

Chris Santoriello-Smith

**From:** Andy Humphries [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 November 2011 10:52  
**To:** Chris Santoriello-Smith  
**Cc:** Alvechurch Parish Council; John Cypher; PC Simon Albutt  
**Subject:** RE: Review of DPPO  
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Thanks for this Chris

I am starting to get individual comments and messages of concern about the proposed de-zoning in Alvechurch. You may have received some of these directly.

Given that Police resources are become more stretched at the Local Policing Team level and that this situation may not improve, I think we must be very careful using statistics which appear to show that drink-related incidents have decreased in Alvechurch. The perception of most people I've spoken to about this, is that incidents have stayed the same or in certain areas at certain times of the week, increased.

I still feel that the consultation timescale should formally include a PACT meeting to present any proposed changes and supporting statistics ....if Police data is being used to support any proposed DPPO change, this is even more important. Our next APC meeting is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November and I'll check whether this can be discussed then.

Regards  
 Andy H

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**From:** Chris Santoriello-Smith [mailto:c.santoriello-smith@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 07 November 2011 08:32  
**To:** Andy Humphries  
**Subject:** RE: Review of DPPO

Thanks Andy – I will feed all of your thoughts into my report where possible. I will keep you up to date with the progress of this exercise and I will ensure that the outcomes with any reasoning behind it are available to the PACT panel and at the subsequent PACT meeting; either through my attendance or through you as chair.

Thanks for all of you contribution to date.

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**Cc:** Alvechurch Parish Council; Sarah Sellers; John Cypher; Roger Hollingworth

**Subject:** FW: Review of DPPO

**Importance:** High

Chris

We spoke about this earlier in the year, after the issue came up at an Alvechurch PACT panel meeting.

The PACT panel expressed serious reservations then about de-zoning Alvechurch without full consultation....+ that should include a discussion at a public PACT meeting. That discussion needs to incorporate why BDC believe the current zone is now ineffective (compared to similar zones), what the costs and benefits are for retaining or not retaining the zone and data on drink-related incidents in the Parish. I don't just mean convictions here but Police information on drink confiscations etc.

There may well be a case for removing the zone but the reasons need to be clear and supported by the local community. This does seem an ideal issue for PACT and Localism to work together.

Could you please let me have your comments on the above before the 11<sup>th</sup> November so I can inform the Alvechurch PACT panel.

Many thanks  
Andy Humphries

**From:** Andy Humphries [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 November 2011 09:45  
**To:** Chris Santoriello-Smith  
**Cc:** Alvechurch Parish Council; John Cypher; Roger Hollingworth  
**Subject:** RE: Review of DPPO

Chris

Thanks for such a speedy and comprehensive reply ....really appreciate that.

I now understand much more of the background + will read through the Government guidance notes this week. Two observations come to mind .....most if not all of the community will not appreciate the legal differences between adult and underage "outdoor-drinking" ....and probably didn't appreciate them when the zone was publicly launched 2/3 years ago. Secondly your cost case should really include a write-off of the old signs but again I appreciate the sign issues better now.

I'll circulate to the PACT panel (which includes yourself of course) to check for comments + get back to you/BDC by the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks again + speak to you soon.  
Andy

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03/11/2011



Chris Santoriello-Smith

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 November 2011 20:44  
**To:** Chris Santoriello-Smith  
**Cc:** Andy Humphries  
**Subject:** Fw: Review of DPPO (alvechurch)

Dear Mr Santoriello-Smith

I am writing as a member of the alvechurch Village society committee , and also as a concerned resident regarding the potential removal of the DPPO within Alvechurch. Andy Humpries recently circulated your exchange of Emails and attached documents to members of the committee asking for our comments, and I was sufficiently concerned to send the email below, which i am happy to share with you . As an individual, I live with my family in [REDACTED] and over the years we and our neighbours have had to put up with the effects of incidents involving drunkenness in the street and the suare.

We believe that the detail of this problem is somewhat irrelevant, but it is interesting for your report to confirm our continuing concerns that the level of incidents has not reduced. We therefore cannot accept any proposal by Bromsgrove council to revoke the above order.

We are grateful to the police for their continuing attendance at incidents, which minimises disturbance to swan street residents, but we believe the existing resource into this problem has to continue, because the outcome in terms of police attendance and disturbance will be the same if not worse if the order is removed.

Hoping you can include my comments in your review.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 06, 2011 8:10 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Review of DPPO

Hi Andy

I rarely pick up and read everything on a particular issue , but this one is a big one for me, and I won't bother you with the two pages of notes i made, particularly as the PC have objected any way, for which i am extremely grateful.

just for the record, what i can come to terms with, is that BDC think that 6 dp-po's should remain because they have been effective in reducing the number of incidents and 10 DPPO's should be revoked because they never had any incidents before or after the DPPO was put in. What i cannot come to terms with is that we in Alvechurch are part of 6 DPPO's that are regared as ineffective and should therefore be revoked because we have suffered MORE incidents since the DPPO came in.

this has to be like removing all the neighbour hood watch signs because we get more robberies, and then allow the offenders to notice and react accordingly, i.e more and more incidents.

obviously our wish would be for the DPPO to remain in force, but if it is removed, then presumably it doesn't matter if the present signs remain, as they are irrelevant but very "to the point" in terms of making someone who is drunk realise that they are out of order. Any reference as in the BDC report 4.9 to signs being a bit misleading and not allowing a responsible person to drink a glass of wine in an area like a Bromsgrove park, should take into account that all the signs in Alvechurch to my knowledge are in the suare/ the carpark and the streets where we shouldn't be advocatiing drinking.

when you read the report in full, it becomes obvious that the main aim of BDC is to avoid cost by revoking

several DPPO's at once, and the knock ons of the report detail :-

- not conforming to home office guidance
- current signs could be challenged
- capacity to deal with alcohol related incidents (someone has the time in their team at present)
- could raise fear of crime where none exists at present (LAA target )
- wrong signs could lead to people thinking that a total ban is not being enforced (LAA target )
- VFM , more revocations =less cost

In contrast, there is not one mention of the residents who have to put up with and witness incidents outside residential areas, caused by sheer drunkenness and irresponsibility, and how their circumstances will improve with the removal of the DPPO which will become a talking point amongst the drinkers causing the very challenge to the police that they have been ably trying to deal with for the past few years.

I hope you don't mind, but considering the timescale for comments on this matter, i think I will forward this email to Chris Santoriello-smith at BDC directly.

Cheers



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