

Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Inner North West Area Committee

Date: 3rd July 2008

Subject: Hyde Park & Woodhouse Designated Public Places Order Update

<p>Electoral Wards Affected:</p> <p>ALL</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Council Function <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function available for Call In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Executive Summary

A public notice was issued on 3rd June proposing the creation of two Designated Public Places Orders covering Little London and Hanover & Woodhouse Squares. The notice started a formal 28 day consultation period, during which representations can be made in support of, or objecting to the orders. Should the application for the orders be agreed by Licensing Panel they would be effective from early August.

1.0 Purpose of This Report

1.1 The report provides the Area Committee with an updated position with regard to the creation of Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) in parts of Hyde Park & Woodhouse ward.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 A DPPO is a piece of legislation that gives the police additional powers to those they already have, to tackle issues arising from drinking in public places. Where an order exists the police have the right to confiscate alcohol that is being consumed, or that is thought likely to be consumed, i.e. unopen bottles/cans.

2.2 There have been ongoing concerns from both the Police and local residents in Little London and around Hanover and Woodhouse Squares about streetdrinkers using public spaces. The presence of the streetdrinkers has had a negative impact in both

neighbourhoods, especially in terms of personal safety and the use of children and young people's play facilities.

2.3 The issue of creating DPPOs covering Little London and Hanover & Woodhouse Squares has been ongoing for sometime, but due to concerns about possible displacement the matter has not been progressed as quickly as would have been liked.

2.4 In December 2008 the Area Committee made the following resolution under item 58 Forum and Sub Group report:-

'That in relation to the Hyde Park & Woodhouse DPPO, North West Area Management be requested to redraw the DPPO into smaller areas to cover pockets of green space.'

3.0 Current Position

3.1 In light of ongoing and serious complaints about streetdrinkers in Little London and Hanover and Woodhouse Squares, a decision has been made to progress with creating DPPOs covering these two areas.

3.2 The public notice necessary to commence a formal consultation was issued in the Yorkshire Evening Post on Tuesday 3rd June. The notice opens a 28 day consultation period, which will be followed by a report to Licensing Panel on Monday 7th July.

3.3 Two public drop in sessions have been held to allow for the collation of comments which will be reported to Licensing Panel. A session was held in Little London on Wednesday 18th June, and one in Kendal Carr (by Hanover Square) on Thursday 19th June.

3.4 In addition to these public events, the West North West Anti Social Behaviour Panel has also been consulted at their meeting on Wednesday 18th June. The panel was supportive of the proposal but gave a strong steer to include Rosebank Millennium Green within the boundary of the Hanover & Woodhouse Squares DPPO area.

3.5 Should the application be positively supported by Licensing Panel a further notice will be published, giving notice of the start of a DPPO in 28 days time. This will mean coverage of both areas by DPPOs from the beginning of August.

3.6 Should the application be successful the possible displacement of streetdrinkers onto surrounding greenspaces will be monitored and appropriate interventions taken if highlighted as an issue.

4.0 Police Evidence in support of the applications

4.1 The police are fully supportive of the application, and as such have provided evidence to confirm that there are ongoing problems in both areas.

4.2 The evidence provided includes (for the last 12 months):

Little London

- 219 incidents of anti social behaviour, 29 related to use of alcohol
- 39 violent offences

Woodhouse Moor

- 95 incidents of anti social behaviour, 31 related to use of alcohol
- 30 violent offences

4.3 The Police are also calling for Rosebank Millenium Green to be included within the DPPO covering Hanover & Woodhouse Squares, as there is evidence this area is presently being used by streetdrinkers.

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 The Area Committee is asked to note and comment on the report.