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SNT Sergeant Comments on Alcohol Control Zones

Sgt. Tom Smyth - Seven Sisters

The zone has reduced alcohol related ASB as it allows us to remove the alcohol and direct the person to leave the locality if need be. There has been an improvement as once people are aware they drink elsewhere. As a ward we do very much support the controlled zone. In regard to the statistics, it may take a while to combine these but we average at least 2 or 3 seizures per day and more when football events may be on at THFC or others around the ward. There have been two arrests by me over the summer period for public order offences but these started as seizures and the people did not want their alcohol confiscated.

Sgt. Lee Hobbs - Tottenham Green

The alcohol control zone is an effective tool in removing alcohol from street drinkers. It works very well in conjunction with the dispersal zone in Broad Lane, Victory Crescent and Stanford Close. Alcohol related anti social behaviour has increased in Fountayne Road and we still get regular calls reporting anti social behaviour in Broad Lane. Enforcing the alcohol zone is a regular part of our police work and alcohol is seized on a regular basis. I support the current ban in Tottenham Green.

Sgt. Jim MacPherson - Northumberland Park

The Alcohol Controlled Zone in Northumberland Park is a definite advantage to Police. This is also the case during Tottenham Hotspur match days in and around the ground. Street drinking is prevalent in the ward and can occur around the clock. Problems seem to stem from a drinking culture among disassociated adults living in hostels or local authority flats. Many of these are out of work and suffer from health or mental health issues. The power is an effective one that has helped reduce low level antisocial behaviour and low level crime. The zone is an effective deterrent and a great benefit to the Safer Neighbourhood Team. I support the continuation of the alcohol zone in Northumberland Park ward.

Sgt. Matt Casey - Bruce Grove

Alcohol is taken from street drinkers daily from Bruce Grove to the High Road. The controlled zone is an effective tool and needs to remain in force. Numbers of alcohol seizures have dropped as a result of a reduction in levels of anti social behaviour in Moorefield Road.

Acting Sgt. Matt Whelan - Noel Park

The ACZ is effective and is a useful tool in removing their booze. The main offenders (few of which remain) are well aware and tend to dispose themselves. Those who are just passing through are also vigilantly dealt with. It has and will continue to aid our team. We and I believe most people who walk the High Road N22 enforce it.

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PC Paul Dearman - Tottenham Hale (Sgt. Paul Dowling)

The zones are effective but could be extended to the rest of the ward as drinkers move to other areas when alcohol is seized. The zone is useful and alcohol is seized on a daily basis. Alcohol related anti social behaviour has reduced and problems in the High Road have reduced.

Sgt. Mike Tisi - West Green

The alcohol control zone in Downhills Park has been effective and people generally understand they cannot drink there and are complaint. The area has got better in relation to anti social behaviour.

The zone in Broad Water Farm has not been effective as signage has only recently gone up. There haven't been a lot of problems regarding street drinking but the zone is still useful to have. The area as a whole hasn't improved a great deal.

I support the alcohol control zones and feel they are useful to have.

Sgt. Tim Hannah - St. Ann's

The introduction of the control zone has reduced the number of reported ASB calls in the area. It has allowed us to deal effectively with the street drinkers and move them on permanently by seizing their alcohol.

It has given us the power to deal with the groups of males hanging around rather than just the individuals who were on ASBO's and so is therefore a more effective power for us to use, hence I fully support the zone.

Sgt. Jono Clay-Michael – Harringey

The alcohol ban in Duckett's Common is useful and effective when enforced. The area could be better signed with fixed metal signs on all benches, bins and entrance points. We police it as and when required but also recognise that some people have picnics in the park beyond the Tesco sandwich and tin of beer approach. I still support a borough wide ban as these area confined bans can just move the problem on.

Sgt. Paul Minihane – Woodside

There is still a congregation of Eastern European street drinkers at the Stuart Crescent and Peace Park areas who cause problems. The alcohol zones are useful but in Woodside they need to be used with other powers. In Stuart Crescent we seize alcohol and issue S27 notices requiring them to leave the area for 48 hours. This has had an effect but sometimes the individuals return. It is a handy power to have and general improvements have been made as a result. However the hardcore drinkers are still present and persist on drinking after being warned. We have had to arrest on several occasions. Yes I definitely support the alcohol zone.