



## Community Safety

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Dear Anne,

**Re: Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places Orders – Britwell, Haymill, Wexham, Colnbrook & Langley, High Street**

In response to your consultation there are several concerns regarding the proposed Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places Orders (DPPO) which the Community Safety Team at South Bucks District Council would like to raise.

First and foremost, there is a concern that any anti-social activity you may prevent in Slough with the introduction of the DPPO may displace the problem over the border into the District of South Bucks, specifically into the Burnham, Iver, Farnham and Stoke Poges/ Wexham areas. Due to high levels of disorder, these locations are 'areas of priority' for the Community Safety Team and by introducing the DPPO so close to these areas we fear we will see an increase in anti-social behaviour.

I have listed below the evidence to highlight why these specific locations in South Bucks are current 'areas of priority'. As you will be aware, the evidence used to determine the top three priorities for each Neighbourhood Action Group is based on public perception and opinions so it is important that we all work together to eradicate any concerns that our local residents have over the proposed DPPO in Slough.

### **Burnham**

546 incidents of anti-social behaviour reported to Thames Valley Police between the period, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008.

347 incidents of *\*local crime* reported to Thames Valley Police between the period, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008.

Burnham Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) priorities are (ranked in order of priority):-

- 1). anti-social behaviour
- 2). vulnerable youths
- 3). lack of CCTV

12 x off-licenses in area

### **Farnham**

335 incidents of anti-social behaviour reported to Thames Valley Police between the period, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008.

120 incidents of *\*local crime* reported to Thames Valley Police between the period, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008.

Farnham Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) priorities are (ranked in order of priority):-

- 1). anti-social behaviour
- 2). parking
- 3). vandalism



4 x off-licences in area

**Iver Heath & Ritchings Park**

321 incidents of anti-social behaviour reported to Thames Valley Police between the period, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008.

208 incidents of *\*local crime* reported to Thames Valley Police between the period, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008.

Iver Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) priorities are (ranked in order of priority):-

- 1). graffiti
- 2). HGV traffic
- 3). anti-social behaviour

11 x off-licenses in area

**Stoke Poges & Wexham**

190 incidents of anti-social behaviour reported to Thames Valley Police between the period, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008.

129 incidents of *\*local crime* reported to Thames Valley Police between the period, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008.

Stoke Poges & Wexham Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) priorities are (ranked in order of priority):-

- 1). anti-social behaviour
- 2). burglary
- 3). speeding

2 x off-licenses in area

*\*Local Crime is defined as those incidents that are reported to Thames Valley Police and are dealt with by the Neighbourhood Policing Teams e.g., criminal damage/ theft from person.*

Feedback received from Thames Valley Police Officers in both Slough and South Bucks LPA's in reference to the Dispersal Order we implemented in Burnham (October 2007) did suggest that although the problem was eliminated from Burnham it did not deal with the root cause of the problem and only displaced the problem to the Britwell Estate. We too have experienced the same problem when Slough has implemented an operation and the problem moves into this District boundary.

We are supportive of DPPO's as South Bucks District Council is currently looking to implement a DPPO in Burnham from April 2009. I believe it would be beneficial for the consultation between both Community Safety Teams and Licensing Departments to extend further than that which has been set. As we share our borders, it would be wise for our dialogue on DPPO's to continue and ensure we keep one another informed as to what has been proposed and agreed. It is important for us to have accurate information to reassure our local residents and work together to reduce the problems, not to displace the problem to our neighbouring area. We would be very happy to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely,

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