20th February 2009

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Public Rights of Way Office
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Dear Emily,

Moor Lane Footpath – Dringhouses, York

With reference to our recent site visit and conversation regarding the gating of a through-route footpath between Old Moor Lane and Moor Lane Railway Bridge, York, I wish to make the following comments:

1.   I have spoken with Safer York Partnership Crime Analyst, Ian Cunningham, and he has produced two analytical reports of police-recorded crime and anti-social behaviour covering a period from 1st January 2008 to the 31st December 2008. The study area is shown on his reports, which I have attached to this document for information.

2.   The crime analysis shows 8 incidents of anti-social behaviour and 7 crimes, all reported within a twelve month period. From these statistics and the size of the study area, we would have difficulty finding the necessary evidence to justify a gating project, bearing in mind cost and the greater level of offences in some other locations.

3.   At the time of our visit, the footpath was being well used by pedestrians and dog walkers.

4.   It was interesting to note that, despite opportunities for natural surveillance of the footpath being limited, there was a total absence of any form of graffiti damage. Graffiti is a common feature of other, similar footpaths, e.g. Love Lane railway footbridge. This would indicate one of two things: either residents are constantly maintaining their fences by painting out graffiti as and when it happens, or regular use of the footpath is deterring such anti-social behaviour.

Gating projects are of greatest benefit in respect of closing off communal access rear alleyways rather than through routes. Furthermore, funding for gating projects is extremely tight and, as a result, we have to prioritise those locations which cause us the greatest concern regarding crime and anti-social behaviour.

I feel, on balance, that to pursue a gating order for the Moor Lane footpath could prove problematic in respect of a number of issues, not least cost, insufficient evidence of crime, and legal matters. It would therefore be difficult to support a gating scheme at this time.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Shanks
Police Architectural Liaison Officer

NYP ASB General Incidents Report

ASB Analysis Study Area:	=	**York Old Moor Lane Study Area**
Planning Application Reference:	=	
Size of Study Area from Application	=	**Please See Map**
Study Period Start:	=	01/01/2008
Study Period End:	=	31/12/2008
Date Study Completed	=	03/02/2009
Number of Months in Study Period	=	12
Geocoding Accuracy Rate	=	95%

| ASB Incident Group	Total
ASB	8
NOISE	0
RNB	0
VEHICLE	0
Grand Total	**8**

A Table of NYP ASB Incidents in the Study Area (Above) and corresponding Graph (Below)
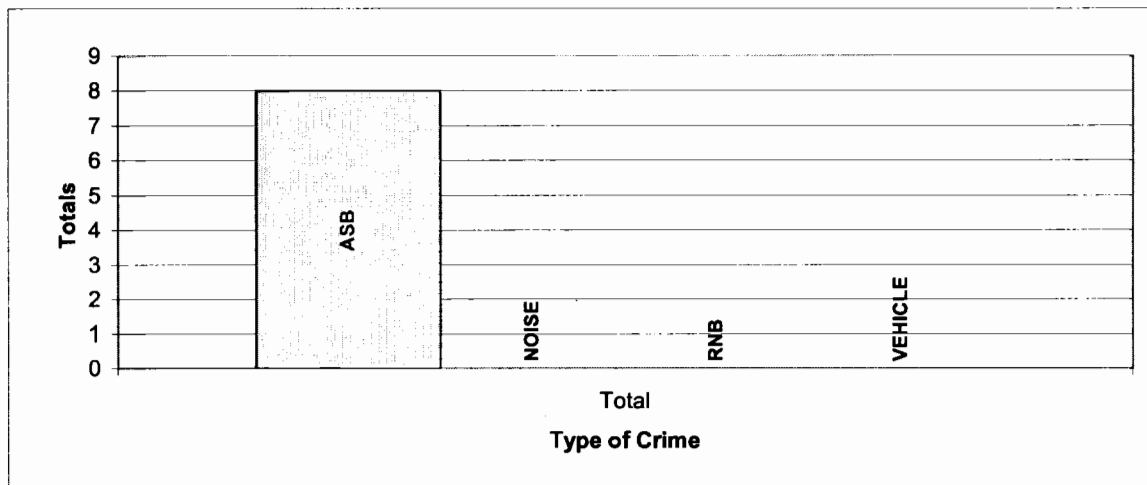
THIS REPORT DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE ASB
INCIDENTS THAT HAVE BEEN CONVERTED IN TO CRIMES

A Table of ASB by ASB Group and then Incident Heading

EVENT_GROUP	INCIDENT_HEADING	Total
ASB	BEHAVIOUR	7
	VEHNUISAN	1
Grand Total		8

York Old Moor Lane Study Area

Scale: 1:1,618
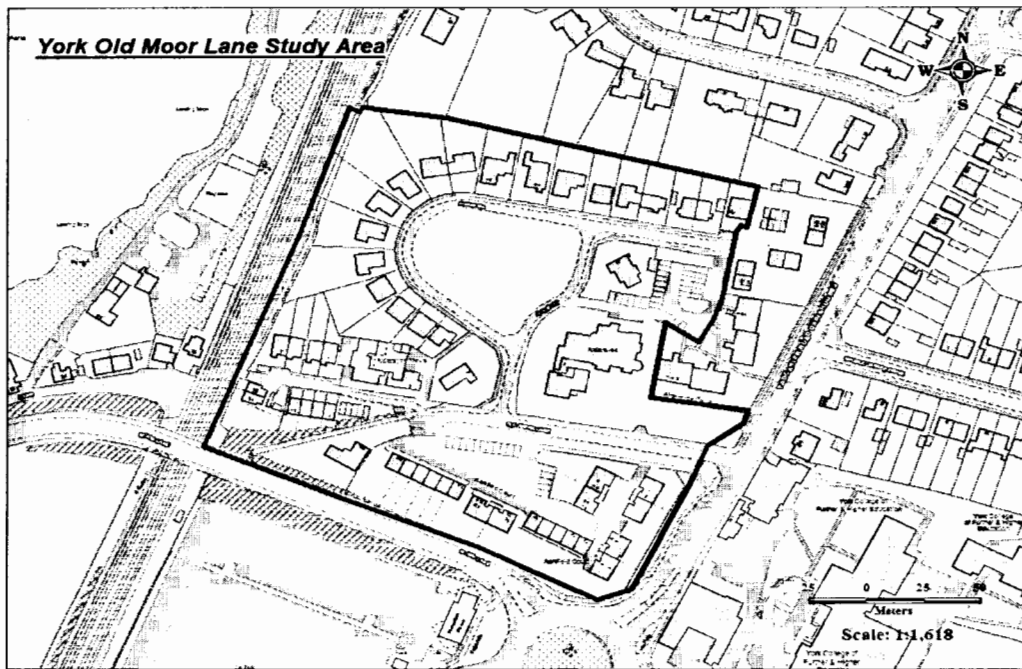
FURTHER DETAIL OF THE ABOVE DESCRIPTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: ABANDONED = ABANDONED CARS, COMMS = COMMUNICATIONS, VEHNUISANCE = VEHICLE NUISANCE, RNB = ROWDY AND NUISNCE BEHAVIOUR, SUBMIS = SUBSTANCE MISUSE

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

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

Month	Total
Jul	0
Aug	0
Sep	1
Oct	2
Nov	3
Dec	1

| Day	Total
Mon	3
Tue	1
Wed	1
Thu	2
Fri	0
Sat	0
Sun	1
Grand Total	**8**

Grand Total	8

Expected Average Incidents per Month = 0.67   Expected Average Incidents per Day = 1.14

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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8

NYP ASB Incidents by Hour of the Day
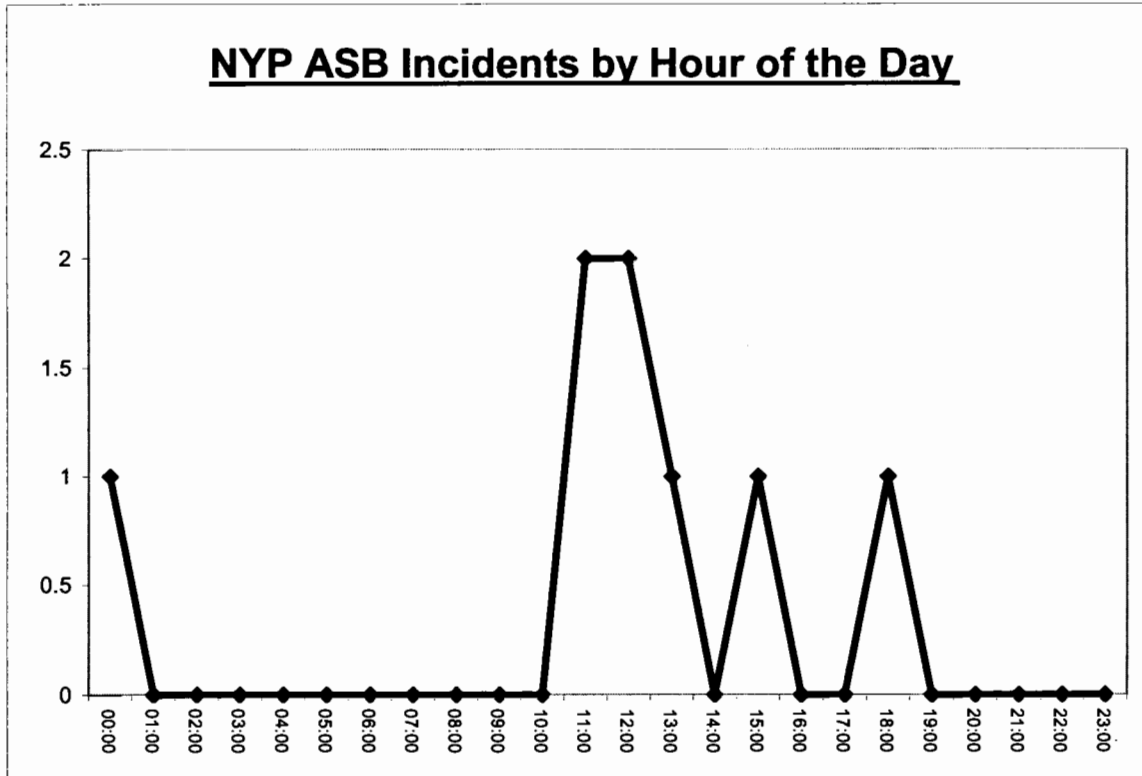
Architectural Liason Officer Report

Crime Analysis Study Area:	=	**York Old Moor Lane Study Area**
Planning Application Reference:	=	
Size of Study Area from Application	=	**Please See Map**
Study Period Start:	=	**01/01/2008**
Study Period End:	=	**31/12/2008**
Date Study Completed	=	**03/02/2009**
Number of Months in Study Period	=	**12**
Geocoding Accuracy Rate	=	**95%**

Crime Group	Total
Assault	0
Auto_Crime	2
Burglary	1
Criminal_Damage	3
Fraud	0
Other_Serious_Offences	0
Sexual_Offences	0
Thefts	1
Grand Total	7

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

Report Produced by Ian Cunningham Crime Analyst, SYP
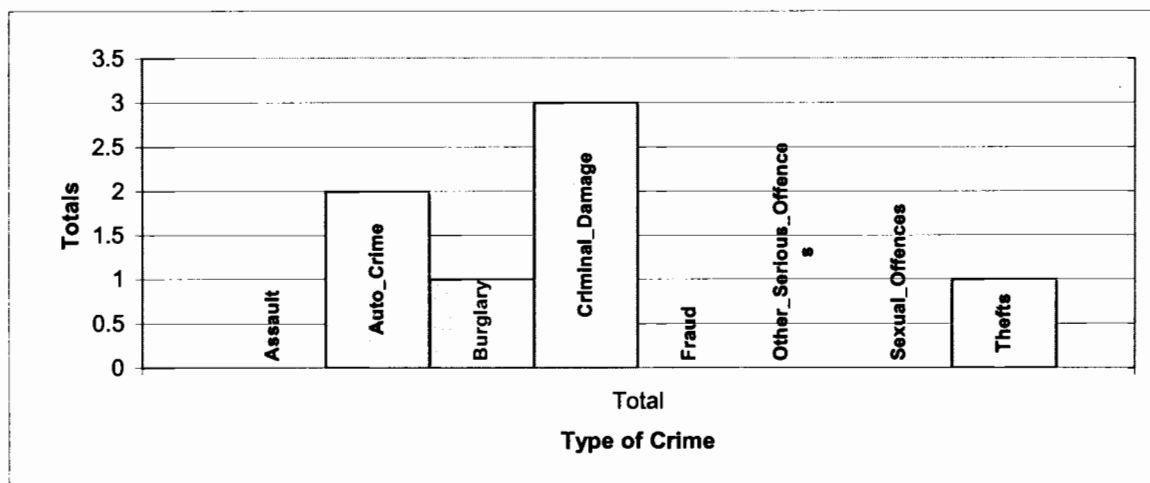
A Table of Crime by Crime Group and then Crime Type

EVENT_GROUP	HO_DESCRIPTION	Total
AUTO_CRIME	THEFT FROM VEHICLE	2
BURGLARY	BURGLARY IN A BUILDING OTHER THAN A DWELLING	1
CRIMINAL_DAMAGE	CRIMINAL DAMAGE OTHER	1
	CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO VEHICLES	2
THEFTS	OTHER THEFT OR UNAUTHORISED TAKING	1
Grand Total		7

York Old Moor Lane Study Area

Scale: 1:1,618

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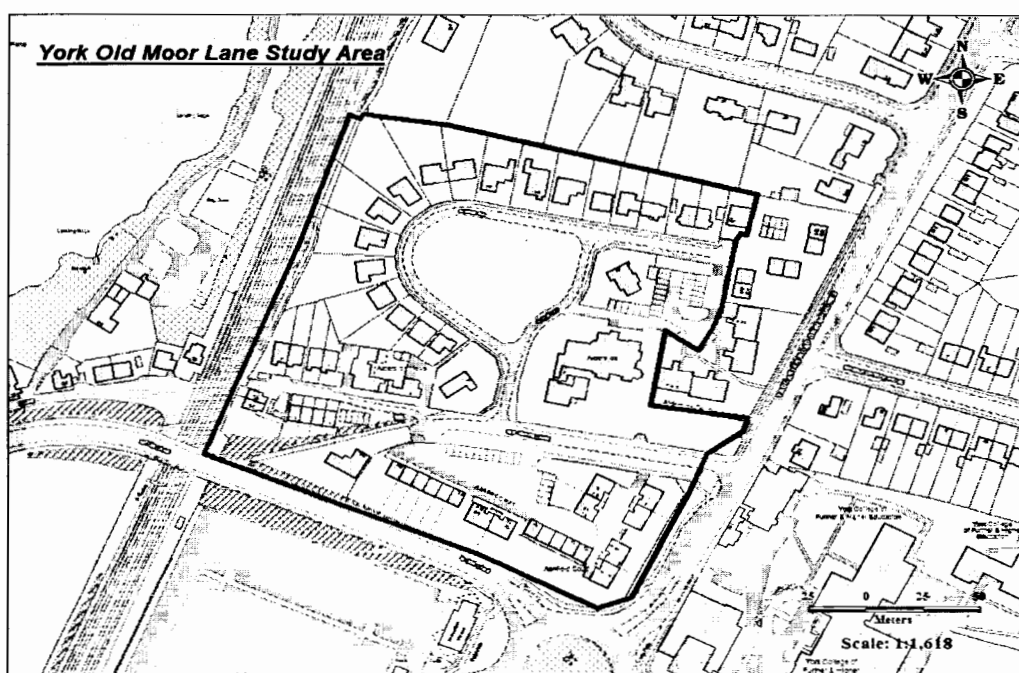
A Table of Crime by Month of the Year and Hour of the Day in the Study Area

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

Month	Total
Jul	1
Aug	1
Sep	0
Oct	1
Nov	0
Dec	3

Crime Day	Total
Mon	0
Tue	1
Wed	1
Thu	0
Fri	3
Sat	1
Sun	1
Grand Total	7

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Expected Average Crime per Month = 0.58

Expected Average Crime per Day = 1

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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	7

Crimes by Hour of the Day

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OLD MOOR LANE

Ashfield

Ashfield Court

17

19
18

20
21

22

27

MOOR LANE

15.5m

Aldersyde Mews

1

2

2a

Moor Lane Footpath

4

1

10

17.1m

7

12

14

16

MOOR LANE

19.5m

BM 19.98m

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