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DATE 27/03/13

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Sir

Thank you for sight of the documents supplied by Diane Whittaker regarding the proposed extension to the DPPO in the City Centre.

As you are aware, ASB, particularly with reference to street drinking is one of the priorities of the City Centre SNT. I can state that, since I have been in post as the CCU Sergeant, I have become aware that the issue of street drinking is the one that generates most concern from the public.

A vital tool in dealing with street drinkers has been the DPPO which already exists. This enables officers to confiscate alcohol from individuals if they believe that consumption of the alcohol is likely to lead to ASB. Failure to surrender the alcohol when requested by an officer is an offence and can lead to arrest. Indeed several arrests have been made in this way.

I have ensured that my team rigorously enforce the restrictions of the DPPO. This has had the effect of "educating" the street drinkers. They know that their alcohol will be confiscated and they know that they will be arrested if they do not surrender their alcohol. This has had the effect the street drinkers are generally compliant with us. More importantly, it has also meant the street drinkers have learned to keep a low profile and will avoid being seen drinking in public. This has meant that there has been a drop in reported street drinker related ASB in most areas of the City Centre. This clearly demonstrates the positive effect of the DPPO.

However, this enforcement of the DPPO has had the effect of displacing the street drinker problem to areas outside of the area covered by the DPPO. This is because they know we have restricted powers to confiscate their alcohol outside this area. In particular, I have noticed that street drinkers tend to congregate on London Road and in the areas between the Railway Station and the City Centre. This has led to increased calls for service from businesses and residents in those areas. This area also encompasses the pedestrian walkway between the station and the back of the Westfield which is heavily used by travellers arriving in Derby by train. The presence of street drinkers in that area creates a very negative image of Derby to people arriving in the City.

It was for these reasons that I have requested the extension to the current DPPO. This was requested via Craig Keen at Derby City Council. The idea behind the proposed extension was to close the gaps in the existing DPPO and, by a policy of enforcement of any new DPPO, to force the street drinkers further out of the City Centre. The extent of the requested new DPPO would be such that it would force them into the Pride Park area, where there are no off license type premises for them to buy their beer, or southwards to such an extent that it would displace them entirely from the City Centre and from the areas where they live. I do not believe that the street drinkers would be prepared to walk to the extent required to get

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out of the area covered by the proposed DPPO extension. I believe that the extended DPPO would be of great benefit in dealing with the street drinker problem and would lead to a reduction in ASB. We are now heading towards the time of year when we might expect better weather which only encourages the street drinker problem. I feel that a timely introduction of the new DPPO would be of great use to us.

I have reviewed the map on the attached document and I am fully satisfied with the extent of the proposed extension to the DPPO. The areas highlighted are such that I believe it will have the effect described above and are those that I originally requested from Mr Keen and I support this proposal.

I have attached the requested crime statistics which have been prepared by the analysts.

For your consideration.



PS3072 Buxton

Diane,

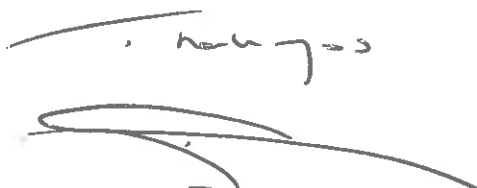
I asked Sergeant Buxton as the safer neighbourhood

Sergeant for the city to complete the attached report and analysis as you requested.

I fully support this application for extension of the DPPO and in fact requested Sgt Buxton to initiate it.

If you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact either Richard or I.

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