

Committee:	Licensing and General Purposes Committee
Date:	2 March 2009
Subject:	INFORMATION REPORT – Update to Committee on the progress of the Borough-wide Designated Public Places Order
Responsible Officer:	John Edwards Divisional Director of Environment Services
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Susan Hall- Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services and Community Safety
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Statement by Harrow Town Team Leader Analytical report

Section 1 – Summary

This report provides an update on the Designated Public Places Order under the Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2007, which came in to effect on 1 August 2008

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Section 2 – Report

2.1 Current situation

- 2.1.1 On 1 August 2008 the Designated Public Places Order came in to effect to cover the whole of the London Borough of Harrow. The Police and the Safer Neighbourhood Teams enforce this zone.
- 2.1.2 Further to request by members of this committee to report on the progress and update on the Designated Public Places Order, the licensing Service has contacted the Metropolitan Police Services to provide details of the activity related to the above order.
- 2.1.3 There are 350 signs erected around the Borough to inform public of the Designated Public Places Order. The Government has not provided specific wording or any particular guidelines in relation to the nature of the signs. The current signs are designed after comparing neighbouring Boroughs signage.
- 2.1.4 All premises selling/supplying alcohol were provided with explanatory leaflets regarding implications of this Zone. More than 50,000 leaflets were printed and distributed through Libraries, Retail premises and the Civic Centre. The leaflets were published on the Harrow web site as well.
- 2.1.5 The Police and the safer neighbourhood Teams are advised to exercise discretion in the way they enforce the Zone.
- 2.1.6 In most cases, the safer neighbourhood Teams ask drinkers to stop drinking or ask them to empty the contents of the container and these incidents do not get recorded as crime. Hence it has been difficult to get accurate information regarding the number of incidents the SNT has been called out to deal with. However, the Harrow Town Team Leader for Police SNT has provided their comments which are attached to this report.

Section 3 – Financial Implications

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Date: 18 February 2009

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: Statement by Harrow Town Team Leader
Analytical report