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Dear Sir,

Alvechurch Village Society and its members ask that the current DPPO in operation in Alvechurch be continued.

Looking to your figures, which are quite sparsely collected and not particularly current we find it quite difficult to draw a rational opinion based solely on them. Consequently we feel that local views and opinions give a far better gauge and should carry far more weight than slightly vague percentage charts when coming to a final decision on such an important matter.

It is indicated that levels of incidents have not reduced according to the figures but they do mention "*DPPOs where the proportion of incidents that are alcohol-related has increased, though not as greatly as in the District as a whole, again indicating a potential positive impact, are: Hanbury Road and Alvechurch*".

Leading to our thoughts that it would be remiss of BDC to remove such an order, by stating it is ineffective. Perhaps it is not seen to be effective by the poorly acquired statistics or less than adequate enforcement.

Whatever the reason AVS feel it far better to leave in place such an order than to go through the process of removing it, which may lead to increased alcohol related problems.

Continued.

Better **some visual deterrent** than removing all of the in situ signs, even if they have to be up graded, considering there are 3 drinking establishment all within 500 or 600 yards of Alvechurch square, and with a youth club slap in the middle of it all.

In our opinion the younger people of Alvechurch, if they were to see enforcement measures aimed at certain irresponsible members of the adult population being relaxed.... would be receiving the wrong sort of messages

Finally we would like to recommend the retention of this order for Alvechurch and we do hope you can take these worries and concerns from Alvechurch Village Society into consideration when making your conclusion.

Many thanks and Yours Sincerely,
Adrian.



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Your ref: 1110- DPPO- Alvechurch

20 October 2011

Dear Mr Santoriello-Smith

Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2007

The possible removal of the Designated Public Place Order from Alvechurch was discussed at the Council's Planning meeting of 17th October 2011 and the following comments were made:

- Councillors believed that it is particularly important that the Designated Public Place Order remained in the Meadows and the Cricket Ground
- The Community Services Officer Mark Hyder would not have authority to remove and tip alcohol away without the order.
- The Police had stated that they had not yet been consulted.
- Andy Humphries Chairman of PACT obtained a paper stating if nothing is happening then the zones would come to an end, do the police routinely give to Bromsgrove District Council feedback re the results figures.
- The Alcohol Free Zone has contributed to the lack of Anti Social Behaviour because the police can remove alcohol.
- There is an off licence, the Co-op and the Lounge in The Square. Police have had to come and remove alcohol from youths in these areas.

In conclusion PACT, APC and the Police response is to strongly recommend that the Designated Public Place Order stays in place, as it is a sufficient deterrent to stop problems.

Yours sincerely

Yvonne Goode
Clerk to the Council



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15 November 2011

Ref DPPO Alvechurch.

Dear Chris,

With regard to your enquiry concerning the Police view of the potential revocation of the DPPO for the Alvechurch area.

I have reviewed the incidents reported to police that would concern incidents involving anti social behaviour in a public place, in this area, combined with the drinking of alcohol. I have also sought the views and experiences of my officers, including CSOs, who are involved in the actual policing of the area.

The only incidents I am able to identify that would fit the above behaviour criteria, involve young persons under the age of 18, who tend to gather in open spaces. My officers have appropriate powers to deal with these young persons, including the confiscation and disposal of alcohol found with them. I would be hard pressed to justify the continued need for the DPPO in this area, if my officers have not had the need to actual make use of it.

I therefore have no objection to the order being revoked.



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