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Mrs S Smith
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The Council House
Burcot Lane
Bromsgrove
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Dear Sharon

Please find the enclosed report from PS Tristram and the statistical information supplied by the CDRP analyst.

With just seven ASB incidents in the area over the last 18 months, linked to alcohol, I am unable to support the application.

It is worthy of note that the railway station is mentioned in a number of instances, that area is policed by the Transport police and not ourselves.

If I can be of further assistance do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**D. Shaw
Inspector
Bromsgrove District**

To: Insp. D. Shaw

Date: 07 December 2009

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From: PS 929 S. Tristram

Station/Dept: Bromsgrove

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Subject: Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) (Alcohol Free Zone)

Sir,

I refer to the attached application submitted by Cllr. Sean Shannon for the area indicated in Aston Fields.

I share Cllr. Shannon's desire to address anti-social issues which occur in the Aston Fields area, particularly where such behaviour is fuelled by alcohol. I have discussed the issue with CS O Tilt, who performs regular foot patrols in the area. Our records do show that there have been several incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area over the previous 12 months. However, there are few which can be attributed to drinking in the street.

The area in question is served by 4 licensed premises as outlined in the report from Bromsgrove District Council. One of these is the Ladybird public house, with the remainder being off-licence premises. Generally offences relating to the off-licences involve theft of produce (cans of beer etc).

The Ladybird is obviously licensed for consumption of intoxicants on the premises, and has a smoking area to the side of the premises, but within the perimeter of the licensed premises itself. This area is within a few yards of the public highway.

CS O Tilt has researched incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) within, and slightly beyond, the hatched area on the attached map. Within the previous 12 months, we have recorded 13 incidents of ASB. 5 of these incidents involved alcohol, with two being related to the Ladybird public house, and one being a football fan intoxicated from an unrelated premises. One of the incidents involved youths sitting on the train station platform drinking and dangling legs over the edge.

I would agree with Sean's comments regarding noise from drinkers using the smoking area to the side of the Ladybird. However, we have no recorded complaints from residents in relation to this. I would be willing to work with Sean and the landlord to reduce incidents of this kind if necessary. I cannot dispute reports of litter including drinks containers and takeaway packaging near to the Co-op and railway station.



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Sean states that the subject of alcohol related AS B has been raised at Tardebigge and Sileslow PACT meetings. This type of incident was last raised on 9th December 2006, and was resulted with high profile policing and advice to licensed premises.

I would suggest that there are many incidents of disorder which are not reported to the police, and would further suggest that the majority centre on the Ladybird and the Co-op store. Most incidents not linked to the Ladybird public house are committed by young people and I am sure that many of these are linked to drinking in the street. Clearly the police have powers to deal with juveniles who are drinking intoxicants in public, and I am not sure that the introduction of a DPPO would lead to a significant reduction in AS B reports to the police in this area.

I have recently discussed the issue of DPPOs with Chief Inspector Burnet. Whilst the local policing team are more than willing to provide views and data in relation to particular areas, you will be aware that this has led to friction, often amongst PACT panel members, especially where views differ and where the police do not support such applications.

I would suggest, therefore that any future applications are submitted as part of the CDRP process, where the analysts can provide accurate information, the local policing sergeant or LPO can be present to offer further advice, and the application can be approved or otherwise by the panel.

Submitted for your attention,

S. Tristram
Police sergeant 929
Bromsgrove South

ASB and Crime in Proposed DPPO area: Bromsgrove Train Station/Stoke Road

Data period: 23 May 2008 to 23 November 2009 (18 months)

Location of the proposed DPPO:



Figure 1: Map to show the location of the proposed DPPO

Incidents and offences recorded as having occurred within 30 metres of the proposed zone have been selected for analysis in order to capture all potentially relevant reports.

Total ASB and Criminal Offences per month:

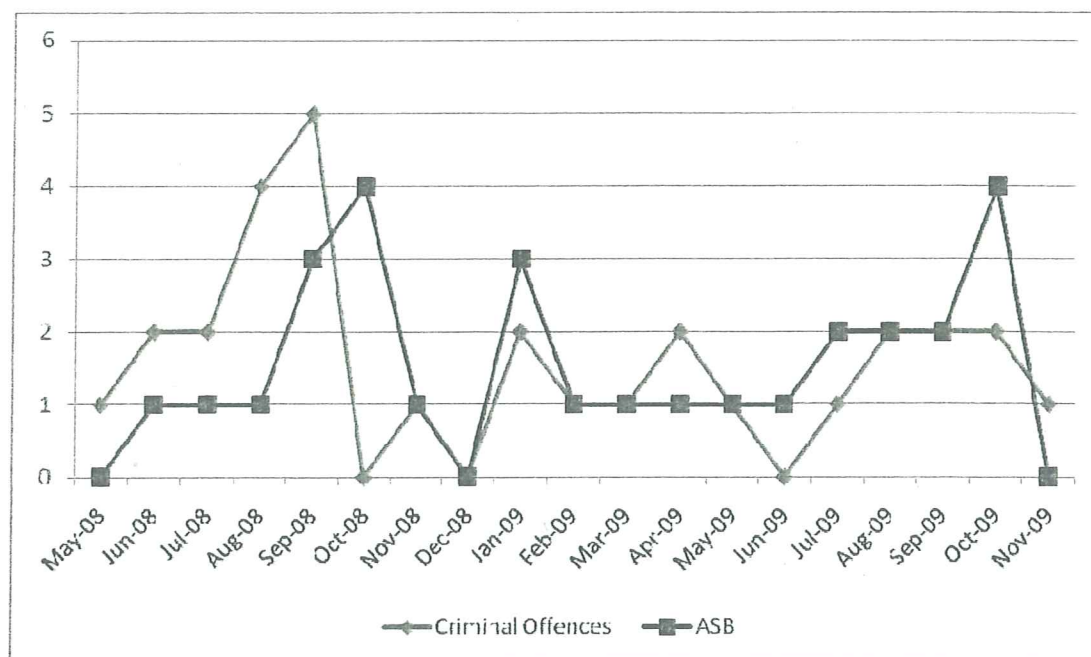


Figure 2: Total ASB and Criminal Offences per month

On average, over the last 18 months, there have been 1.5 ASB incidents reported per month in the area, and 1.5 criminal offences. This works out as about one incident every 2 or 3 of weeks, which is not a huge amount but it must be noted that the study area is quite small.

Alcohol-related Incidents/Offences

A total of 7 ASB incidents over the last 18 months in the area were linked to alcohol in some way, of which 5 were also linked to youths.

Incident Description	Suitable evidence of Alcohol Disorder linked to DPPO Legislation?
June 2008 – Youths drinking on a public footpath near to the railway line	No – area is not covered by proposed DPPO, and incident refers to youths
July 2008 – Youths (aged 15 or 16) drinking beer in a playing field (already an AFZ)	No – area is not covered by proposed DPPO, and incident refers to youths
August 2008 – Request for an ambulance for an extremely intoxicated woman outside the pub who had been unconscious.	Potentially, though it is not stated if the woman was consuming alcohol in the street
September 2008 – Male with alcohol on the railway station	Yes.
May 2009 – 4 youths drinking on the railway station	Potentially – though separate legislation applies to youths, depending on their age.
September 2009 – Group of drunken youths outside the Co-op causing nuisance noise and feelings of intimidation	Potentially – though separate legislation applies to youths, depending on their age.
September 2009 - an intoxicated male using threatening behaviour on the train station	Potentially – though it is not stated whether or not alcohol was being consumed in the street

A total of 8 criminal offences in the area were in some way linked to alcohol:

Offence Description	Suitable evidence of Alcohol Disorder linked to DPPO Legislation?
6 offences of shoplifting where alcohol was taken, 3 in the Co-op, 3 in The Local off licence	No – no link mention of alcohol consumption in the street
September 2009 - criminal damage where stones were thrown at the victim's house, rebounding to hit her car, after a slight altercation with a drunken male outside in the street.	Potentially – though it is not stated whether or not alcohol was being consumed in the street
July 2008 – Criminal damage where the window of an off-license was smashed	Potentially – criminal damage could be linked to alcohol related disorder, this offences was flagged as “alcohol involved” by the police.

Therefore, a total of 5 ASB incidents and 2 criminal offences over the course of an 18 month period were potentially linked to drunken people in the street – 3 between July and September 2008, one in May 2009 and 3 in September 2009. In most cases, it was not stated if the people involved were actually drinking in the street, or whether alcohol consumption elsewhere had led to the intoxicated behaviour.

Therefore, there is some evidence to suggest that there are issues with drunken disorder in the area, however the volume of incidents and offences reporting is extremely low – 7 potentially linked incidents/offences over the course of 18 months.

Repeat Locations (all incidents/offences in the 18 month period):

1. *The Ladybird (9 ASB Incidents)*
 - 3 incidents in October 2009 suggesting a slight increase in recent months.
 - 5 incidents took place out on the street including drunken disorder, urinating in public, throwing items at the premise and fighting.
 - 2 incidents refer to cars having been left in the car park.

2. *Train Station (9 ASB incidents)*
 - 6 incidents linked to youths
 - 4 incidents linked to alcohol
 - 4 incidents located actually on the station, 1 in the car park and 3 on land adjacent to the railway line.
 - Most incidents related to general disorder on the station for example drinking alcohol, aggressive behaviour, trespassing or endangering safety near to the railway lines.

3. *Co-op/One Stop Shop, 1 Stoke Road (2 ASB incidents, 13 criminal offences)*
 - ASB incidents involve:
 - A group of drunken youths outside the shop intimidating customers and staff
 - Young people potentially shoplifting
 - 9 criminal offences were shoplifting from the store.

- 2 offences were criminal damage including smashing an alarm box from the exterior wall, and the breaking of a window by a group of youths who had been causing problems outside the store.
- The other criminal offences included the use of counterfeit currency, the attempted robbery of a Co-op delivery lorry.

4. *The Local, 37 Stoke Road (5 criminal offences)*

- 4 offences of shoplifting.
- Criminal damage in the form of a smashed window.