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Licensing Committee

Monday, 3rd November, 2008

PRESENT: Councillor D Wilson in the Chair

Councillors J Dunn, G Hyde,
D Hollingsworth and G Wilkinson

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Z Butt – LCC Area Community Safety Co-ordinator
Inspector I Croft – West Yorkshire Police (North West Leeds Division)
Mr B McKinnon – local resident
Ms M Southon – local resident
Ms J Bailey – local resident

26 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

27 Proposed Designated Public Places Order - Little London and Little Woodhouse

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods presented a report setting out proposals for a Designated Public Places Order to be made to cover the areas of Little London and Little Woodhouse.

The report outlined the problems experienced in the areas associated with the consumption of alcohol and the existing legal powers to deal with the problems. Appended to the report were schedules and maps detailing the type and locations of crimes/nuisance in the areas, a copy of the advert text as placed in local newspaper and maps showing the proposed DPPO boundaries. A letter submitted in support of the DPPO by Sergeant D Bedford of the North West Leeds Neighbourhood Policing Team was also included.

The Chair noted that members of the public had indicated their wish to make a representation against the creation of the DPPO, and with the agreement of Members, varied Committee procedure to afford both parties 10 minutes to address the Committee

Mr Z Butt outlined the consultation process undertaken and the amendment made to the Little Woodhouse boundary during consultation at the request of West Yorkshire Police (WYP). Inspector Croft addressed the Committee explaining the alcohol related incidents in the area, the powers currently available to the police to deal with such incidents and the problems associated with street drinkers.

The Committee then considered the representations made by Mr McKinnon, Ms Bailey and Ms Southon seeking this matter be deferred until arrangements were made to include the Woodhouse Moor area within this DPPO
Members discussed the following matters:

- Impact of a DPPO on the locality and likelihood of dispersal of street drinkers into other areas, which may include Woodhouse Moor
- Proposed short term re-location within the locality of St Georges Crypt which provides services for homeless and vulnerable people
- General support for a city wide DPPO
- Success of DPPO's implemented elsewhere in the city

The Committee heard that the local North West Inner Area Committee had been considering proposals for a DPPO within the locality for some time, and had recently approved the proposal to progress the Little London and Little Woodhouse DPPO separately as it had been difficult to secure a consensus on proposals for a DPPO on Woodhouse Moor. However this had now changed and Members noted the North West Area Management Team was now drawing up proposals for a DPPO on Woodhouse Moor and surrounding greenspace. It was reported the consultation would commence shortly, with a view to a report seeking approval for the proposed Woodhouse Moor DPPO being presented to the Licensing Committee in January 2009.

The Committee having noted the reported public support for a DPPO covering Woodhouse Moor stated their expectation that a report would be put before them in due course

RESOLVED –

- a) That approval be given for a Designated Public Places Order to be made in respect of the areas of Little London and Little Woodhouse (as detailed in the map attached at Appendix 4 of the submitted report) and to note that it is approved subject to proposals for a separate DPPO for Woodhouse Moor being presented to the Committee in January 2009
- b) That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods be authorised to advertise the making of the Order, to procure the required signage and carry out any further steps necessary to bring the Order into force