

Appendix A – Dartmouth

List of streets to be included in the Order (map included in Appendix I):

Coronation Park, Royal Avenue Gardens, New Ground Car Park, Footways immediately adjacent to both of the above, being part of North Embankment, Coombe Road, College Way and Mayor's Avenue, Manor Gardens and from the embankment edge of the Boatfloat to the greenhouses in Mayors Avenue. Victoria Road Park, Collingwood Road Park and Britannia Avenue Park.

Dartmouth received one consultation response:

There is insufficient police presence in Dartmouth to eradicate drunken behaviour and having Alcohol PSPOs enable enforcement by public officials as well as police. The PSBOs also provide clearer requirements on publicans to uphold decent behaviour by their clients. I fully support Alcohol PSBOs in Dartmouth.

That said the Alcohol PSBO area needs to extend to include the Old Market Square and adjoining roads. This is where there is the greatest incident of drunken and unruly behaviour occurs late at night, especially from clients of the ***** and ***** pubs drinking outside often after closing time.

Police Neighbourhood Team response:

Regarding the PSPO applications for Dartmouth I can say that having a PSPO in place is a **particularly useful tool** for officers here. Not every incident is recorded where the PSPO has been used, but it is used as more of a preventative tool before other police powers could come into play. Anti -Social Behaviour (ASB) is not an offence but it can quickly escalate into one.

The location of the PSPO is of great importance as they cover areas in Dartmouth that have a high volume of people living, using, visiting and working in the area, therefore the **consumption of alcohol linked to ASB does have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality**. The centre of the town, gardens and the play parks are a wonderful area for our young children to play and meet but they also seem to be a draw for the older ones who will use the areas to congregate and drink and cause ASB. The PSPO means we can confiscate the alcohol and reduce the potential for the situation to escalate.

Dartmouth is renowned for having a busy and vibrant night- time economy but unfortunately that comes with problems. This year we have seen several very serious incidents. I cannot divulge details to you at this time as the matters are still either under investigation or about to enter the courts. I can say that they involve Grievous Bodily Harm and a death. Officers are not always able to show a permanent presence in the town but had officers been present the use of the

PSPO could have proven its worth with officers having identified and diffused an escalating situation by the removal of alcohol. It is rare to find offences occurring in the town when officers are present and able to use the PSPO powers.

It is very difficult to give you figures on how the PSPO has reduced crime and disorder in the town. The only figures I could give you would be for those incidents that have been recorded. It would not include the numerous times officers had used the PSPO to 'nip things in the bud', thus preventing incidents escalating. **In short, I would support the proposed Alcohol related PSPO in the suggested area.**