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FW: 144471: 58 - 60 Portland Street 24 Adult Gaming Centre

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Sent: 23 January 2026 15:40
To: Jennifer Atkinson <[redacted]
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Good afternoon Jen,

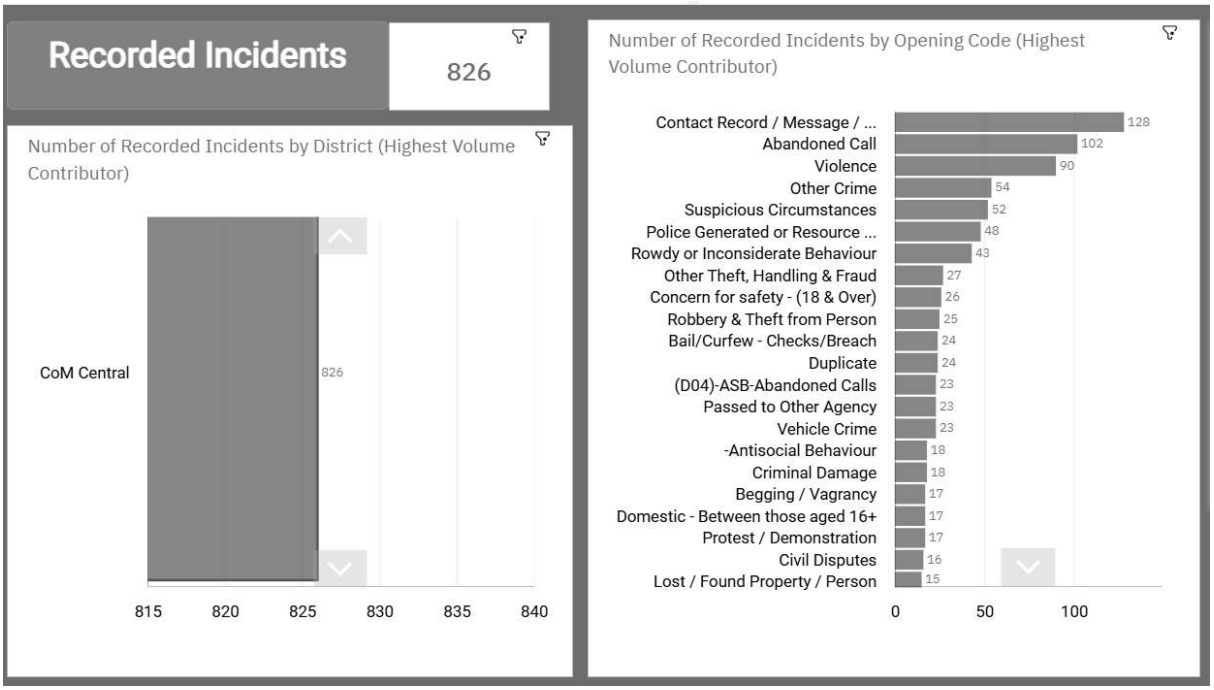
If this needs altering, please let me know.

From a policing point of view, we have concerns about the possible arrival of another casino/adult gaming centre in this area of Manchester city centre. The data below is relevant to the policing beat area on which this premises lies and it can be seen that the area suffers from what I would describe as concerning levels of crime, especially when looking at offences of violence, intimidation and theft.

From speaking to my Licensing Officers and to the Neighbourhood Beat Sergeant and Constables for the area, similar establishments already act as a beacon to those wanting to cause disruption and commit criminal offences. Many rough sleepers and known prolific offenders congregate outside such establishments, adding to the anti-social behaviour problems for the area and attracting those who wish to pick pocket or sell illicit drugs.

Whilst my colleagues in GMP and in Manchester City Council continue to make concerted efforts to improve the area and bring those who commit offences to justice, it is my professional opinion that the arrival of another such establishment would cause great harm to these efforts and increase demand on our services and resources in an already rapidly growing part on Manchester.

It is this rapid growth that needs careful consideration from a crime and disorder point of view and adding another adult gaming centre would only serve, in my opinion, to see policing plans be undermined and therefore reduce the appeal of the area to the public and reduce confidence in the Police and Manchester City Council.



Due to how the report is generated Anti-social behaviour often gets put in as Rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour instead of as ASB.
Just to summarise the key points,

Type	# of incidents
Violence	90
Anti-social behaviour	61
Robbery and theft	25
Other theft	27
Adult concern for safety	26
Criminal damage	18
Begging	17
Drug related crime	14
Burglary	13

Regards

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Have a look at the address below and then get me the crime stats for the area for the last 6 months.... Mainly looking at ASB, TFP, drug use etc

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From: Jennifer Atkinson <[redacted]
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Thanks for the offer of help here. Here is the email I sent to Inspector Hare. Thanks Jen

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Afternoon [redacted]

Thanks again for your offer of assistance with this. As mentioned, we are currently considering the following planning application:

144471/FO/2025: Change of use of ground floor from Class E to Sui Generis Adult Gaming Centre, with installation of 2no replacement air conditioning units and elevational alterations including new doors to Portland Street and Reyner Street at 58 - 60 Portland Street

If you could put in writing your concerns about this proposal, including any crime statistics and evidence regarding the crime and anti-social behaviour in this area and how this proposal could exacerbate this, that would be appreciated.

We are on a bit of a tight time frame to determine the application this week so if you could let Emily and myself know that would be great.

Thanks Jen

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