

Area Committee Well Being Fund
Commissioning of Service

Appendix 2

Project Name: Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) Armley

Lead Organisation: West Yorkshire Police/Community Safety

Project Summary:

To propose that Armley Town Street and surrounding area be considered for a Designated Public Place Order (DPPO).

Designated Public Places Orders (DPPOs) are made under the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001. Under the Act, the Council can by Order (or a series of Orders) designate public places within which it is an offence to consume alcohol after being requested by a Police Constable or Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) not to Do so. An Officer can also ask any person to surrender alcohol or open alcohol containers if the Officer reasonably believes the person is, has been or intends to Consume alcohol in that place. In due course Wardens can be accredited to exercise these powers.

There is a fixed penalty for the offence of £40. If an arrest is necessary, the penalty on conviction is a fine of up to £500.

The legislation does not ban the drinking of alcohol in designated public places, and therefore it **does not** prohibit drinking alcohol in authorised street cafes and at authorised public entertainment in public areas. Nor does it apply to any premises or areas covered by a licence allowing the consumption of alcohol. The legislation is designed to reduce anti-social street drinking either during the day time (typically street users of alcohol and other substances) or in respect of night time issues such as people drinking in the street on their way to and from licensed areas and premises e.g. in the queue for a club having left a public house or in a fast food queue.

Outcomes (please summarise the main outcome / output / benefit the project will achieve):

The implementation of a DPPO would reduce the number of Anti-Social Behaviour and alcohol related incidents in the Armley Area.

The consumption of alcohol can result in noisy, rowdy, and aggressive, out of character behaviour. Such behaviour is not criminal misconduct but it can be disturbing and frightening and tends to a perception that town centres can be unsafe places to visit. The peak time for anti-social behaviour in Armley Town Street is Saturday through to Sunday. In many instances the anti-social behaviour can lead to criminal behaviour, with assaults and criminal damage occurring as a result of drink.

During the period of 01/05/06 – 30/04/07 there have been 107 alcohol related violent crime offences 2 of which included a murder and an attempted murder during Jan- April of this year. This is an increase of 55 % when compared to the previous year 01/05/05 – 30/04/06)and 50% increase when compared to the year before (01/05/04 – 30/04/05).

Armley Town Street is the top location with offences relating to the Royal Public House and the Barleycorn Public House. There were also offences committed inside outside take away premises, off licences, or in the vicinity of shop/public house.

The peak time for offences is 20.00 – 03:00. The peak days for offences are Saturday (28) and Sunday (21).

In addition to the alcohol related incidents there have been 35 calls relating to drunkenness and anti-social behaviour over the three month period 01/02/07 – 30/04/07 in the Armley district. This is an increase from 28 calls in the previous three month period. Peak days for calls have been Saturday (11) and Friday (8). The top location was Armley town street followed by Armley Ridge Road and Tong Road. These were mainly centred around the Market Place/Church Lane/Lowtown. During the same period there were 57 alcohol related incidents reported. The location of these incidents matches the anti-social behaviour incidents with a cluster around the market place. The majority of incidents were loutish behaviour, followed by drunkenness and rowdy nuisance behaviour around public space. The peak time for incidents was Saturday and Sunday. Incidents were reported throughout the 24 hour period.

The majority of incidents were committed on Lowtown, where there are a number of pubs, nightclubs and food take aways located in this area.

There were also a number of crime types which may be influenced by alcohol. There was 191 Assaults, 122 Damage to Motor Vehicle and 163 Damage Offences committed across the Pudsey District (Beat 9 & 10) during 01/04/05 – 31/12/05. There was 99 Assaults, 61, Damage to Motor Vehicle and 74 Damage offences committed in a 0.5 mile radius of the market place in Pudsey

Time-scale

A map of the proposed boundary for the DPPO is agreed by Police and Ward councillors/Inner Area Committee.

The first statutory notice is placed in the Local News paper such as the Leeds Weekly to inform people that it is the intention to request a DPPO for Armley Town Street and requests comments.

There is a four week period for people to express their view and comment on these proposals. A copy of the DPPO map will be available for people to view at Armley One Stop Centre. During this 4 week period the Licensees and local businesses will be consulted and their comments will form part of the report along with any comments received from the public notice in support of/or against a DPPO. Also information and crime data, and a support letter from the Police will be prepared to be included in the report for the Licensing Committee.

As the 4 week consultation period closes, a draft report goes to the Licensing Committee chairs brief, then full report to full panel meeting for approval. Once full approval has been given a second public notice has to be placed in the local press stating that a DPPO has been granted, the boundary area and when this comes into effect. The notice has to give 4 weeks notice of the DPPO coming into force.

During this 4 week period the DPPO signs will be ordered and fixed onto the lampposts at agreed locations within the DPPO area. Poster will also be ordered for licensees to display in their premises.

Once the 4 week DPPO public notice has expired the DPPO will require publicity and policing.

The DPPO process can take from 12- 20 weeks depending on when the Licensing Committee meet.

Project Cost (please indicate how much the project will cost, how much Well Being Funding is sought and breakdown between capital and revenue):

The cost for implementing a DPPO for Armley is as Follows

Notices in Local press (approx)	£700
DPPO signs	£1,300
Posters	£ 90
Policing the DPPO at peak periods	£ 10,000 over 20 weeks
Total	£ 12,090.00

Identify which geographic areas will benefit and which Area Committee (Inner or Outer) you are applying to: Inner West

State who will receive the funding for this project:

Area Management for Public Notices, DPPO Signs and Posters = £2,090.00 capital
West Yorkshire police for Policing the DPPO = £10.000 revenue