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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016362/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I've been instructed to produce a Crime Impact Statement to support a planning application for a retirement living scheme on land at the former Horwich Loco Works, Bolton, which I believe lies in the Horwich and Blackrod neighbourhood policing area.

Can I please ask you to provide the crime types and numbers of recorded crimes between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2025, in the Horwich and Blackrod neighbourhood policing area? Would it also be possible to break the data down, so each year is shown separately please?

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information 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 with a created date between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2025 where the community area is 'Horwich and Blackrod', excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB.

We are aware of various system issues affecting **committed at locations for new and migrated crimes** (see below for details). 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.

Due to some low results, some data has been replaced with X as by providing all this information 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 the data this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

Crime Latest Classification : Crime Tree Level Four	2023	2024	2025
All other theft offences	149	137	128
Bicycle theft	8	X	5
Business and community burglary	35	18	19
Criminal damage and arson offences	141	105	83
Death or serious injury caused by unlawful driving	0	0	X
Miscellaneous crimes against society	46	28	36
Other sexual offences	31	38	41
Possession of drugs	18	20	36
Possession of weapon offences	14	16	14
Public order offences	187	140	146
Rape	10	15	17
Residential burglary	30	45	22
Robbery of business property	X	0	7
Robbery of personal property	9	9	7
Shoplifting	183	197	203
Stalking and harassment	218	175	176
Theft from the person	8	8	12
Trafficking of drugs	8	21	41
Vehicle offences	103	64	51
Violence with injury	101	120	89
Violence without injury	216	218	219