

**The Templars, 20 High Street, Baldock**  
**Planning Application 22/00927/FP**  
**Crime Figures**

For the purpose of commenting on planning applications Hertfordshire Constabulary's Crime Prevention Design Service use the data from [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk). The reason for this is that it is in the public domain and has already been sanitized. In addition, if anyone wishes to check the figures quoted they can do so easily.

To get the figures that are quoted in this report I just looked at the High Street in Baldock between October 2019 and September 2022. I chose to ignore the Tesco site at the top of the High Street as this was not relevant to this application. The time frame was chosen so that it covered pre and post Covid. The table below shows the number of crimes reported over this period and the number of cases that were recoded as antisocial behaviour (ASB)

<b>Time frame</b>	<b>ASB</b>	<b>Assaults*</b>	<b>Drugs</b>	<b>Burglary</b>	<b>Total crimes</b>
Oct 2019 – Sept 2020	5	8	0	3	28
Oct 2020 – Sept 2021	9	8	0	1	32
Oct 2021 – Sept 2022	24	11	0	0	51

\*N.B.; this area does include a large part of the night-time economy.

When I check on our system and looked at the address, I could only find one incident listed – this was not related to ASB or crime, so it was ignored. Yes, the reports for ASB and assaults have gone up but so have the total crimes, not all these can be directly laid as due to the provision of a temporary housing shelter. For example the Haven in Stevenage is run by the same company, there is ASB nearby but that is due to groups of youths who congregate in the local park, rather than the service users.