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## Report of the Director of Environment & Neighbourhoods

### *Report to Licensing Committee*

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009

Subject: Woodhouse Moor and Surrounding areas DPPO Feedback Report

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#### Electoral Wards Affected:

Hyde Park & Woodhouse  
Headingley

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

#### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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## Executive Summary

1. This report provides details about the interventions used in the first 6 months of the Woodhouse Moor DPPO and how the Order has been implemented.

## **1.0 Purpose Of This Report**

- 1.1 This report provides details of how the Designated Public Places Order for Woodhouse Moor and surrounding areas has been implemented and who has been affected by the Order by way of Police intervention to confiscate alcohol.

## **2.0 Background Information**

- 2.1 At the Licensing Committee meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009, Members requested a 6 month report on how the DPPO for Woodhouse Moor and Surrounding areas is being implemented and reassurance that the Order was not being used to target the service users of the Crypt. Members were also concerned about the impact of this order on those who used the park for leisure activities, such as picnics, but did not cause a nuisance or behave in an anti social manner.
- 2.2 The order was granted on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009, but did not come into force until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009. This report covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

## **3.0 The review**

- 3.1 In conducting it's review West Yorkshire Police have obtained information from the Police Computer System NICHE, which has been used for recording DPPO interactions made by Police Officers (PCSOs and PC) for this specific project. The data also covers both the Woodhouse Moor (Appendix 1) and Little Woodhouse DPPOs (Appendix 2) due to their close proximity to each other.
- 3.2 47 DPPO interventions have taken place in the Little Woodhouse DPPO area. The majority of these have focused on the Rosebank, Hanover Square and Woodhouse Square. The majority of these could be classed as street drinkers.
- 3.3 236 DPPO interventions have taken place around the A660 corridor running alongside Woodhouse Moor. The majority of these could be classed as students.
- 3.4 16 DPPO interventions have taken place on Woodhouse Moor itself. 6 of these were known street drinkers and 10 were students.
- 3.5 No arrests have had to be made by Officers in enforcing the DPPO for non-compliance in either area.
- 3.6 It is difficult to provide exact figures as the categories used are subjective. However, the views of patrolling officers, the Crypt and Little Woodhouse Resident Group support the above figures.

## **4.0 Agency Views**

- 4.1 Patrolling officers have noticed that there are no longer large groups of street drinkers drinking in Woodhouse or Hanover Squares and those that remain are fully aware of the DPPO.
- 4.2 Staff at the Crypt report that they have used the DPPO as a mechanism to promote social drinking to their clients. The Crypt works with Police Officers to raise awareness about the DPPO. The Crypt is supportive of the DPPO and believes the Order has helped to keep down the level of complaints it received when it moved, see Appendix 3 letter from the Crypt.

4.3 The Little Woodhouse Forum has reported a noticeable improvement in Hanover and Woodhouse Squares. Whilst some street drinkers continue to use the squares they are in much smaller groups and have been known to tidy up after themselves. There has been some displacement to Rosebank and this is currently being dealt with by the Police.

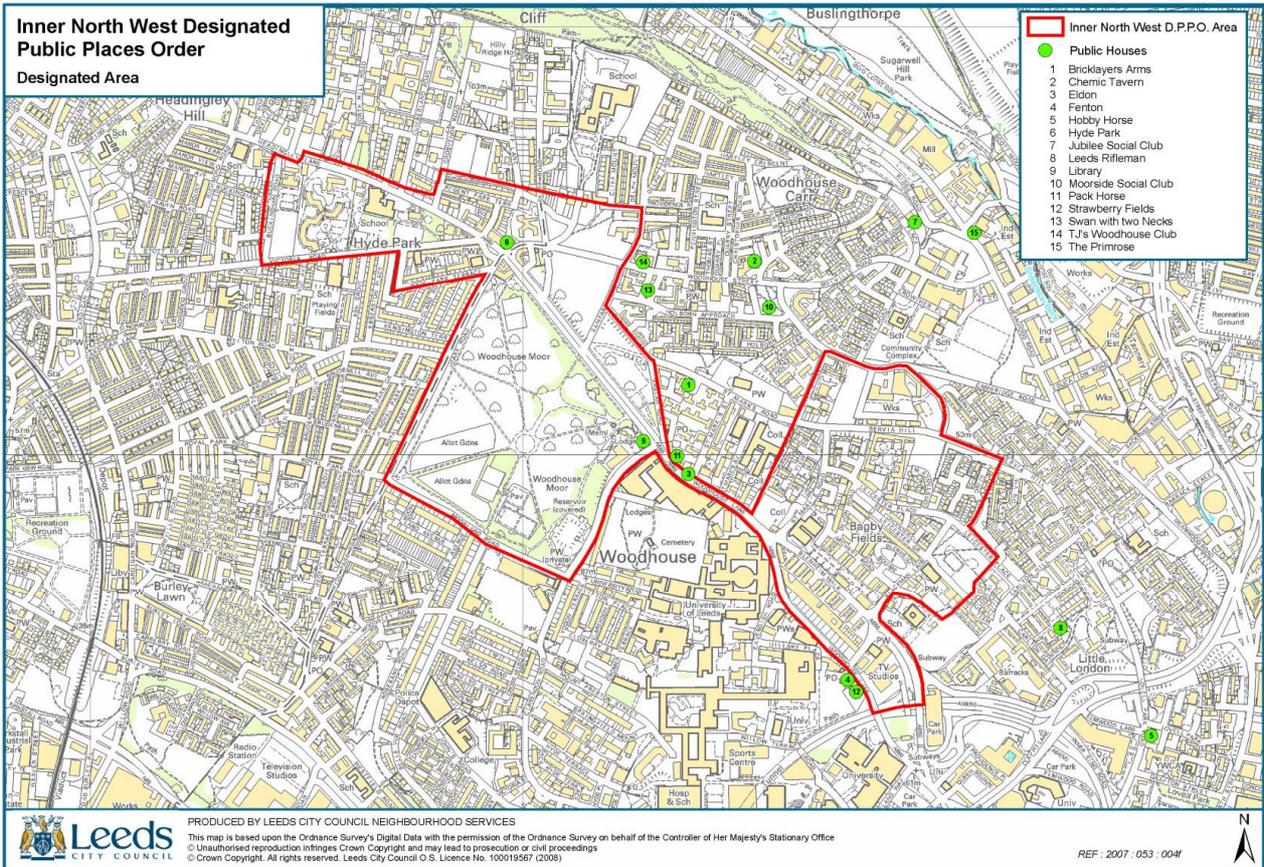
## 5.0 **Conclusions**

5.1 Data relating to the number and location of DPPO interactions show that the additional power granted by the Order has been used evenly and in a fair manner, as intended by the Licensing Committee. The figures show a correlation with the street population in that more street drinkers congregate in Hanover and Woodhouse Squares and more students will use the A660 corridor.

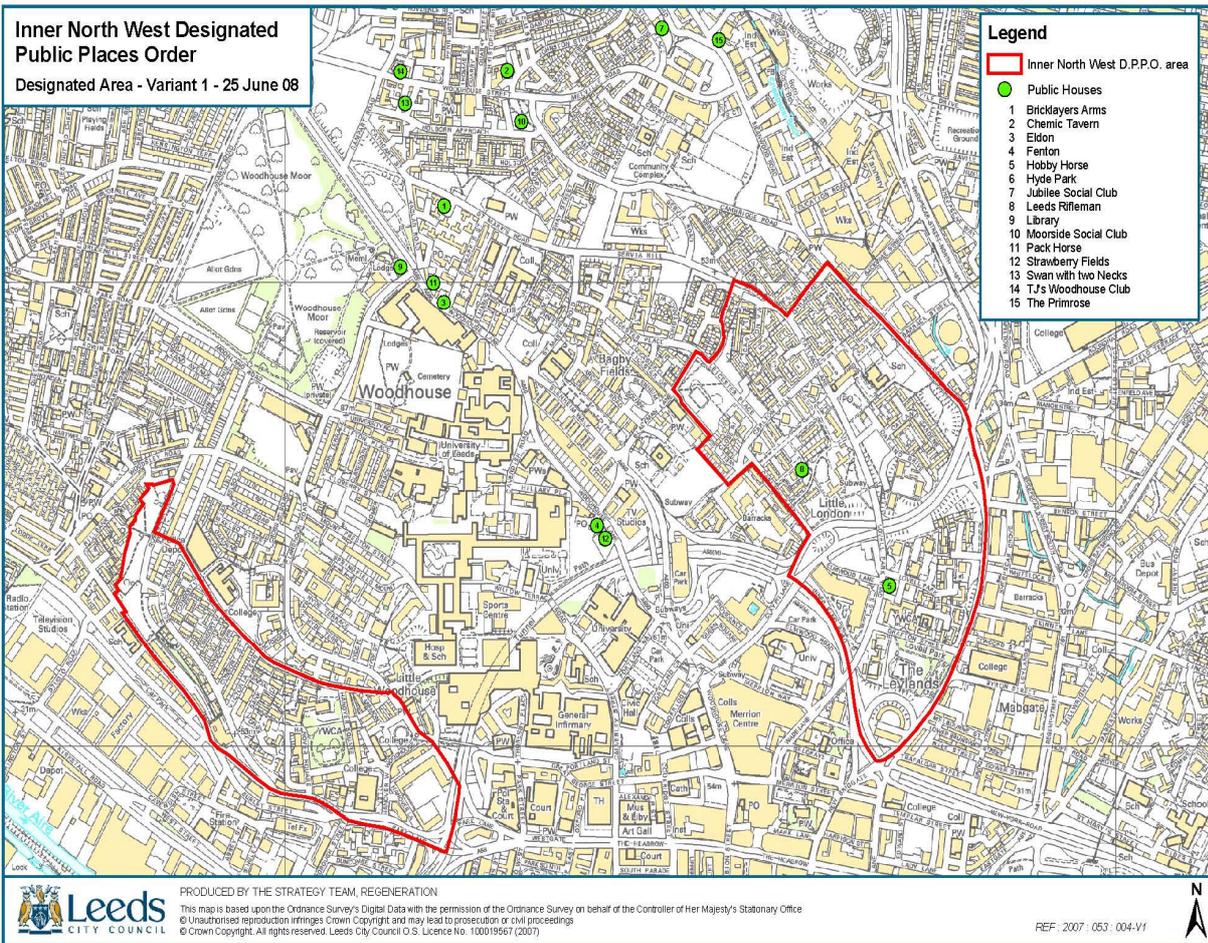
## 6.0 Recommendation

6.1 Members are asked to note this report and offer comments

# Appendix 1



# Appendix 2



## Appendix 3

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**RE: DPPO  
28/10/09**



Dear Frances,

On behalf of St George's Crypt I wish to confirm our support of the DPPO and the systems by which it is administered and monitored.

St George's Crypt has a positive and pro-active approach to anti-social behaviour especially through drink.

We have had regular meetings and communications with the local constabulary which ensure the best practice and delivery of the DPPO within the local vicinity.

On reporting anti-social behaviour the police response has been swift and effective.

We are of an opinion that the DPPO has been a useful and successful tool in managing street drinking and subsequent behaviour.

If St George's Crypt can be of any help in developing or working towards further protocols for the city of Leeds with the police or council we would be delighted to do so.

Yours sincerely

Chris Fields  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Fields', is written over the typed name and title.