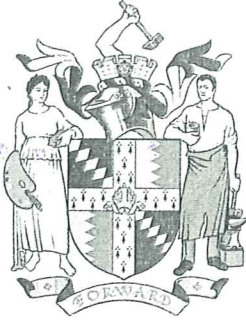


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Dear Ms Smith

I am responding to your invitation to comment on the proposal to make a Designated Public Place Order to restrict public drinking in the Groveley Lane area of Cofton Hackett.

I appreciate that this invitation provides me with an opportunity to offer adverse representations to be considered by Bromsgrove District Council's Licensing Committee in May 2009.

We have consulted with our police colleagues and recognise that Bromsgrove must make its own assessment of the situation, as well as the appropriateness of the course of action proposed, and therefore offer no objection to this proposal.

We will watch with interest as implementation proceeds and will obviously take account of any increase in nuisance drinking which may occur in the Cofton Park area and, should the situation arise, consider what response we may need to take here in Birmingham.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Hughes
Chief Executive