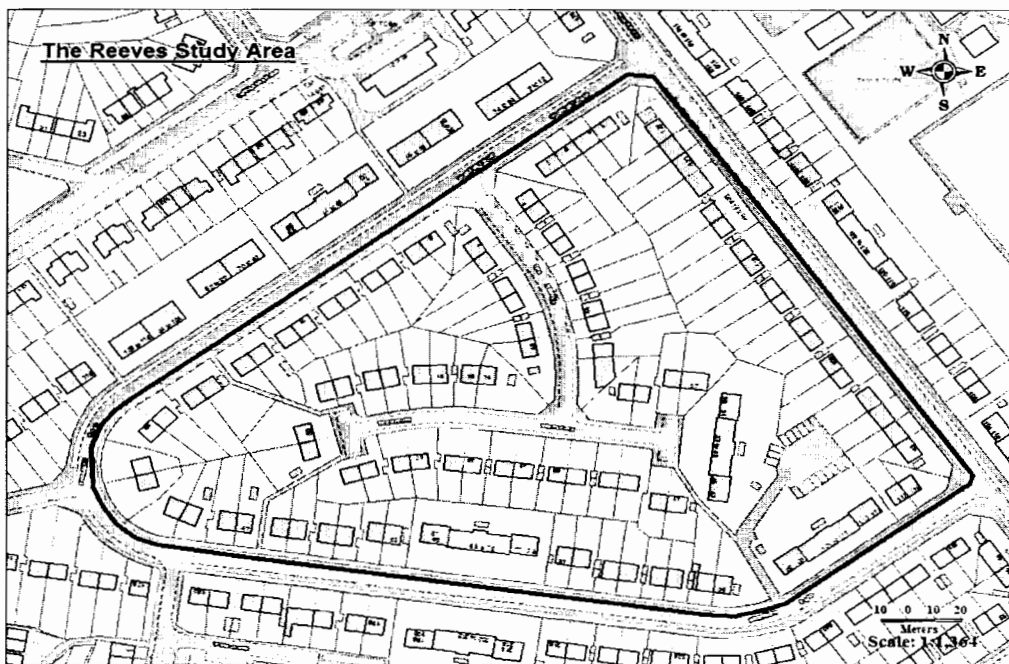
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**A Table of ASB by ASB Group and then Incident Heading**

EVENT_GROUP	INCIDENT_HEADING	Total
ASB	ABANDONED	1
	BEHAVIOUR	21
	COMMS	4
	NEIGHBOUR	1
	VEHNUISAN	6
Grand Total		33



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**A Table of ASB Incidents by Month of the Year and Hour of the Day in the Study Area**

Month	Total
Jan	2
Feb	1
Mar	0
Apr	2
May	3
Jun	1

Month	Total
Jul	5
Aug	4
Sep	1
Oct	10
Nov	3
Dec	1

Day	Total
Mon	6
Tue	3
Wed	6
Thu	10
Fri	2
Sat	3
Sun	3
Grand Total	33

Grand Total

33

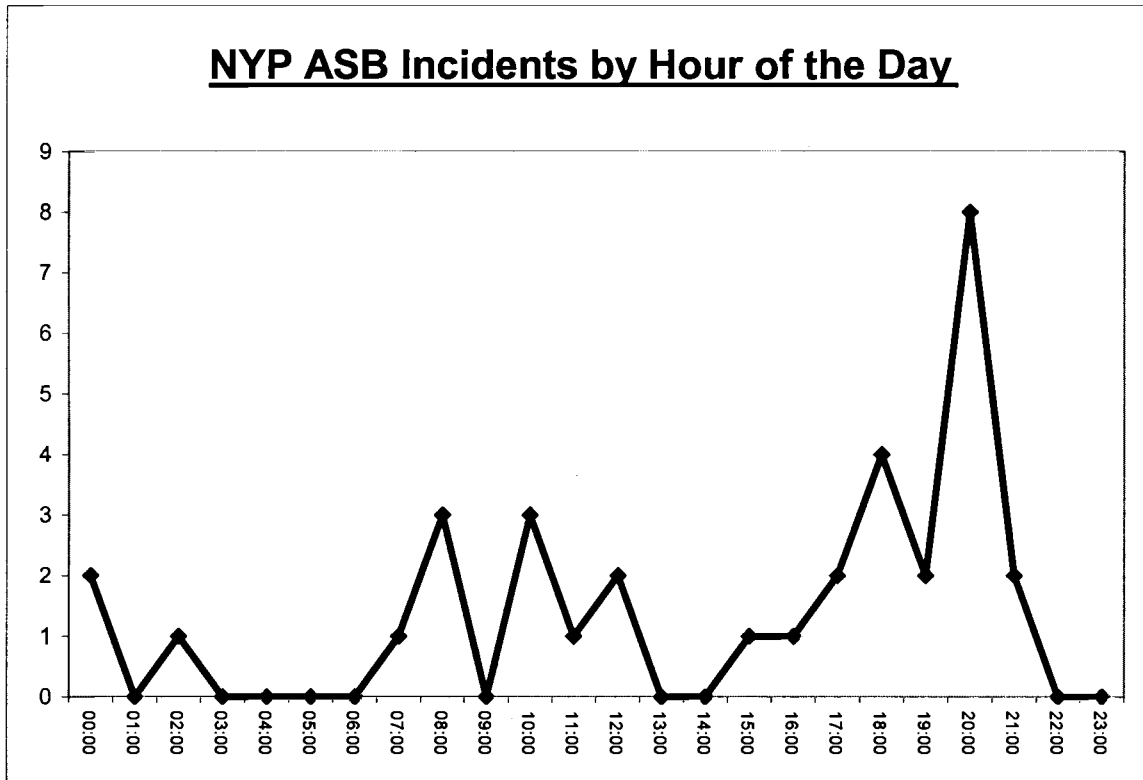
Expected Average Incidents per Month = **2.75**

Expected Average Incidents per Day = **4.71**

**A Table of NYP ASB Incidents by Hour of the Day in the Study Area**

	00:00	01:00	02:00	03:00	04:00	05:00	06:00	07:00	08:00	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00	21:00	22:00	23:00	Total
Total	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	3	1	2	0	0	1	1	2	4	2	8	2	0	0	33

**NYP ASB Incidents by Hour of the Day**



**O.S. Map  
Of  
Study Area**



