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Community Protection have received an e-mail on 22.01.2014 from Rushcliffe Borough Council raising a concern regarding what provisions will be put in place to support street drinkers so that the perceived problem does not get displaced into the surrounding suburban areas. E-mail from Rushcliffe and response detailed below.

RECEIVED FROM RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL 22.01.2014

Dear Melanie

Thank you for consulting us on your proposal to declare a DPPO across the whole of Nottingham City.

The only point that we would like to raise is to question what provision will be put in place to support street drinkers so that the perceived problem you have identified does not simply get moved out of the city and into the surrounding suburban areas. As you will be aware, the DPPO on its own is a fairly 'blunt' tool (like many enforcement powers used in isolation) and so we would like reassurance that your proposal will not simply shift the problem and that provision to tackle the 'root cause' of the problem has been put in place. I have not received the additional supporting information from you as stated in your letter so I appreciate that you may have already considered this potential impact of your proposals in that document.

Kind regards

Ben Adams
Environment and Licensing Manager
Rushcliffe Borough Council



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RESPONSE SENT FROM COMMUNITY PROTECTION 23.01.2013

Dear Ben

Thank you for your e-mail.

Nottingham's Community Protection and Nottinghamshire Police work closely together to deal with alcohol related nuisance and harassment and we employ a range of tools and powers to tackle the issues arising.

These tools and powers include stepping up street patrols of both the Police and Community Protection Officers to engage with people drinking alcohol on the streets of Nottingham. Enforcement includes the use of Section 5 of the Public Order Act to prohibit offenders from breaching the peace, Directions to Leave, Dispersal Orders and seizure and retaining alcohol from young persons under the Alcohol (Young Persons) Act 1997. The proposed City Wide Extension to our current DPPOs in place around the City will provide Officers with additional powers to remove alcohol from the streets where nuisance and harassment is being caused to members of the public as a result of the alcohol.

In conjunction with the enforcement options available, Community Protection and Nottinghamshire Police also engage with offenders and utilise the 5 stage model of asking offenders to desist in their behaviour, issuing warnings, taking further enforcement action, Court and breach. This model is also used in conjunction with our People, Premises Places model where we deal with the people involved, look at premises and action in relation to the places. As part of this action and engagement, we agree Acceptable Behaviour Contracts with offenders, involve other agencies as appropriate and refer offenders to appropriate alcohol support like Last Orders, the John Storer Clinic, Mental Health and Social Services.

Nottingham have also re-evaluated its Alcohol Policy which came into force on 7th January 2014 and introduced a second Saturation Zone to assist in prohibiting the amount of alcohol available to street drinkers. Community Protection are also asking shops to sign up to the "look 21, think 25" scheme along with promoting the responsible sale of alcohol and asking shops to reduce the amount of high volume low cost alcohol available.

As you can see, the Council is utilising a whole range of tools and powers to deal with alcohol related nuisance and the proposed DPPO, is approved by Council, is another tool to compliment those powers already in use.

I do hope this provides you with some reassurance in the knowledge that we are taking a cohesive, multi agency approach to alcohol related nuisance within the City. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me

Kindest regards

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