

CCTV Coverage of Crime in the York City Centre

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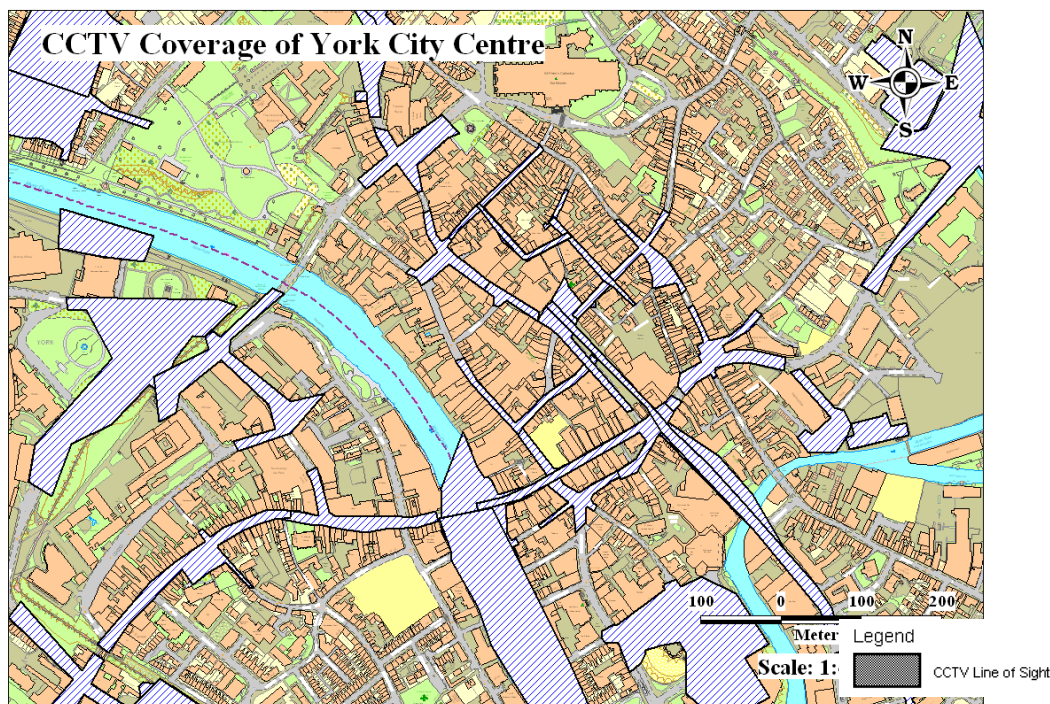
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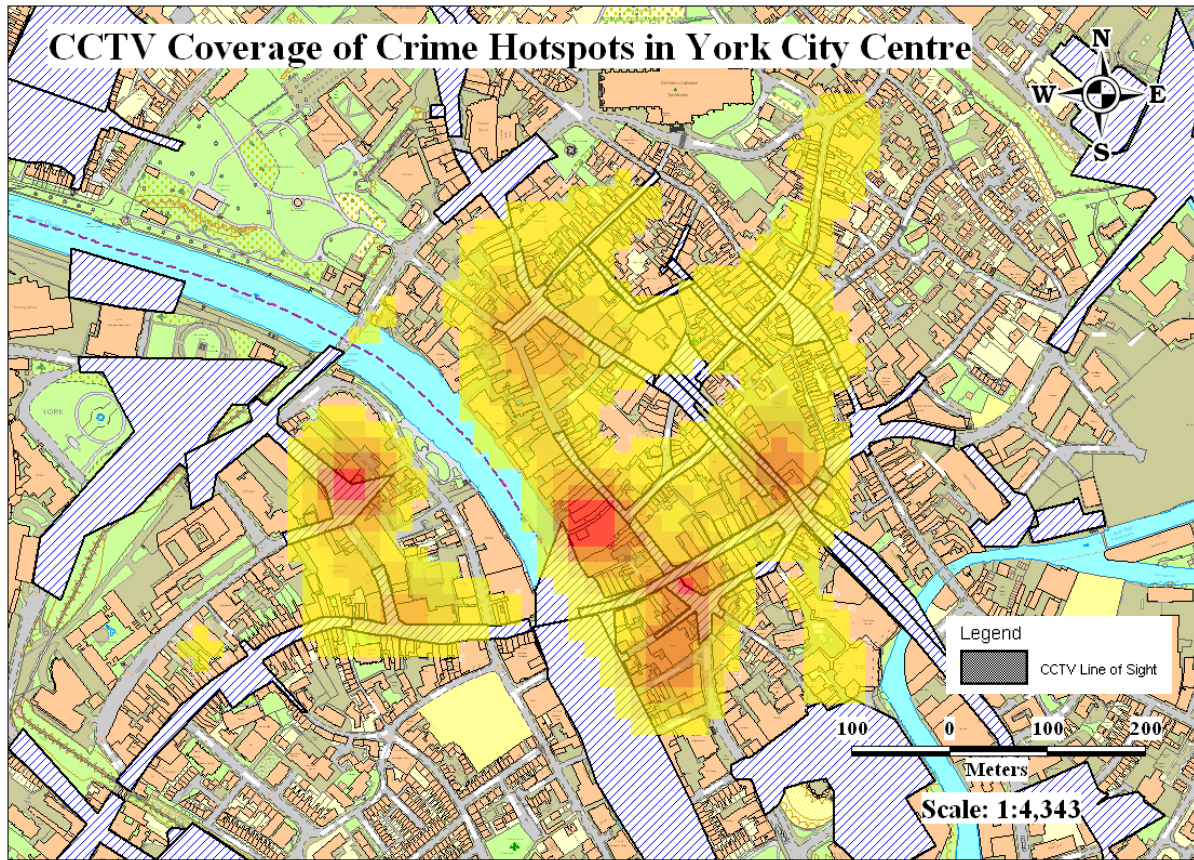
Introduction

This report has been produced by the Safer York Partnership to look at the CCTV Coverage of crime and crime hotspots in the York City Centre. As you can see from the two maps below, much of the city centre is covered by existing CCTV cameras; and the majority of crime hotspots and crime occurs where there is CCTV coverage.

However, there are some locations in the York City Centre where there appears to be some volume of crime but there is limited CCTV coverage; and the three key locations (Coney Street, Goodramgate and Walmgate) are discussed on Pages 3, 4 and 5. It is in these locations where the installation of new CCTV cameras may be effective in reducing crime through deterrence or apprehending offenders through use of the CCTV footage.



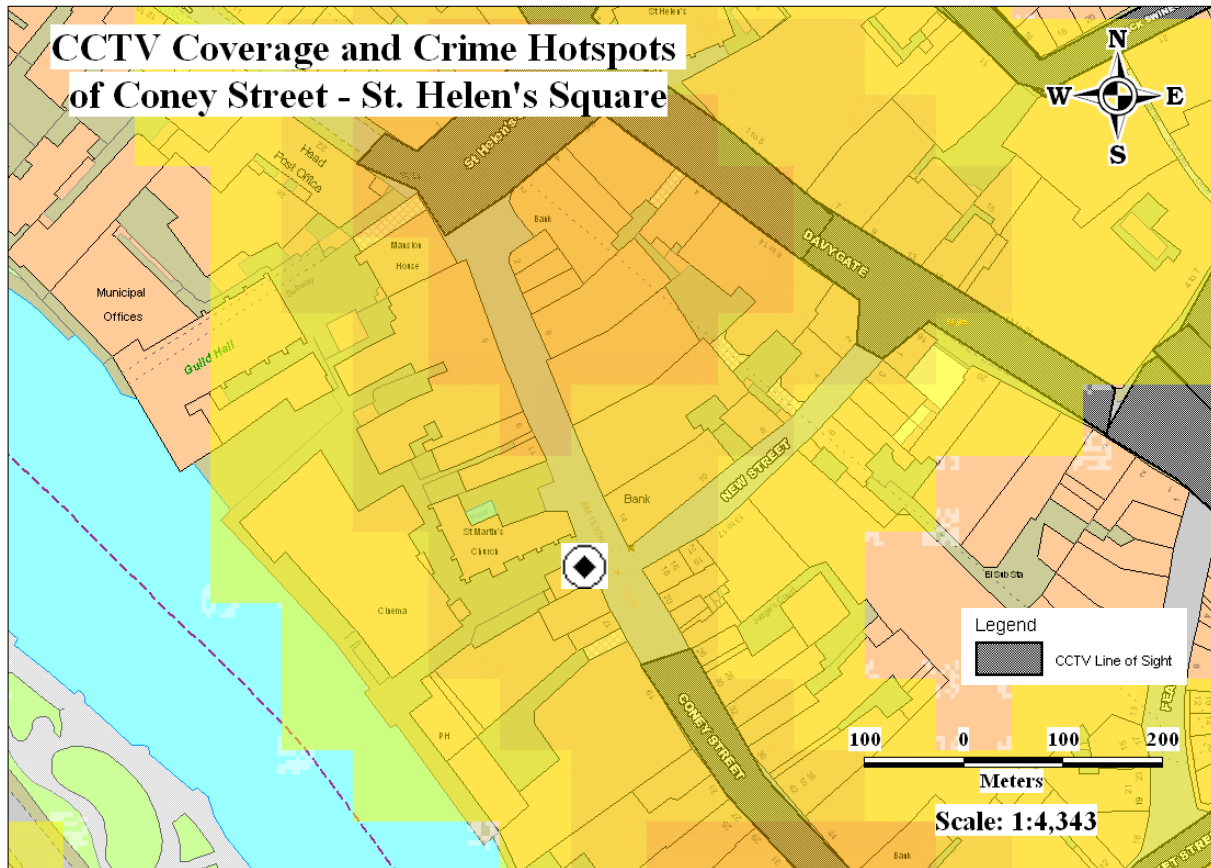
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Possible Locations

Coney Street – St Helen’s Square and New Street

One location where a new CCTV camera could be effective is near where Coney Street meets New Street; this is shown in the map below.

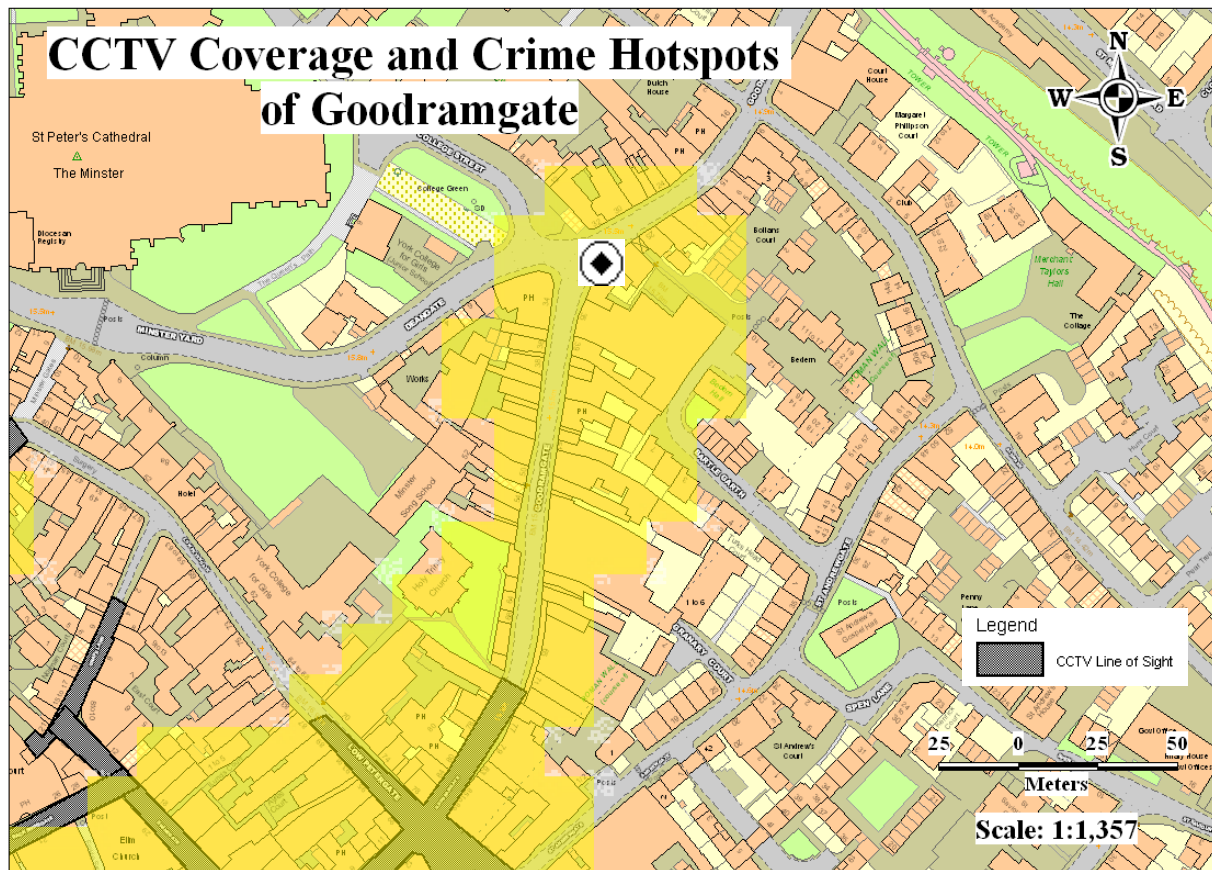


By adding a CCTV camera next to the path leading to the Cinema/Revolution (opposite New Street); the camera would be able to cover much of the path leading to the Cinema/Revolution; New Street, and the gap between the cameras monitoring St Helen’s Square and Coney Street.

Using crime data from the whole of 2009, this camera could have been effective in upto 158 offences which occurred solely in the area covered by the camera.

Goodramgate

Another possible location for a CCTV camera would on the north end of Goodramgate (where it meets Deangate); this is shown in the map below.

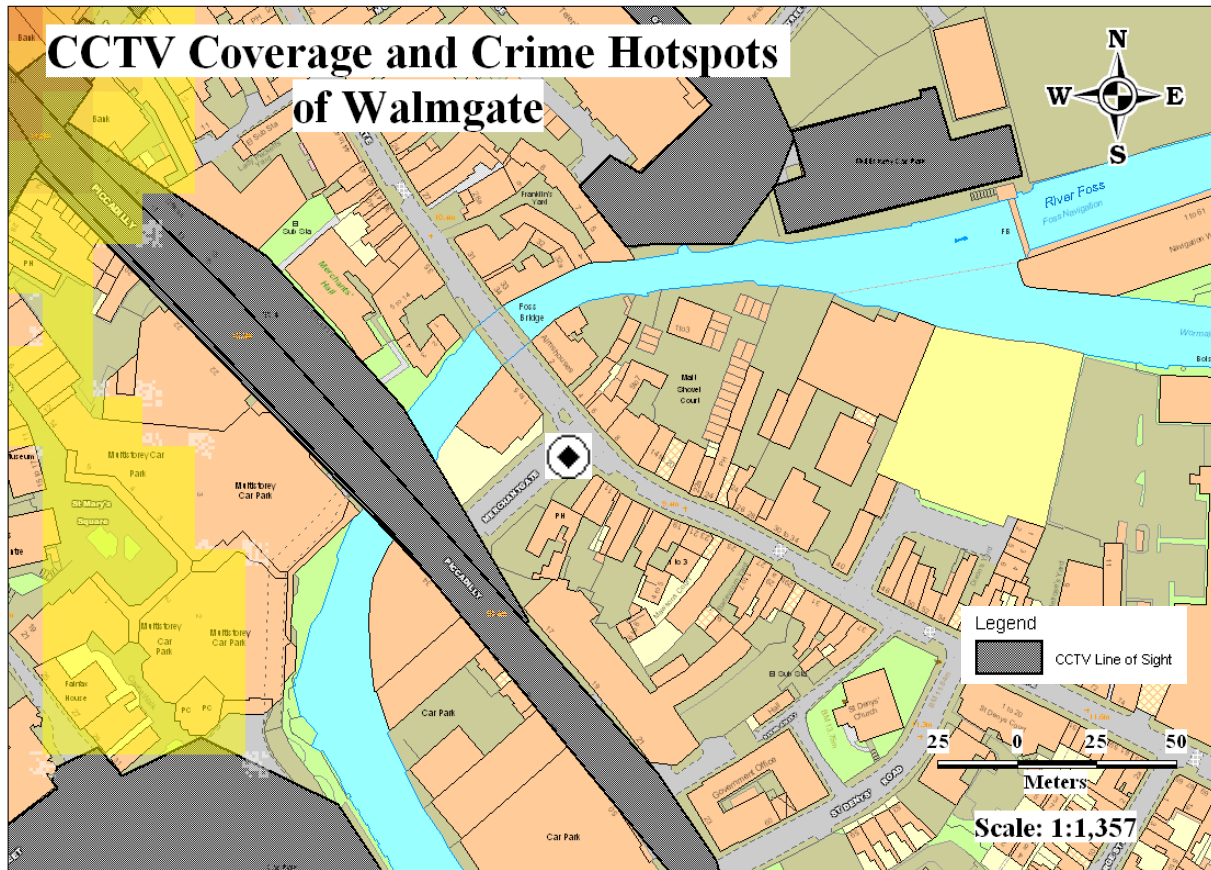


By adding a CCTV camera on the corner where Deangate meets Goodramgate, the camera would be able to monitor not only the up the north-end of Goodramgate too the Bar (where there is some volume of crime) but also down Deangate and College Street.

Using crime data from 2009, this camera could have been effective in upto 120 offences which occurred solely in the area covered by the camera. This camera would also help monitor one of the least CCTV-covered 'exit routes' from the city centre.

Walmgate

Another possible location for a camera would be where Walmgate meets Fossgate and Merchant Gate; this location is shown in the map below.



Although this area doesn't have a significant concentration of crime, by adding a camera where Walmgate meets Fossgate and Merchant Gate, the camera could view a large area up Fossgate (to Pavement); Merchant Gate; and down much of Walmgate.

Not only would this help monitor an 'exit route' (not covered by CCTV) from the city centre but from 2009 crime data this camera could have been effective in upto 63 offences which happened solely in the area covered by the camera.

Summary

As discussed in this report, the majority of crime and crime hotspots are already covered by the existing CCTV cameras; however there are some locations (three key locations: Coney Street, Goodramgate and Walmgate) where new CCTV cameras may be effective against crime.

By adding CCTV cameras on Coney Street and Goodramgate, two crime hotspots not already covered by CCTV would be then covered. Also by adding CCTV cameras on Walmgate and Goodramgate the two least CCTV-covered 'exit routes' from the City Centre would then be covered by CCTV enabling better 'tracking' of offenders across and out of the city centre.