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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014203/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I've been instructed to produce a Crime Impact Statement as part of a planning application for a proposed residential scheme on land off Douglas Road, Atherton, Greater Manchester, which I believe lies in the Atherton community policing area.

Can I please ask you to provide the crime types and numbers of recorded crimes between January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2024 for the beat within Atherton neighbourhood that covers the portion of currently open green space between Douglas Road, Arley Way and Woodward Way? Also, would it be possible to break the data down so each year is shown separately? If the data can't be broken down to beat level, then data for the entire Atherton policing area will suffice.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

CAVEATS

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

This data contains crimes which occurred on the Atherton reported beat Atherton with a created date between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2024, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

We are aware of various issues with our crime recording system affecting committed at locations for some crimes. These issues mean that data for a specific location may include crimes that did not happen in that location and/or exclude crimes that did.

- Some crimes do not have a beat code, which means that they cannot be mapped to other geographies e.g. districts.
- Some crimes have an incorrect beat code, which means that they are mapped to the wrong geographies.
- Some crimes do not have an address because e.g. the address has been recorded in a non-standard format or as map coordinates.

Due to low numbers being returned for some crimes, some of the totals have been replaced with X, as by providing exact figures as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By replacing this data in this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

Crime tree level 4	2022	2023	2024
All other theft offences	151	206	213
Bicycle theft	14	X	17
Business and community burglary	32	38	19
Criminal damage and arson offences	295	268	269
Death or serious injury caused by unlawful driving	X	0	X
Homicide	0	0	X
Miscellaneous crimes against society	105	69	86
Other sexual offences	55	57	63
Possession of drugs	28	44	46
Possession of weapon offences	30	26	38
Public order offences	367	344	276
Rape	32	29	18
Residential burglary	120	114	95
Robbery of business property	9	X	8
Robbery of personal property	27	25	32
Shoplifting	27	39	77
Stalking and harassment	493	515	441
Theft from the person	19	12	15
Trafficking of drugs	16	33	25
Vehicle offences	165	143	81
Violence with injury	261	256	277
Violence without injury	406	396	378