

## **Proposals to tackle alcohol related anti-social behaviour through the introduction of a borough wide a Designated Public Place Order**

The Council have produced the following document in order to answer any questions residents may have in relation to the proposed introduction of a borough wide Designated Public Places Order (DPPO).

### **Frequently Asked Questions's**

#### **1. What does DPPO mean?**

A DPPO is a Designated Public Place Order. A DPPO is a designated public area where police have the power to stop people who are causing anti-social behaviour from drinking alcohol and enforce penalties on those that ignore their request.

#### **2. What does it mean to make it borough wide?**

Borough-wide DPPO are operating across the UK where alcohol-related antisocial behaviour is a problem. The Council and Police have tried DPPOs in small areas in Bournemouth, the Town Centre, Boscombe & Charminster. Having a DPPO in one local area, although effective, can lead to the problems moving to other locations. To tackle this, we are asking the community to consider a borough-wide DPPO.

#### **3. Would it be illegal to drink on the streets?**

No.

A DPPO is not an alcohol ban and does not make it illegal to drink alcohol responsibly in a public place.

#### **4. Can I be stopped or arrested for carrying alcohol on the streets?**

No.

A DPPO does not make it illegal to carry alcohol or to drink alcohol responsibly in a public place. DPPOs will only be used to tackle alcohol-related anti-social behaviour or disorder. Under these circumstances police will have the power to stop people drinking alcohol and seize or confiscate alcohol within the controlled area. If you fail to comply with an officer's request to stop drinking and/or dispose of alcohol, you could face prosecution or a Fixed Penalty Notice.

#### **5. Will there be signs all around the borough alerting people to the new zones?**

Yes.

Signs will be located in areas that suffer from the highest impact of alcohol related disorder, as well as the main roads into the borough. There are already existing signs within our current controlled drinking zones in the borough.

**6. Would people still be able to drink or hold alcohol bottles outside pubs?**

Yes.

The DPPO does not make it illegal to drink alcohol in a public place. However a person could risk regulation if they stray beyond the legal boundary of a licensed premise and they do not stop drinking if asked to do so by a Police Officer or Police Community Support Officer.

**7. Would this also include alleyways and streets on council estates?**

Yes.

A 'public place' is any place in which the public have access. Relevant public spaces could include streets, parks and open spaces. However, private land such as a supermarket car park could be considered a public space if it's affected by a problem.

**8. What about street parties and events in parks?**

Events within a public place authorised by a premises license or a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) will be excluded from the DPPO powers.

**9. Will there be any extra policing to enforce a DPPO?**

No.

Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams dedicated to each ward in Bournemouth will continue to patrol and respond to incidents as part of their community response.

**10. Are any other measures in place to tackle this problem?**

The Council, in partnership with the Police, continues to take measures to address anti-social behaviour in public places and Licensed Premises.

**11. What happens next?**

At the end of the consultation period the Council will examine all of the survey responses and feedback. Subsequently, a report containing this analysis, will be presented to Cabinet & full Council, who will make a decision to approve the creation of a borough wide DPPO, or not.

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