



Redbridge Crime Commission Engagement Findings



Working together for a safer Redbridge

Overview of Engagement



Surveys (Quantitative)

- Two separate surveys were run (Young People and Adults) between October 2020 and January 2021 (Lockdown).
- Views expressed in the surveys will have been influenced by the pandemic.
- Both surveys had finished before the Sarah Everard murder and neither highlighted women's safety as a major issue.
- Since then separate women's safety surveys and listening exercises have been opened and are ongoing, these have been reflected in this document.
- 283 responses to Youth Survey which has now been re-opened.

Public Engagement Sessions (Qualitative)

- Programme of engagement sessions between November 2020 and February 2021.
- Over 300 people engaged with through workshops.

Overview of Crime Commission Survey Respondents



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responses received

68% of respondents were aged 30-64

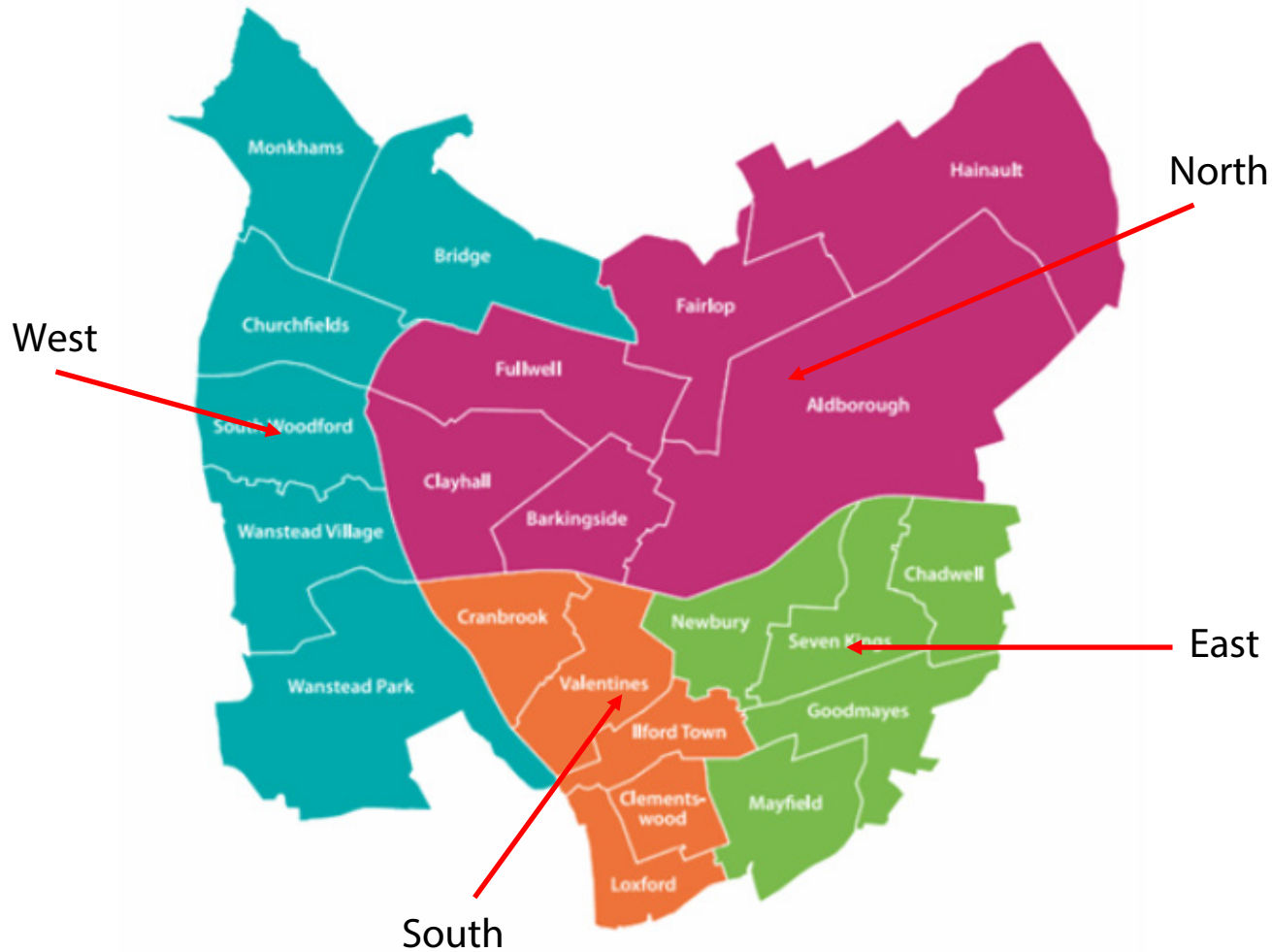
55% of respondents identified as female including transgender women

58% of respondents identified as White.

10% of respondents disclosed having a disability as defined under the Equality Act 2010

- Additional anonymous youth survey run over same period
- Survey received 283 responses
- Respondents were aged 11 to 21
- 43% of respondents were aged 14-16, with 32% 13 and under
- 60% of respondents were female
- 94% of respondents lived with parents
- Responses received from young people reflected the multicultural make up of the borough
- Re-opened for additional responses

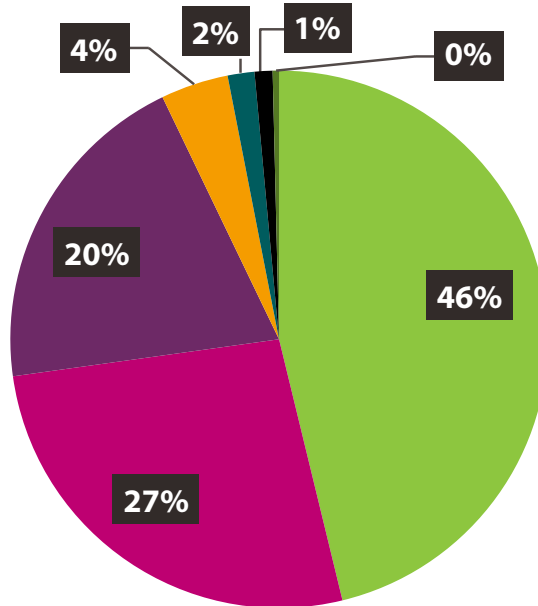
Map of neighbourhood areas



Do you feel safer in Redbridge than you did 12 months ago?

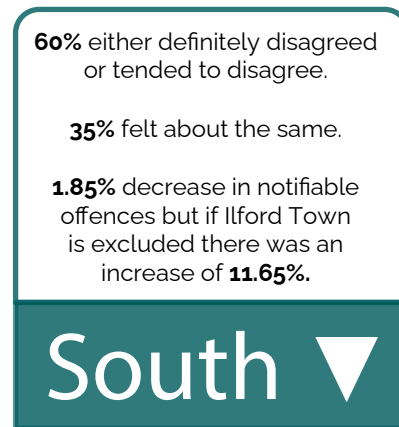
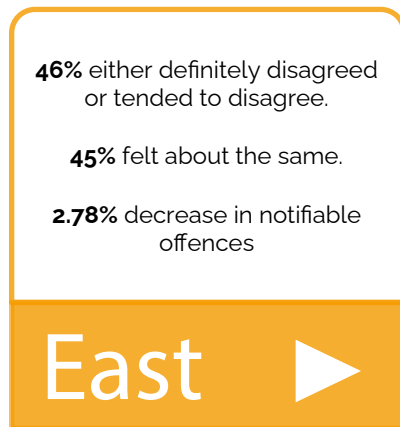
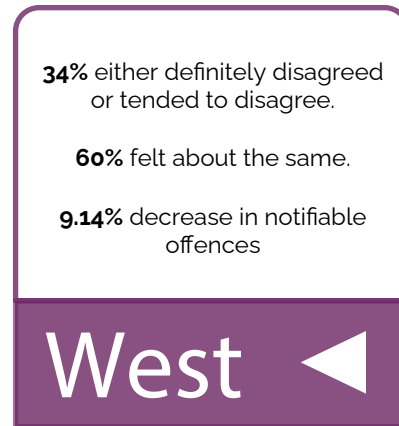
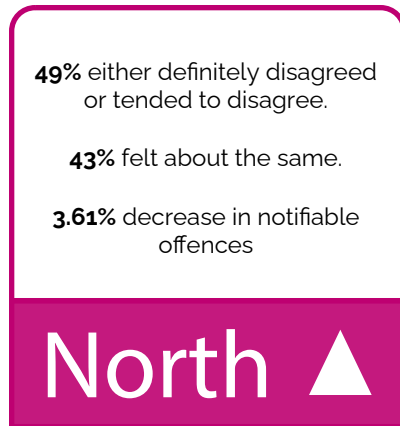


- About the same
- Definitely disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Tend to agree
- Don't Know
- Definitely agree
- Not answered



- 40% of those who identified as BAME perceived their safety to be about the same as 12 months ago compared 52% to those who didn't identify as BAME.
- Crime levels in Redbridge have dropped by 4.59% in the last year. However, crime levels across the borough have increased for the following offences; Violence Against the Person, Public Order Offences, Drug Offences and Sexual Offences.
- There is a strong correlation between perception of safety and perception of change in crime levels in Redbridge in the last 12 months. 67% of respondents felt that crime levels had increased in the last 12 months, despite 69% stating they had not been victims of a crime.

Do you feel safer in Redbridge than you did 12 months ago?



- At least 50% of respondents felt fairly or very safe shopping on High Streets in the West of the borough compared to 59% feeling a bit or very unsafe shopping in Ilford Town Centre in the South and 32% in Seven Kings.
- In the North, 61% of respondents didn't know or had no opinion of safety on Hainault High Street whilst in Barkingside 41% felt fairly or very safe and in Gantshill there was an even split.
- In the East, 54% of respondents didn't know or had no opinion on the safety of Goodmayes but 32% felt a bit or very unsafe shopping in Seven Kings.

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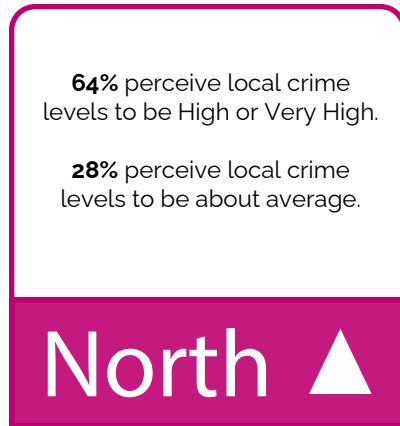
- Respondents in the West predominantly felt about the same with regard to their safety which saw the greatest decrease (9.14%) in crime levels over the last 12 months.
- Respondents in the South did not feel safer in Redbridge than they did 12 months ago which saw a decrease of 1.85% in notifiable offences over the last 12 months.
- Ilford Town saw an 18.47% decrease in crime levels over the last 12 months, when this is excluded as an anomaly, the remaining South neighbourhood saw an increase of 11.65% in crime levels.

Young People's Feelings of Safety



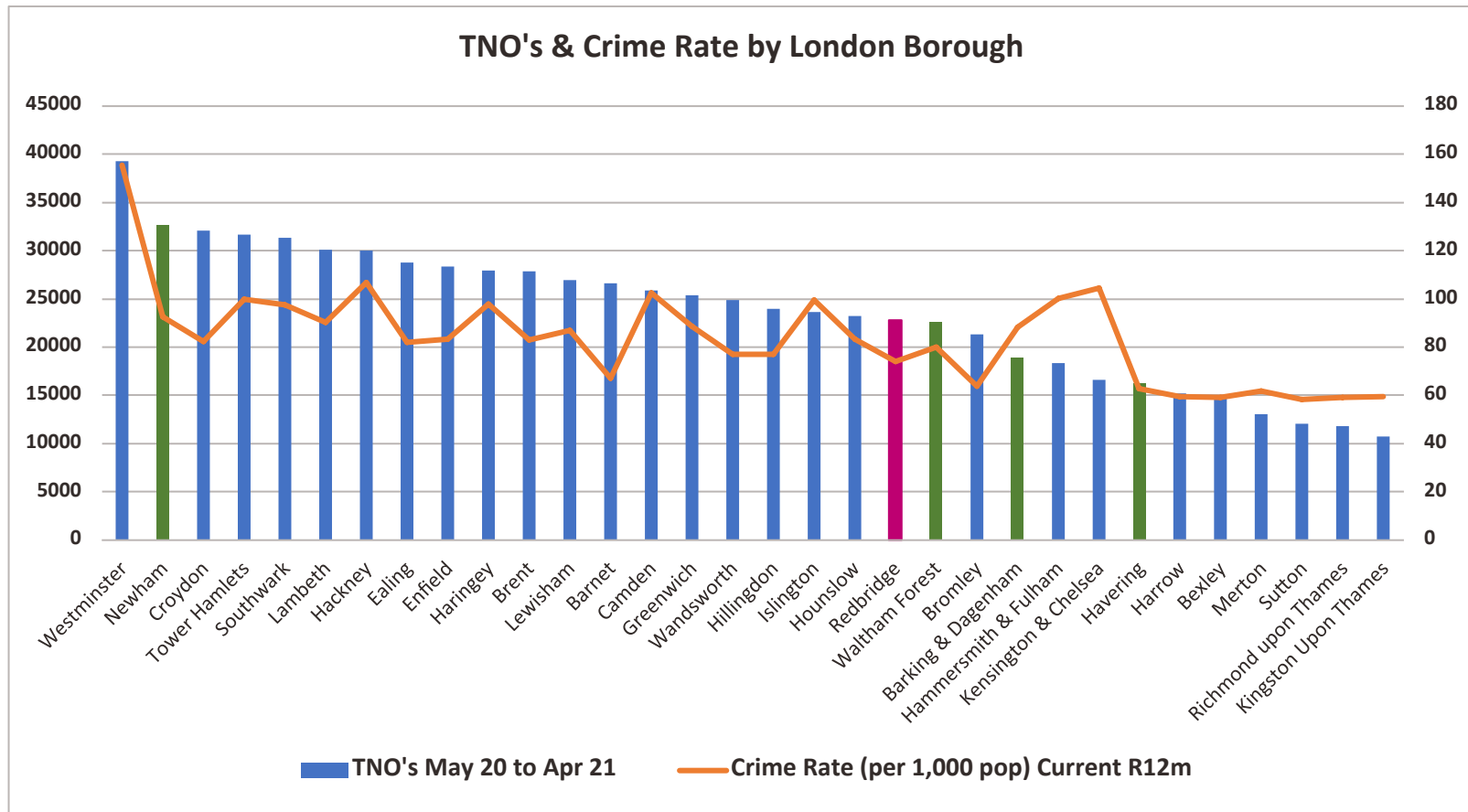
- Nearly 79% of respondents to the Young Person's survey, felt very or quite safe in their local area during the day, with less than 2% saying they felt very unsafe.
- However, the majority of respondents felt unsafe being outside after dark, with nearly 49% indicating they felt quite unsafe and a further 20% feeling very unsafe, with only 20% saying they felt very or quite safe being out after dark.
- A similar pattern is observed for young people using buses during the day and after dark in Redbridge. With 76% of respondents feeling very or quite safe during the day. This drops to around 25% of respondents feeling quite or very safe after dark and over 55% feeling quite or very unsafe.
- 23% of respondents said they felt very safe using the parks and open spaces in the borough, with a further 44% stating they felt quite safe, compared to 6% who stated they felt very unsafe.
- While 54% of respondents felt very safe in school, with a further 30% feeling quite safe. Less than 7% of respondents felt quite or very unsafe while in school. A slightly smaller percentage of respondents felt very or quite safe around their school and on their journey to school.

Perception of Local Crime Levels by Neighbourhood

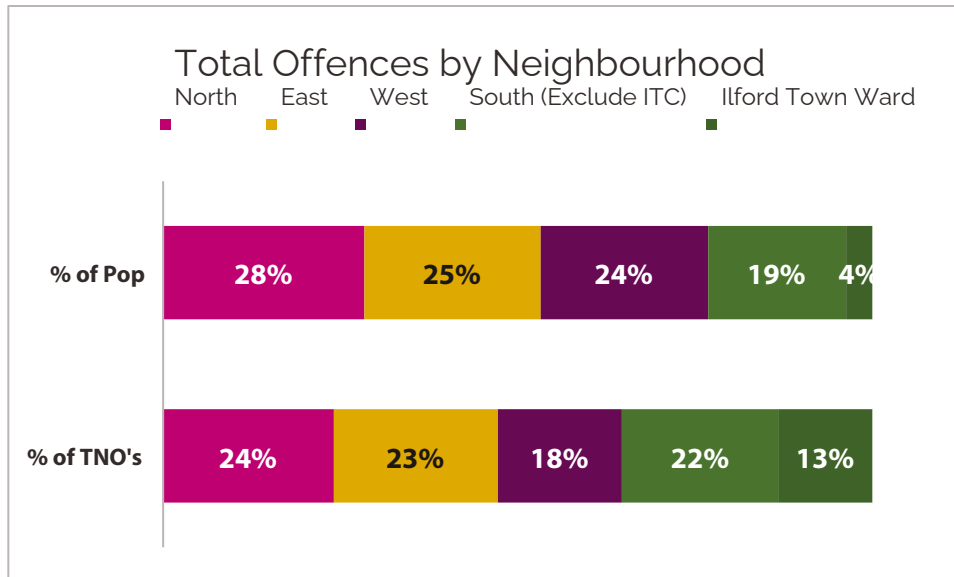


- 64% of all respondents perceived local neighbourhood crime levels to be High or Very High. This was significantly lower in the West neighbourhood at 47% compared to the South at 82%.
- The perception of crime in Redbridge illustrates a similar breakdown with 71% of respondents viewing crime levels as High or Very High.
- However, in the West it was only 55% of respondents compared to 74% in the North and East, and, 85% in the South who perceived crime levels to be high or very in Redbridge.
- 42% of respondents in the West perceived crime levels to be average in Redbridge.
- 38% of young people felt that crime in their local areas was about average, but 39% felt that it was very high or high.

Total Notifiable Offences (TNO's) & Crime Rate by London Borough



Summary of Reported Crime Levels in Redbridge



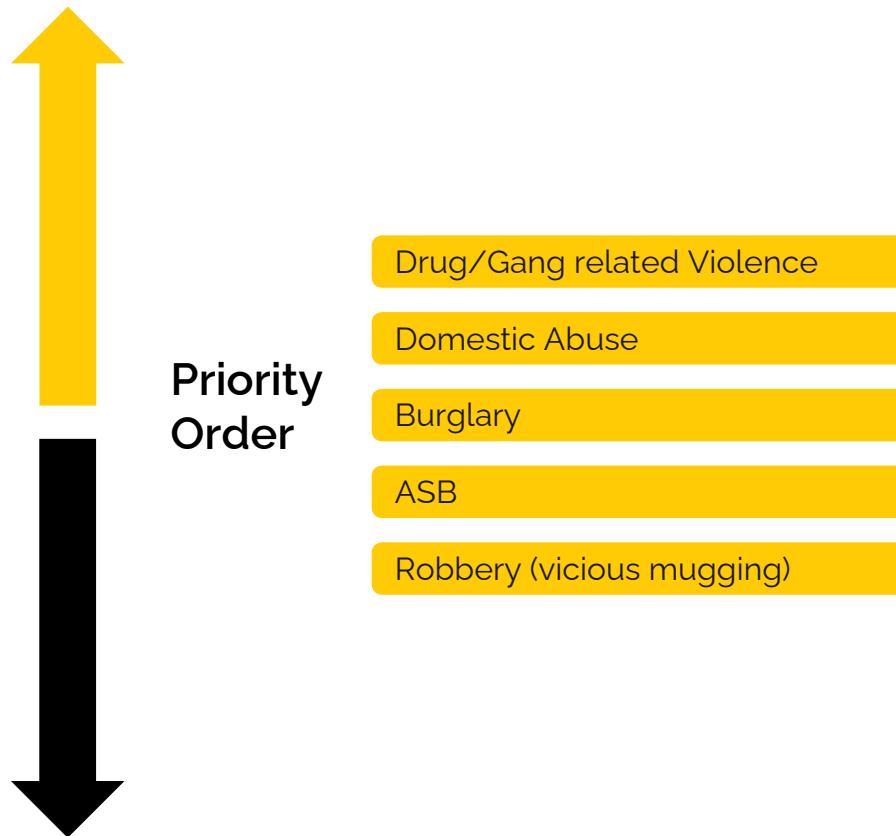
- There were 22,792 total offences in Redbridge between May 2020 and April 2021 of which 13% occurred in Ilford Town despite Ilford Town seeing the greatest decrease in notifiable crimes.
- The highest percentage of crimes occurred in the South Neighbourhood (35%) whilst the lowest crime rate was in the West Neighbourhood (18%). This breakdown supports respondents perception of crime.
- The crime rate in Redbridge between May 2020 and April 2021 was 12% lower than the London average whilst the total number of offences was 3% lower than the London average.

Top 10 Priority Crimes for Reducing Crime Across the Borough (Surveys)



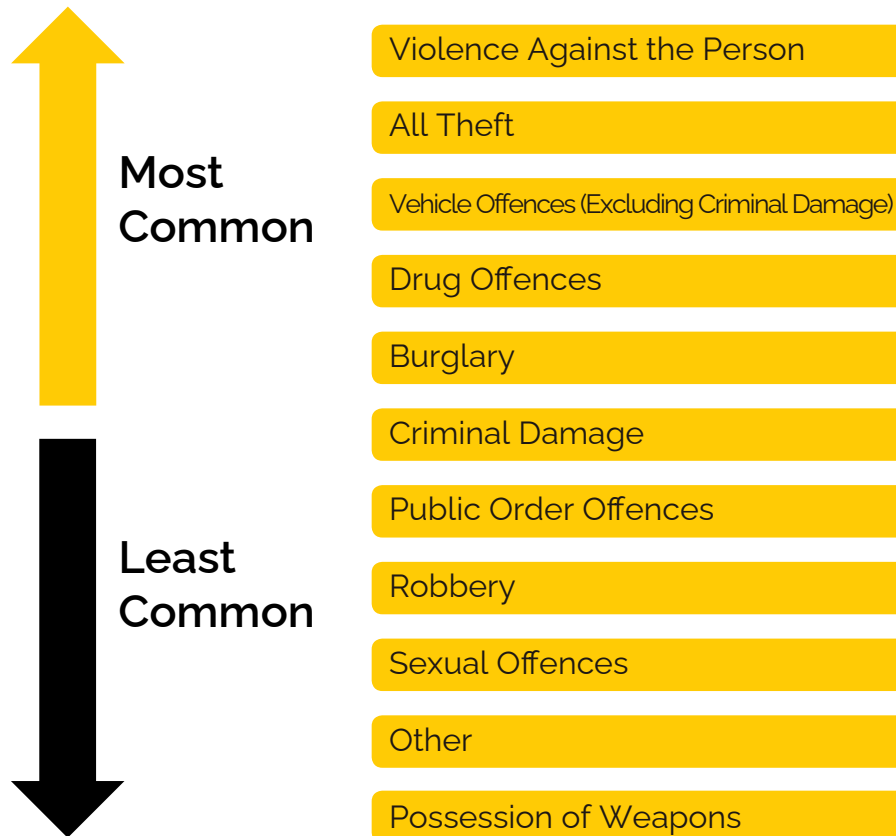
- BAME respondents viewed vehicle crime as a higher priority than non-BAME respondents.
- Non-BAME respondents viewed child sexual exploitation as a higher priority than BAME respondents.
- 33% of respondents who stated "Other Crime type" mentioned an ASB or drugs related issue.
- These priorities closely match those expressed by young people, who ranked knife crime as their highest priority, followed by gangs and then drug dealing.

Priority Crimes Engagement Workshops



- After discussion on perceived harm v frequency of crimes domestic abuse and ASB came up as higher priorities than indicated in the survey responses.

Breakdown of Committed Offences in Redbridge May 2020-April 2021



- Violence Against the Person was the most common offence at 30% of total notifiable offences in Redbridge.
- When all theft, burglary and robbery are combined, these account for the second most common offence in Redbridge at 29% of all notifiable offences in Redbridge.
- The three most common offences committed across the borough between May 2020 and April 2021 were the 8th, 9th and, 10th priorities of residents according to the survey.

Local Priorities



1 Drug Dealing
2 Residential Burglary
3 Knife Crime

North ▲

1 Residential Burglary
2 Robbery/Theft from the Person
3 Drug Dealing

West ◀

1 Drug Dealing
2 Knife Crime
3 Residential Burglary

East ▶

1 Drug Dealing
2 Knife Crime
3 On-the-street Violence and Gangs

South ▼

- Drug dealing was viewed as the top local priority in the North, East and South neighbourhoods. Whilst residential burglary was the top priority in the West neighbourhood.
- The North and East of the borough had the same top three priorities – Drug Dealing, Residential Burglary and Knife Crime.
- On-the-street violence and gangs was only viewed as a top three local priority in the South neighbourhood.
- Across each neighbourhood, the top three local crime priorities identified mirrored respondents' perception of the top three crimes occurring in Redbridge.
- Perception of crime is not the same as recorded crime as Violence Against the Person, Theft, and Vehicle Offences were the top three most common crimes between May 2020 and April 2021.

Burglary, Theft and Robbery



- 29% of all notifiable offences in Redbridge between May 2020 and April 2021 were burglary, theft or robbery. Of these 66% were all theft, 24% were burglary and 9% were robbery.
- Residential burglary was seen by respondents as the second highest priority in Redbridge, it accounted for 5% of all notifiable offences between May 2020 and April 2021.
- Young people ranked robbery and theft as only their 8th highest priority behind bullying, with burglary ranking 9th out of the 13th options provided.
- Despite respondents not viewing burglary, all theft or robbery as one of the top three priorities in the South, these offences were the most frequent in the South between May 2020 and April 2021.

Street Violence



- The following street violence crimes were all within respondents top 10 priorities that need to be addressed - drug dealing, knife crime, on-the-street violence/gangs, alcohol and drug misuse, and, serious and organised crime. However, respondents from the West did not feel alcohol and drug misuse was as great a problem as other neighbourhoods.
- 8% of all notifiable crimes between May 2020 and April 2021 were drug and possession of weapons offences. Of these, 45% occurred in the South neighbourhood. This complements the local priorities identified for the South of the borough during the engagement.
- 40% of all weapon enabled crimes occurred in the South of the borough. (MOPAC)

Domestic Abuse



30%

of all notifiable crimes in the neighbourhood were Violence Against the Person Crime.

North ▲

26%

of all notifiable crimes in the neighbourhood were Violence Against the Person Crime.

West ◀

38%

of all notifiable crimes in the neighbourhood were Violence Against the Person Crime.

East ▶

27%

of all notifiable crimes in the neighbourhood were Violence Against the Person Crime.

South ▼

- Domestic Abuse was identified by respondents as the 10th top priority that needed to be addressed in Redbridge.
- 30% of all crimes in Redbridge between May 2020 and April 2021 were Violence Against the Person, this is the most common offence across the borough.
- Although most occurrences of Violence Against the Person took place in the South and was viewed by respondents as a higher priority in the South, it was the most frequent offence in the East neighbourhood between May 2020 and April 2021.
- For Young People, domestic abuse ranked 6th out of their priorities, just behind child abuse.
- 17% increase between May 2020 and April 2021 in reported domestic abuse compared to last year. This correlates with the first lockdown. (MOPAC)

Sexual Offences



- Sexual offences accounted for 2% of all notifiable offences in Redbridge between May 2020 and April 2021, this is also reflected in each neighbourhood.
- Of the total number of sexual offences in Redbridge between May 2020 and April 2021, 32% took place in the South neighbourhood compared to 18% in the West and 25% in both the North and East. However, according to the crime survey child sexual exploitation was seen as a significantly higher priority in the West at 38.89%

Women's Safety – Women's Listening Exercise



66.15%

of respondents to the Women's Listening Exercise have experienced psychological, physical, sexual, financial, verbal or emotional abuse or harassment.

76% of respondents felt the risk was low or quite low within the home

64% of respondents felt the risk was high or quite high on the street,

61% of respondents felt the risk was low or quite low online.

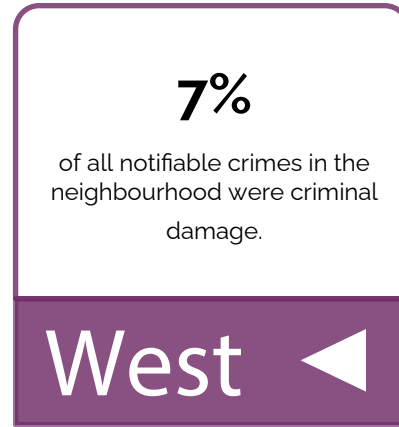
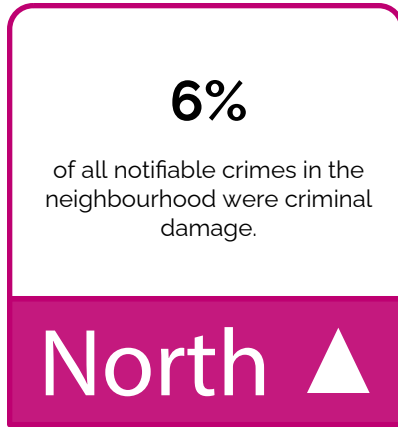
64% of respondents felt very unsafe or a bit unsafe around train stations

71% of respondents felt unsafe or a bit unsafe around bus stops

78% of respondents felt unsafe or a bit unsafe around car parks

- According to a survey on women's experiences of street harassment in Ilford 44.1% of respondents had experienced street harassment most times they were out in Ilford. Only 3.4% of respondents disclosed having never experienced street harassment in Ilford.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)



- 33% of respondents who stated "Other Crime type" as a priority mentioned an ASB or drugs related issue.
- Criminal Damage accounts for 6% of all notifiable offences in Redbridge between May 2020 and April 2021 and a similar split can be seen at a neighbourhood level.
- Of all Criminal Damage offences reported to the police, 30% occurred in the South of the borough however, this only accounted for 5% of all offences in the South of the Borough which is marginally lower than in other neighbourhoods.
- There were a total of 72,046 calls to the police reporting ASB in the year 2020/21
- 6,631 residential noise calls to the council
- 1,359 commercial noise complaints to the council
- 2,514 other ASB complaints to the council

ASB continued



Top 5 ASB reports that were seen as 'a big problem'

Rubbish or Litter Lying Around

Public Drug Use

Fly-tipping

Car Parking

Begging

- Of those respondents who felt Rubbish or litter lying around was 'a big problem', 29% were from the East.
- Of those respondents who felt Public Drug Use was 'a big problem' 36% were from the South whilst only 13% were from the West.
- Of those respondents who felt fly-tipping was 'a big problem' 61% were from the North and East, whilst only 13% were from the West.
- Of those respondents who felt car parking was 'a big problem' 30% were from the East.
- Of those respondents who felt begging was 'a big problem' , 41.52% were from the South.

Top 10 Recommendations from Engagement



Most Popular

Least Popular

- More Police on the Streets
- More CCTV
- Increased Provision of Youth Services
- Early Intervention and Support for Families
- Using Knife Arches/Wands on the Street and Transport
- Increasing Trust in the Police
- Improved Street Lighting
- Better Job Prospects/Access to Employment
- Building Stronger Communities
- Increased Mental Health Services

- Of the top 10 recommendations, 25% of respondents suggested more police on the streets and 16% suggested more CCTV, these were the top two suggestions for each neighbourhood. The remaining suggestions were each less than 10% of responses.
- The third suggestion by neighbourhood was:
- East - Using Knife Arches/Wands on the Street and Transport
- North and West – Increased Provision of Youth Services
- South – Early Intervention and Support for Families

Recommendations & Solutions from Young People



Most Popular

More Police on the Streets

More CCTV

More Mental Health Support

Improved Street Lighting

Increasing Trust in the Police

Increased Learning about Crime

Using Knife Arches/Wands on the Street

Using Knife Arches/Wands at schools

Understanding Healthy Relationships

Least Popular

- Of the 10 suggested recommendations, 19% of young respondents suggested more police on the streets and 18% suggested more CCTV, mirroring responses in the general survey.
- While young people had, Better Access to Employment, as the highest ranked solution for young people at risk of criminality, followed by More Positive Activities for young people, and then Safe Spaces for young people to meet, ranked third.