
Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

Inner North West Area Committee

Date: Thursday 28th June 2007

Subject: DPPO Update Report

Electoral Wards Affected:

**Hyde Park and Woodhouse
Headingley**

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Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

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Community Cohesion

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Narrowing the Gap

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Council
Function

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Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

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Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

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Executive Summary

This report provides an update on the existing DPPO in Headingley and the development of a DPPO for Little London and Woodhouse. The report highlights that since the introduction of the DPPO in Headingley in March 2006 there has been a reduction in criminal damage and violent crime in the Headingley DPPO area.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update relating to the DPPO introduced in Headingley on 30th March 2006 and the process for introducing a DPPO in Little Woodhouse and Little London.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 Designated Public Places Orders make it 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. 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.
- 2.2 The Order 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 or fast food outlet.

3.0 Headingley Update

- 3.1 The Headingley DPPO was introduced on 30th March 2006 to tackle problems related to street drinking and people taking bottles / glasses onto the streets in the Headingley town centre. There was considerable support for the Order from various groups, organisations, Councillors and members of the public.
- 3.2 In addition, West Yorkshire Police were allocated £7,500 from the Inner North West Area Committee for extra policing for the Headingley and to assist in the implementation of the Order.

4.0 Police Crime Statistics

- 4.1 The section below relates to Beat 20 of the Headingley area which takes in the DPPO boundary. Appendix 1 provides a map of the boundary of Beat 20. The tables show that Criminal Damage and Violent Crime have both reduced since the DPPO and the additional Policing were introduced, reductions of 28% and 21% respectively when comparing 2006 figures with like-for-like figures from 2005.

Criminal Damage

- 4.2 The table below shows the number of criminal damage offences committed on Beat 20 – Headingley district in 2005 and 2006. Overall, offences have seen a 28% reduction. The only crime category that has seen an increase was damage property non-specific.

Criminal Damage Offences Committed on Beat 20 - Headingley			
Offence Description	2005	2006	Difference
Damage Property - Non Specific	31	36	+5
Damage to Building other than a Dwelling	39	20	-19
Damage to Dwelling	73	47	-26
Total	143	103	-40

Violent Crime

- 4.3 The table below shows the number of violent crimes committed on Beat 20 – Headingley district in 2005 and 2006. The offence type which has seen the largest increase was common assault and battery (increase of 13 offences in 2006). Both section 47 assault and harassment, alarm or distress, have seen the largest reductions. Overall, violent crime has seen a 21% reduction in 2006.

Offences of Assault Committed on Beat 20 - Headingley			
Offence Description	2005	2006	Difference
Affray	6	6	0
Assault Occasioning ABH - S.47	91	65	-26
Assault on a Constable S.89 Police Act 1996	2	1	-1
Cause Harassment/alarm/distress (S.4a POA)	1	2	+1
Common Assault and Battery	11	24	+13
Fear or Provocation of Violence (S.4 POA)	10	3	-7
GBH with intent to cause GBH - S.18	0	1	+1
Harassment - Put in fear of violence (S.4 PHA)	1	0	-1
Harassment (S.2 PHA.1997)	4	0	-4
Harassment, Alarm or Distress (S.5 POA)	41	23	-18
Racially Religiously Aggravated Common Assault	0	1	+1
Racially Religiously Aggravated S.4 POA 1986	1	2	+1
Racially Religiously Aggravated S.47 ABH	0	2	+2
Racially Religiously Aggravated S.4a POA 1986	4	3	-1
Racially Religiously Aggravated S20 OAP Act 1861	0	2	+2
Racially Religiously Aggravated S.4 Harassment PHA98	0	1	+1
Threat to Kill	2	0	-2
Unlawfully Wound without Intent - S.20	2	2	0
Wound with Intent to Cause GBH - S.18	1	2	+1
Total	177	140	-37

Visits to Licensed Premises in 2005 & 2006

- 4.4 Over the two year period there were over 200 visits made to licensed premises in Headingley. There were more visits made in 2005 than in 2006. The Skyrack PH received the most visits during this period (45).

	Visits in 2005	Visits in 2006	Total (2005 & 2006)
The Arc	23	11	34
Headingley Taps	19	15	34
The Box	23	7	30
Original Oak	26	12	38
Skyrack	25	20	45
Woodies	9	6	15
Three Horseshoes	7	4	11
Arcadia	0	2	2
New Inn	0	5	5
Total	132	82	209

5.0 Little London and Little Woodhouse

- 5.1 Little London and Little Woodhouse are experiencing considerable problems with street drinking. The Neighbourhood Policing Team at Belle Vue are policing the hotspot areas and providing extra patrols to tackle problems. At the special meeting held on 19th April 2007, Members asked officers to progress a DPPO to tackle these issues.

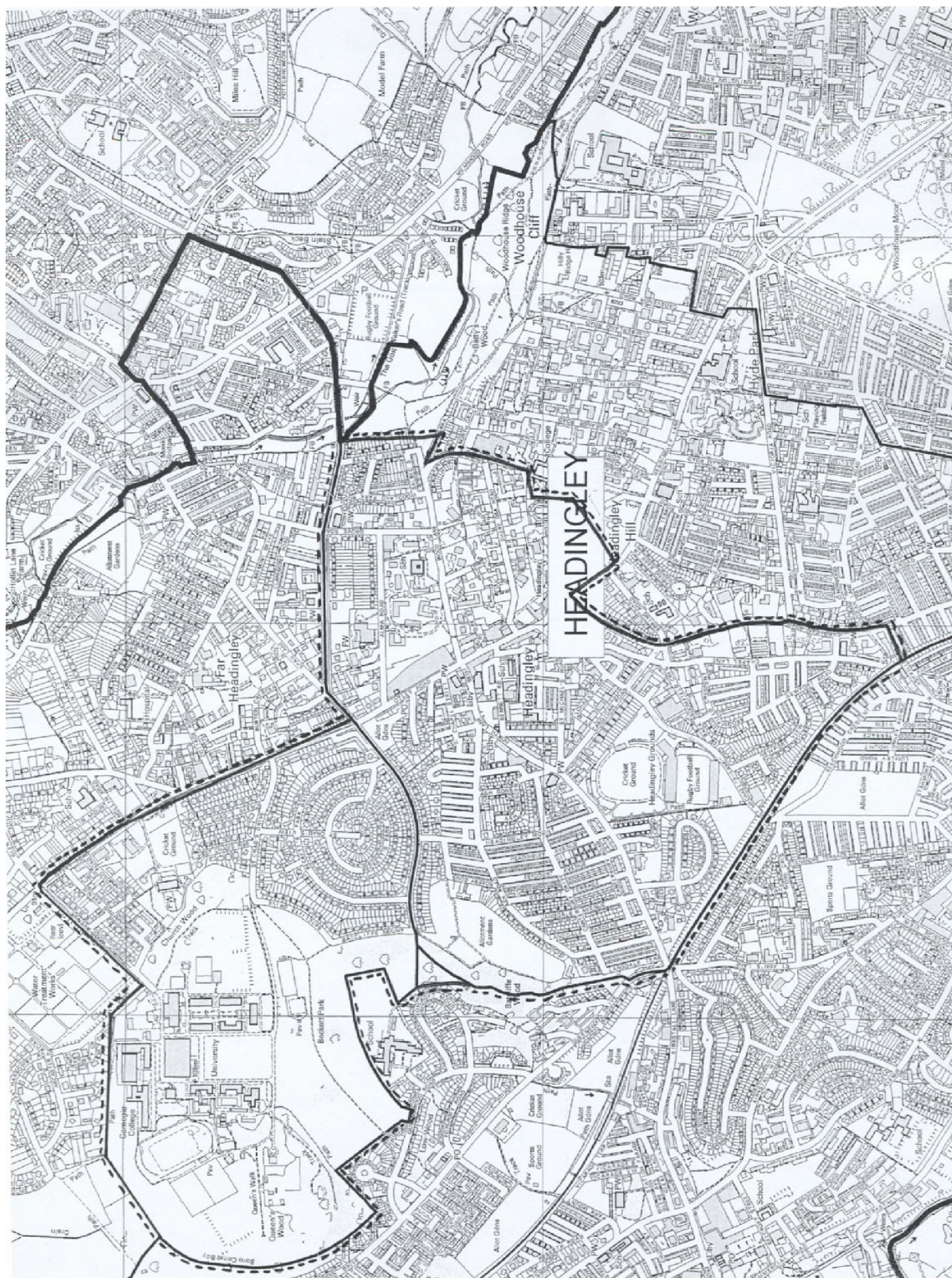
5.2 Attached is the DPPO action plan, which outlines the tasks involved in progressing the Order and a broad timetable. Work has commenced in collecting the evidence required to show that an Order is needed. Consultation with stakeholders has commenced, including Members, forums, relevant groups, agencies/organisations and the local Pubwatch. Letters will also go out inviting comments from local businesses and members of the public.

5.3 The attached action plan (Appendix 2) broadly outlines the process for the DPPO and the agencies who will be contacted. It should be noted that the consultation element of the project will take 2 months and the legal aspect will take approximately 3 months.

6.0 Recommendation

6.1 Members are asked to note the progress made to date and receive a further update at the next meeting.

Appendix 1



DPPO ACTION PLAN

Appendix 2

ACTION	COMMENTS	when	Progress
Request made to Police for figures of alcohol related crime in Inner North West	Considerable data cleansing required to pull only the alcohol related incidents	May 07	Expected mid June 07
Requests for info sent to attendance list of local Forums and Groups: Little London TRA Little London Crime and Grime Little Woodhouse TRA Hyde Park and Woodhouse forum Headingley Forum	Anecdotal information requested from Forums / Groups in writing / photographs and minutes to show nuisance caused by drinking on the streets and alcohol containers (litter) + will be on the agenda for next meeting with Area Community Safety Co-ord attending	May 07	Attended Hyde Park and Woodhouse Forum on 23 rd May. Other planned attendance throughout June into early July 07.
Requests sent to interested local organisations to provide any information they may have on alcohol related nuisance in Inner. Write / letter drop: Little London Primary Little London Childrens Centre Swathmore Park Lane College Bail Hostel Local Off licenses and other businesses	Anecdotal evidence requested in writing / photographs to show nuisance caused by drinking on streets and alcohol containers Speak to local contacts for any additions to the consultation list	June 07	Contact made with a number of organizations sending their comments
To raise the profile of seeking views by encouraging a press article in local media	Press release drafted by Press Office and sent to Media.	May 07	
Requests for information sent to Street Scene in relation to street cleaners and nuisance caused by alcohol containers on streets	Street Scene to produce letter for Licensing Committee.	May 07	Letter of support expected mid June
Requests for info sent to ASB Unit on alcohol related ASB complaints	Request for asb complaints or letter of support	May 07	Expected mid June 07
To raise at ASB Panel for members of the panel to contribute any information they have	To be discussed at Panel on 20 th June. Agree boundary for area.	June 07	
to meet with the licensees / pub watch to seek their views on a DPPO in Headingley	To attend next Pub Watch meeting	July 07	Awaiting details of next meeting
To raise and discuss at next Divisional community Safety Partnership	Next DCSP meeting on 11 th July 07	July 07	
Formal 28 day Notice 1	1 st statutory notice inviting comments	July 07	Expires mid Aug
Report to Licensing Panel		Sept 07	
Formal 28 day Notice 2	2 nd statutory notice	Sept 07	Expires mid Oct
Signage	Signs prepared and fixed	Oct 07	