

**Subject:** FW: Notes from Armley Partnership meeting - Restricted

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Hi Sue,

Please find representation from LASBT below; can you let me know if this information is ok and whether you need anything further.

The area of Armley Town Street and Branch Lane is of particular concern to Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team following numerous complaints of people drinking in the street despite the DPPO being in force which prohibits drinking in public in the area. Historically there have issues around the public toilets and adjoining area and these had to be closed due to 'public nuisance'.

There are 5 areas of concern at the moment;

1. Theaker Lane to the rear of the old medical centre - there is a wall and a bench on which street drinkers gather and passers-by complain of these individuals making personal comments and being intimidating; there are also complaints of public urination in full view of people passing.
2. Gelderd Road and the metal stairwell - street drinkers gather here as they are out of sight of main road but again their behaviour causes concern particularly for the residents of Burnsall Grange.
3. Burnsall Grange - there are two residents here who let street drinkers and other anti-social visitors into the block. Some of these are rough sleepers and have left behind excrement, used needles as well as urinating in stairwells. Some of the drinkers are also drug users and the area to the rear of Burnsall Grange has become an area where drug users gather waiting for drug suppliers who pull up at all times of day and night disturbing residents.
4. The Armley Moor park area where the exercise machines are – street drinkers sit on the benches provided drinking and asking passers-by for money.
5. William Hill bookmakers on the corner of Hall Lane - large groups of males gather drinking and being intimidating to passers-by.

All these areas are within the DPPO area.

As a result of the complaints and the seriousness of the situation, LASBT and West Yorkshire police are working together to tackle these problems and are seeking ASB Injunctions against five of the worst perpetrators; one has been fast tracked and granted due to the perpetrators violence towards employees of local shops. In addition there is a serious issue with petty crimes such as shoplifting, urinating in public and the disposal of cans and bottles in the locality. LASBT are looking at the tenancies of 2 people who are involved in the problems and a further tenant was evicted recently for ASB.

Local people say they do not want to shop on Town street as they now find it an unpleasant experience because of begging by drinkers who sit on the pavements outside stores and shopkeepers are concerned that their trade is affected. This small shopping area already houses 10 shops with off license sales including one that is open 24/7, at least 4 bookmakers and a cash converters and already attracts a criminal element and groups of youths.

LASBT would object to the issuing of a license for a further shop which sells alcohol. Given the problems in this area are caused by street drinkers with severe alcohol problems, we can see no benefit in a further shop where alcohol could be purchased as this would only encourage further drinkers to the area and as such may well exacerbate what is already a significant problem.

Thanks  
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