

## PROPOSED ALCOHOL RESTRICTION ZONE FOR STOURPORT - ON - SEVERN

### Summary of Statutory Consultation Feedback September / October 2005

Respondent	Comments	Response of Stakeholder Working Group
<p><b>Resident</b> Tan Lane Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Email received 10/09/05 Acknowledgement email sent 14/09/05</p>	<p>Suggests an extension to the zone in two places;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since it is intended that the third basin be re-opened then the boundary should run from Lion Hill down Lichfield Street and thence Severnside to the river.</li> <li>2. Since there are three fast food outlets and a school in Tan Lane (Vernon to Lombard) which attracts late night revellers this should be included in the zone.</li> </ol>	<p>Comments noted as reflected by revised proposal.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Limetree Walk Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Email received 10/09/05 Acknowledgement email sent 14/09/05</p>	<p><b><u>Memorial Park</u></b> Minor concern re: proposed zone in the Memorial Park, whilst being an advantage to the town, may have adverse effect in moving the alcohol consumption problem back onto Lickhill Lodge Estate.</p> <p>Some years ago there was a problem with under age drinking around the Spar shop and Stagborough Arms PH in Lickhill Road. Following police action this activity appears to have moved into the park. Whilst supporting Council's proposed restriction would like some attention paid to these areas to ensure that anti-social activities do not restart following the "introduction of a ban"</p>	<p>Comments noted. Shall look to undertake some additional positive Policing in the areas mentioned.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Lickhill Road Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Email received 10/09/05 Acknowledgement email sent 14/09/05</p>	<p>Both fully support proposed plan. Excellent idea.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>

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<p><b>Resident</b> Sion Gardens Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Email received 11/09/05 Acknowledgement email sent 14/09/05</p>	<p><b><u>Sion Gardens &amp; William Bullock Close</u></b> Concerns at the exclusion of the above from the proposed order. The area has a sheltered housing complex, and along with Stourport Social Day Centre, offers grassed areas and “tucked away” corners. This is also a short cut from one part of the proposed exclusion area to another (New Street to High Street) There is already evidence of its use at times (beer and tins etc) for alcohol consumption and we feel that things could get worse.</p>	<p>Comments noted as reflected by revised proposal.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Waterfront View York Street Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Email received 11/09/05 Acknowledgement email sent 14/09/05</p>	<p>Entirely in favour of the proposal however would make the following comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Restriction zone must be properly policed and the regulations enforced for the proposal to have any chance of success. At present there is no effective police anywhere in Stourport and the situation must be rectified</li> <li>2. One of the most obvious instances of alcohol consumption in public places is that of groups of teenagers gathering in the waterside areas of the town with large quantities of alcohol. These groups are quite intimidating and frequently abusive to passers by. Many of these teenagers are clearly under 18 and will have probably bought the alcohol in shops in the town. This needs to be tackled at its roots by more rigorous enforcement of the law preventing sale of alcohol to under 18s.</li> <li>3. The resident has serious doubts that the creation of the zone will really tackle the anti social drinking problem, since most drinking is done within public houses, wine bars and on the river cruise boats. None of these will be controlled by the creation of the zone. Control of the anti social behaviour of drunken people roaming the streets after leaving these establishments can only be achieved by adequate policing. At present the response by the police to any complaint of anti-social behaviour is totally unsatisfactory – a physical presence is essential to regain some measure of control.</li> </ol>	<p>Comments noted by West Mercia Constabulary regarding the dissatisfaction expressed about Policing in Stourport-on-Severn.</p>

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<b>Continued</b>	4. The problem of drink fuelled anti social behaviour degrades the centre of Stourport and needs to be controlled before it gets entirely out of hand. The proposed restriction zone is a step in the right direction but does seem to be contradicted by allowing premises, such as the wine bar in York Street, to be granted a licence to stay open until 2am	Comments passed to Council's Licensing Section.
<b>Resident</b> Severn Side Stourport-on-Severn  Email received 11/09/05 Acknowledgement email sent 14/09/05	In favour of the proposed "ban" in areas designated	Comments noted.
<b>Resident</b> Gheluvelt Court Stourport-on-Severn  Letter received 12/09/05 No acknowledgement sent – not appropriate	"I would like you to consider this!" Warn all public houses, clubs, wine bars and off-licences that you will threaten to revoke their licences, if they continue to sell alcohol to teenagers.	Comments passed to Council's Licensing Section.
<b>Resident</b> Hafren Way Stourport-on-Severn  Letter received 12/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 14/09/05	Supports any measures to control anti social drinking. In fact would wish to see a blanket restriction on all public areas within the County of Worcestershire. Furthermore this measure should come from a Central Government policy to apply to County Councils to adopt as considered necessary.	Comments noted.

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<p><b>Shaw Trust</b> High Street</p> <p>Telephone call received 12/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 14/09/05</p>	<p><b><u>Alleyway leading into Sion Gardens &amp; William Bullock Close</u></b></p> <p>Thinks idea of having the ARZ in Stourport is “superb”. However would like to make one amendment to the coverage of the zone, taking the boundary line off the High Street in front of the Wheatsheaf PH and then following the right-hand side of and incorporating the alleyway which leads into and incorporates the streets of Sion Gardens and William Bullock Close. The boundary then joins New Street and follows as the map.</p>	<p>Comments noted as reflected by revised proposal.</p>
<p><b>Pc 1071 Rich Drewett</b> Acting Licensing Officer West Mercia Constabulary</p> <p>Email received 12/09/05 Acknowledgement email sent 14/09/05</p>	<p>More than satisfied with the proposed areas where the restrictions will be placed.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> High Street Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Email received 12/09/05 Acknowledgement email sent 14/09/05</p>	<p><b><u>High Street</u></b></p> <p>Thinks ARZ is a good idea. Her vehicle was heavily vandalised in August, she suspects by a person who may have been under the influence of alcohol. She has also witnessed people drinking cans, of what appears to be alcohol, along the High Street even in daylight hours. Also noticed anti social behaviour in the early hours – disturbing her peaceful nights in her home. She has noticed an increase in the monitoring of the situation by the police however the proposed scheme would help in making the area a more safe, pleasant and peaceful place to live.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>
<p><b>Resident / Councillor</b> Lime Tree Walk Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Telephone call received 12/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 14/09/05</p>	<p><b><u>Park Avenue, through alleyway by the school and the length of Tan Lane</u></b></p> <p>Would like to see zone extended. This is a walkway from the Town Centre to the War Memorial Park and feels it would be good to cover this area as it is a well known area where “louts dispose of cans over garden walls”</p>	<p>Comments noted as reflected by revised proposal.</p>

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<p><b>Resident</b> Severn Road Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Email received 13/09/05 Acknowledgement email sent 14/09/05</p>	<p>In wholehearted approval of plans to restrict, or preferably abolish public drinking in designated areas. Although more difficult to police, the outlined areas on the map are not sufficiently extensive and, in some areas, not very well thought out – anyone buying alcohol in either Tesco or the Co-op would be contravening the law if they publicly consumed their purchases at the front entrance of either store, but not if they did so a few yards around the corner in Tan Lane. This appears “rather ludicrous”, especially as Tan Lane houses the local infant’s school and the middle school adjoins another unrestricted area.</p> <p>They feel the area should be extended from the end of Worcester St to Park Ave then to either the “Moorhalls” and therefore include Tan Lane, Gibbons Crescent, Vernon Rd, Sion Gardens etc. As with all outlets in the Lombard St/High St/Vale Rd area a purchaser/consumer would not have to move more than a few yards to make a total nonsense of any restriction imposed. It would be good if it could be extended to include the Gilgal, Mitton St and Severn Rd (They state “Severnside on your map which is incorrect”) areas as they know as being residents of Severn Rd, that cans &amp; bottles are a problem. They trust that wide-ranging restrictions will be introduced.</p>	<p>Comments noted as reflected by revised proposal.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Tan Lane Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 13/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 14/09/05</p>	<p><b><u>Tan Lane</u></b> Could this area please be included as youths come along the Lane to get to the War Memorial Park, drinking and throwing their empty cans into gardens or sticking them in the hedges.</p>	<p>Comments noted as reflected by revised proposal.</p>
<p><b>TP Activity Toys Ltd</b> Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Email received 13/09/05 Acknowledgement email sent 14/09/05</p>	<p>Wholeheartedly agrees with this policy, asks for implementation as soon as feasibly possible. This will make a huge difference to ordinary folk (i.e. those who do not wish to consume 17 pints of lager and throw up all over the pavement) to enjoy a night out in Stourport.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>

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<p><b>Resident</b> Park Crescent Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 13/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 14/09/05</p>	<p><b><u>Park Crescent, Olive Grove &amp; The Lucy Baldwin Hospital</u></b> Will come as a complete shock to residents of these roads that these areas have been omitted from the zone – especially when the problems experienced over the years with individuals who have come through the roads mainly to the top of the Memorial Park or back down towards the area near Park Avenue on the children’s play area – sometimes as late as 2.30-3.00 am (shouts, screams, laughs)</p>	<p>Comments noted but no amendments to the boundary proposed.</p>
<p><b>No details given</b></p> <p>Letter received 13/09/05 No acknowledgement sent</p>	<p>Please include residential part of Tan Lane also the passage between the school and playing field next to the tennis club. Alcohol and solvents are being used in these areas</p>	<p>Comments noted as reflected by revised proposal.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Lickhill Road Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 14/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 14/09/05</p>	<p>Given that his home is actually on Lickhill Road, would have welcomed some legislation, which would have precluded drunken and totally unsociable behaviour along this road.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Court Drive Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Email received 14/09/05 Acknowledgement email sent 14/09/05</p>	<p>Cannot understand why Tan Lane up to the tennis club in its entirety is not included in the zone. Regularly walks from Tan Lane to Lombard Street and sees discarded alcohol cans all the way along. There are several food shops and gatherings of people every night, plus discarded shopping trolleys at times.</p>	<p>Comments noted as reflected by revised proposal.</p>
<p><b>Job Centre Plus</b> Stourport-On-Severn</p> <p>Email received 14/09/05 Reply via email sent from Alison Braithwaite 14/09/05</p>	<p>If designation order is made “would it not be possible for a family to have a picnic by the river with a bottle of wine?”</p>	<p>Confirmed by Alison – would still be possible, the additional powers that the legislation provides would only be used in circumstances of anti social drinking/drunkenness.</p>

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<p><b>St Wulstan &amp; St Thomas of Canterbury</b> Vale Road, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 8YL</p> <p>Letter received 15/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 15/09/05</p>	<p><b><u>Council's car park in Vale Road</u></b> Could this area next to the church be included? A great deal of drinking of alcohol goes on here at all hours, especially at night. This is evidenced by the state of the car park in the morning and what is in the bins (for those who are bothered to put their empty cans in the proper place)</p>	<p>Comments noted as reflected by revised proposal.</p>
<p><b>Stourport Forward</b></p> <p>Email received 14/09/05 Acknowledgement email sent 16/09/05</p>	<p>As we understand the intention of the order, it will allow some discretion on the part of the police, and is not intended to intervene in the more civilised pursuits which may include a family enjoying a glass of wine with their lunch on the riverside. On this basis we fully support the proposal. This is the position of Stourport Forward Ltd as a board, and in personal status as a business owner within the area designated.</p>	<p>This is correct. Comments noted.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Park Avenue Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 15/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 16/09/05</p>	<p>Author writes "with absolute delight". At last steps are being taken to curb the anti-social, alcohol related behaviour in Stourport. Living so close to the War Memorial park, constantly subjected to rowdy &amp; intimidating behaviour – especially from young drinkers. Used to enjoy jogging around this area – had to stop for above reasons. Hopes we have full commitment from local constabulary (who are usually conspicuous by their absence) to implement this scheme. Best of luck !!</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Lower Lickhill Road Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Email received 15/09/05 Acknowledgement email sent 15/09/05 &amp; <b>original passed to PC John Harris, Beat Manager who will be in a position to answer questions raised</b> <b>Answered and forwarded to resident 19/09/05.</b></p>	<p>Lives on Lower Lickhill Road and is very happy to support the ban.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Will there be an age limit? Assumes this is because of the kids drinking in the parks and areas?</li> <li>▪ What powers will the police have to enforce this? What happens if the kids refuse to hand over the booze? Can people be arrested for anything?</li> <li>▪ If booze is taken from the kids what happens to it? Surely it can't be given back to them, is it destroyed?</li> </ul>	<p>Response was provided by PC Jon Harris.</p>

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<p><b>Resident</b></p> <p>Email received 16/09/05 Acknowledgement email sent 19/09/05</p>	<p><b><u>Lichfield St, Severn Rd, Severn side, Cheapside &amp; area along the Gilgal to the Red Lion pub</u></b></p> <p>Following conversations with local people, police and councillors, would like to have the above areas included into the zone. Have already had numerous problems in the past two years with the area being redeveloped yet have found themselves almost forgotten by the Council with problems almost being ignored by police.</p> <p>In the past two months had an arson attack by “children” on one of the original buildings that did have listed status <b>(photographs sent with email)</b>.</p> <p>With the Red Lion steps, the British Legion and Angel pub all being excluded from the zone – feels that once again they are being ignored and forgotten about. They do not want this area to become like the memorial park or the riverside park area for gangs of drunken youths.</p>	<p>Lichfield Street, Severn Road and Severn Side and Cheapside area now included in revised proposal.</p>
<p><b>The Angel Inn</b> Sevenside Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 19/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 19/09/05</p>	<p>Welcomes the fact that it does not cover the riverbank in front of the Angel Inn.</p> <p>Whilst this scheme can only be a positive measure for the town, would have some concern if the zone was extended to the area in front of the Angel Inn. Many people enjoy sitting on the river bank watching the boats go by whilst enjoying a drink from the pub. This is critical to the pub’s future as without it would not survive the quiet winter period.</p> <p>They strive to ensure that the area is monitored and kept tidy, and in their time at the Angel have not encountered any anti-social behaviour in this area. Gives proposals full support in their current form.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Lickhill Road Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 20/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 20/09/05</p>	<p>Fully supports the proposal and hopes it will be implemented as soon as possible. Especially in parks which are becoming drinking areas for under-age teenagers – it is a shame that excessive drinking can lead to bad behaviour, noise and vandalism.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>

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<p><b>Resident</b> Olive Grove Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 20/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 20/09/05</p>	<p>Lives overlooking the memorial park, welcomes initiative and is delighted that positive steps are being taken that might make living in this area a little more pleasurable. For the past eight years the resident and his family have suffered considerable anti-social behaviour comprising obscene language, disturbances commencing any time from early afternoon until 3-4am in the morning, damage to property and harassment. Near neighbours have suffered similarly. Also refers to the amount of alcohol related litter in the form of cans, bottles &amp; broken glass which gets strewn about the park, which once reached epidemic proportions. For reasons mentioned “respectfully but most strongly urge you” to extend proposed zone to include that part of Olive Grove that borders the Memorial Park and onto which his own and most of his neighbours’ properties face. If the restriction zone finishes where indicated, on the opposite side of the road to his house, the “sheer cussedness” of many of the youngsters and other drinkers in the park would result in them going outside their homes as they would claim to be outside the restricted area and therefore consider themselves to be “untouchable”. Map enclosed detailing additional areas – includes the whole of Olive Grove and Park Crescent, as youths living in those areas are passing through en route to the park drink there also.</p>	<p>Comments noted. The part of Olive Grove that borders the Memorial Park has now been included in revised proposal.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Vernon Road Mitton Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 21/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 21/09/05</p>	<p>As a parent of a 3-yr. old child and another on the way, is a little worried that Vernon Road, Tan Lane &amp; Gibbons Crescent are not included in the zone. Most weekends and evenings there are youths and others who come from the pubs &amp; use Vernon Road &amp; Tan Lane as a short cut home. There is shouting, swearing &amp; screaming – she wakes up wondering how many beer cans are in her garden or hedge. Has been a resident in the area for only 18 months and has had her car vandalised already. Hopes her views are taken into account, surely it would make sense to include these areas mentioned, as these would be the next likely places that youths would gather causing more aggravation.</p>	<p>Comments noted as reflected by revised proposal.</p>

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<p><b>The Open Kitchen Café</b> Bridge Street Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 20/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 22/09/05</p>	<p>Realises the zone may have been limited by what can be effectively policed, but feels the perimeters should be all inclusive of the area bounded by <b>Ribbesford Dr, Bewdley Rd, Worcester St, Stourport/Kidderminster main Rd as far as Manor Rd &amp; should include Church Drive, Stourport Churchyard, Gilgal, Mitton St, Severnside &amp; Cheapside.</b></p> <p>‘Hotspots’ for undesirable drinking (e.g. War Memorial Park) have clearly been identified, but is concerned that these drinkers will simply migrate once the zones are identified. There are occasional nuisances caused by under age drinkers at the rear emergency exit of the Co-op, Tan Lane &amp; on the fence next to the shops in Tan Lane – neither would be in the prohibition zone. Along with the little park next to the war memorial at St Michael’s Church where drinkers use and are known to congregate on the forecourt of A-Z Weddings. Nuisance has been caused by revellers treating Galahad Way/Hafren Way as a shortcut to Lickhill Est, distributing empty larger cans en-route. If an order was made with a larger, all inclusive perimeter it is: a) easier to understand b) saves ‘add-on’ orders later c) there is nothing to stop Police concentrating their efforts on the areas in your initial proposal. The proposal states ‘within licensed premises’ but there is no mention of the status of tables outside the Swan Hotel, The Wheatsheaf, Wetherspoons and the Bridge Inn.</p>	<p>Comments noted – some of the areas are now included in revised proposal.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Lickhill Road Stourport-on-Severn Worcestershire</p> <p>Letter received 23/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 23/09/05</p>	<p>Agrees with the proposal. However, would like to see it extended to the block within the following streets: From New Street, along Moorhall Lane, Lickhill Road to Park Avenue along the whole of Park Avenue. Bewdley Road to Worcester Street.</p> <p>Alcohol has been consumed in Lickhill Road for quite a long time and is now accompanied by kicking in of fences, removing gates, up-tipping dustbins, urinating in gardens etc.</p>	<p>Comments noted – most of the areas are now covered in revised proposal.</p>

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<p><b>Resident</b> York Street Stourport-on-Severn Worcestershire</p> <p>Email received by Chief Executive– 23/09/05 Acknowledgement via email sent – 23/09/05</p>	<p>As a resident of York Street with a constant noise and nuisance problem emanating from Bar St Martins, I fully endorse the proposals for "Alcohol Free Zones" in Stourport on Severn especially including York Street.</p> <p>How does this effect our long running saga with Bar St Martins, which by WFDC's own admittance is a 'thorn in your side'? it seems like a perfect opportunity to put it to bed.</p>	<p>Comments passed to Council's Licensing Section.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b></p> <p>Email received 24/09/05</p> <p>Email acknowledged 26/09/05</p>	<p>I welcome the proposed restrictions on alcohol consumption in Stourport, especially in the War Memorial Park. I live in the lower Lickhill road area, and walk in the park every day and am increasing annoyed by the litter that tends to be strewn in the park area, which is left by under age drinkers at weekends. The council spends a lot of money keeping the park tidy and well trimmed. It really is time to crack down on the ill disciplined youths who break branches off trees, pull down fences, yell and bawl out till the early hours, and let off fireworks from October till Christmas. I also have to endure drunken yobs walking past my bedroom windows yelling obscenities in the early hours at weekends.</p> <p>I have two difficulties with this new proposal: the first lies with the ill advised New Labour law to extend the drinking hours in England and the second lies with the almost total lack of police presence on the streets of Stourport. We are knee deep in New Labour initiatives. We really do have all the laws we need to control lawlessness; what we need is the will to enforce the laws without interference by the New Labour activists and Liberal wets.</p> <p>continued</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>

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	<p>Continued from above....</p> <p>May I raise another concern that I have, and that is the increasing number of low flying aircraft that pass over Stourport, from toyboy executives circling Stourport at weekends to very low flying helicopters. I was in the R.A .F. as a young man and my unit was assigned the task of picking up crashed aircraft. I know that what goes up, frequently comes down.I hope it never happens, but if a low flying aircraft crashes onto Stourport many lives could be lost, and I do not want to hear the usual excuse that "lessons have been learnt."</p>	<p>As above.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Court Drive Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Email received 25/09/05 Email acknowledged 26/09/05</p>	<p>I would like to congratulate the council for the proposed ban on alcohol in the designated areas. It can only make the town a cleaner and safer place.</p> <p>However, as a resident in Court Drive off Tan Lane, I don't think the proposal has gone quite far enough. I have lived at this address for about ten years now and we have always had plenty of beer cans, other litter and once a syringe thrown over our back wall and into the garden. I am worried that there will be an increase in youths drinking at the rear of our property in Tan Lane and the public passageway that runs from Tan Lane past Lickhill First School towards the park on Lickhill Road. I would like to see the proposed designated no drink policy from the park on Lickhill Road be extended across towards the town. This area could cover Tan Lane, Court Drive and Lombard Street for example. I'm sure I don't need to tell you of the quantity of drink related disorder problems that have happened in Lombard street in recent years.</p> <p>I would appreciate it if you could make my thoughts known to whom it may concern. Thanks for giving me this opportunity to correspond.</p>	<p>Comments noted as reflected by revised proposal.</p>

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<p><b>Resident</b> Areley Kings Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 26/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 30/09/05</p>	<p>Strongly supports the plans, however proposed boundaries will seriously exacerbate a problem on Areley Kings bank of the Severn. Feels strongly that the boundaries of the zone need to be extended to the south-west of the bridge (<b>map enclosed with marked area</b>). Already experience problems every summer with young people congregating to drink alcohol on the Areley Kings bank, adjacent to fields. The problems include: Noise, litter (including glass bottles), damage to trees, broken fence posts (in their field), litter in their field which is a hazard to the sheep &amp; fires. Two years ago the problem became so acute the police had to be called on a number of occasions. Would be grateful if the Council will extend the proposed boundaries as suggested.</p>	<p>Not enough local crime and disorder intelligence to support this area for inclusion in the Zone. In addition, it is not practical from an enforcement perspective.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Saxilby Place, Prospect Rd Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 26/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 30/09/05</p>	<p>100% in favour of the introduction of alcohol restriction on the streets of Stourport, this would be a step forward in relation to anti-social behaviour that we see so much of.</p> <p>As a resident of Prospect Road we experience numerous occasions where drinking in the street from children and teenagers – male &amp; female – make our lives a misery. The perpetrators have no respect for our peace &amp; quiet, our property or personal belongings; the damage that is caused is sometime unbelievable to say. As soon as repairs have taken place, it is damaged again to our own cost and inconvenience. Also intimidation is a big factor that we have to contend with. Bottles are also smashed on the road, public footpaths and on private property. May be when this scheme has been granted that it could also be introduced into other areas of Stourport that are deemed alcohol hot spots.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>

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<p><b>Resident</b> Waterfront View, York St Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 26/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 30/09/05</p>	<p>As I live in the area affected by the proposed restrictions, I welcome any improvements. Neighbours and myself are being disturbed between Thursday and Sunday evenings by the music and drunken customers of St.Martins Bar in York Street.</p> <p>The Licensing Justices and Environmental Division of WFDC are reviewing this bar. The disgusting behaviour on the streets in this vicinity from 11pm of the aforementioned nights cannot continue to be endured by either local residents or owners of the other business establishments in the area.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>
<p><b>No details given</b></p> <p>Letter received 26/09/05</p>	<p>Confirms support for the planned proposals to restrict the consumption of alcohol in the designated areas of the Town Centre &amp; Memorial Park.</p> <p>As a town-dweller I would like to point out our own and our neighbours problems, from alcohol related incidents after others leave the town's pubs &amp; wine bars etc, especially late night/early hours – prowlers, vandals, screaming, abusive, fighting, vomiting people who have no regard for the rights of others. <b>Why isn't anyone just as concerned about this?</b> Instead I hear about the extension of licensing hours for the local wine bar!</p> <p>Thankfully my many friends and I are not in ignorance about the true causes of our problems, and yes we also know of the time and final solution which will eventually come. Acknowledge the noble efforts of the few and are grateful for any improvements that concerned individuals manage to make none the less.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>
<p><b>York St Residents Group</b></p> <p>Letter received 28/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 30/09/05</p>	<p>For some considerable time now the residents have suffered from the effects of anti-social behaviour by inebriated persons and also disorderly conduct from such persons, close to our homes and in the adjacent street. We have witnessed persons drinking in the street and on our private area, from bottles and other drinking vessels. Some of us have endured fear, as we have been verbally abused. We have seen persons fighting who are clearly drunk,</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>

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Continued...	<p>Which causes the residents great anxiety and leaves the elderly residents fearing to venture out in the evenings either on foot or by car. Any measure which would make people feel safer in their communities, reduce crime &amp; disorder, will be applauded and supported, particularly by us as residents of an area which can only be described as being blighted by the behaviour of those with no respect for others rights.</p> <p>We fully support the Council in its endeavour to restrict consumption of alcohol in the areas identified. It may indeed alleviate the tensions and fear already embedded in the lives of the residents who suffer the consequences of those who drink in public places and also on the streets.</p> <p>Enclosed is a copy of our objection to the latest application for Bar St. Martin in York Street, which will provide you with some understanding of what we continually suffer.</p>	As above.
<p><b>Resident</b> Lower Lickhill Road Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 28/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 30/09/05</p>	<p>Two observations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consider including Lickhill Middle School field – although officially not open to public is an open site to spill over into.</li> <li>2. Site of Larch Lap/Old Basin could eventually have to be included if the basin is re-opened in the future.</li> </ol>	Comments noted as reflected by revised proposal.
<p><b>Resident</b> Sion Gardens Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Email received 28/09/05 Acknowledgement email sent 30/09/05</p>	<p>As an occupant of Sion Gardens, am more than a little concerned as to the proposed boundaries, as they do not include Sion Gardens.</p> <p>Sion Gardens &amp; William Bullock Close are sheltered housing. This area is very close to the main High St and is somewhat secluded. There is often plenty of evidence of drinking in this area e.g. beer cans, bottles etc left strewn about within its boundaries.</p> <p>Would feel happier if the areas stated were included in the proposed restriction zone.</p>	Comments noted as reflected by revised proposal.



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<p><b>Resident</b> Moorhall Lane Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Email received 28/09/05 Acknowledgement email sent 30/09/05</p> <p><b>**Forwarded to Pc Jon Harris, for a response 30/09/05. Pc Harris responded direct 30/09/05</b></p>	<p>As a resident of Moorhall Lane, I am very pleased by the proposed exclusion zone. As I arrived home from work at 6pm this evening, there were already youngsters sitting at the park bench drinking from a 2-ltr bottle of Strongbow. I went to the off-licence at 9pm and was accosted by 4 underage youths asking me to buy them cans of lager. As I walked home, there were a significant number of young people in the street and the park, all drinking alcohol that they were too young to purchase themselves. I know that as a result of this drinking, I am going to be kept awake well into the early hours of the morning by drunken youths causing a nuisance in &amp; around the Riverside Park.</p> <p>Whilst I am keen to support the exclusion zone, I would like to have further detail regarding the enforcement of the zone.</p> <p>It is my view that simply creating an exclusion zone &amp; then not enforcing it would be worse than the situation we now have. I would like to be made aware of the clear responsibilities between all agencies responsible for 'policing' this exclusion zone &amp; what action the residents should take when they become aware of a contravention of the zone &amp; what action they should expect the agencies to take. **</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>

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<p><b>Resident</b> Lower Lickhill Road Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 30/09/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 30/09/05</p>	<p>Having studied the map in some detail I would offer the following:-</p> <p>You do not indicate if the two areas would be policed on a daily basis or only on certain times of the day. Having lived in Stourport since 1984 and residing not far from the War Memorial Park, I have seen very little evidence of policing in the park and as Stourport has no fully open police station I wonder how this proposal will be covered effectively – to see a police presence in our area is to say the least a rare occurrence.</p> <p>It is a good idea and very welcome to householders in those areas but I wonder where the police officers are going to be recruited to make the restriction successful all year round. Over the years I have had problems with vandalism, which has, been well documented with the local police, in particular Pc Jon Harris, but even when instances were reported there was very little change in police presence, and I wonder how effective this alcohol ban would be.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Park Crescent Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Telephone call received 30/09/05. Acknowledgement letter sent 30/09/05</p>	<p>The proposed area should include Sports Ground and Playground of Lickhill Middle School.</p>	<p>Comments noted as reflected by revised proposal.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Areley Lane Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 3/10/05. Acknowledgement letter sent 05/10/05</p>	<p>I urge you to consider extending the intended zone across the bridge to the other side of the river, for the reasons we have experienced this year: noise, excessive litter – including glass bottles, damage to trees, broken fence posts &amp; fear to the animals in the field, fires – which I have seen children/teenagers start myself, people urinating up against our fence.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Pumping Station has a fence around it, which is tempting to climb in drink fuelled bravado, houses inside an open sever of at least a 20-foot drop.</p> <p>To have the side opposite to your proposed zone unprotected is really foolhardy given the reasons enclosed.</p>	<p>These are general anti social behaviour issues. Not enough local crime and disorder intelligence to support this area for inclusion in the Zone. In addition, it is not practical from an enforcement perspective.</p>

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<p><b>Community Action Newtown</b> Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 03/10/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 05/10/05</p>	<p>On behalf of Community Action Newtown, pleased to confirm that we support the proposal.</p> <p>However, do have concerns with regard to displacement occurring with and around CAN's area, namely Manor Farm play area, St Michael's Church and churchyard, The Baptist Church (corner of Minster Rd &amp; Prospect Rd) and down to and including the canal.</p> <p>These have been identified by the community as "hot spots" which cause concern by the level of activities leading to excessive litter, including empty or half full cans of alcoholic drinks, noise and fear of intimidation by gatherings of mainly young people. We will report on this matter as and when appropriate.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Hafren Way Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Email received 02/10/05 Acknowledgement email sent 05/10/05</p>	<p>We welcome the proposed zones. The areas on the map are clearly the two areas where most difficulties with alcohol related anti-social behaviour occurs.</p> <p>However, we believe it may cause dispersal to less easily observed locations and would hope that the resources will be made available to allow adequate patrols. In particular Moorhall Lane, Galahad Way, Moorhall Drive &amp; Hafren Way have over recent years suffered from nuisance, theft from gardens and stone throwing by anti-social elements either on drugs or under the influence of alcohol. Hafren Way has been a collecting point from the other roads as it is remote from regular vehicle traffic.</p> <p>There may be something to be said for leaving a hole in the zone by the river away from homes, where it would be easy to police what may otherwise move off the main routes into quiet side streets. These points having been made we feel the principle of the zones with properly resourced patrols should be welcomed.</p>	<p>Comments noted. Moorhall Lane, Galahad Way and Moorhall Drive are now included in revised proposal.</p>

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<p><b>Resident</b> Mitton Gardens Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 03/10/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 05/10/05</p>	<p>Very much in favour of the proposal. However, as residents in the immediate vicinity of the Vale Rd car park, we are greatly concerned that this is the only central public area not included in the proposed zone.</p> <p>We already have to put up with excessively loud music late at night from cars in the area. If this car park remains outside the zone, it could easily become the focal point for outdoor drinking and the authorities would be powerless to act.</p> <p>A petition is enclosed which as been signed by residents in the immediate vicinity, all of whom want the car park to be included in the Alcohol Exclusion Zone.</p>	<p>Comments noted as reflected by revised proposal.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Galahad Way Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 03/10/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 05/10/05</p>	<p>Very much welcome the Council's proposal, and note that one of the areas is the War Memorial Park. Whilst this is very much needed may I ask the Council to consider including the route regularly taken by 'drinkers' from the place of purchasing drink to the park.</p> <p>The favoured short cut is through Galahad Way as evidenced by empty beer cans often thrown into front gardens, left on the front walls of properties and scattered about the road. Over the last 18 months a number of incidents of drink related rowdyism have been reported to the police and required their attention.</p> <p>If drinkers are excluded from the park, they will obviously consume their alcohol in the approach roads to it, creating an even greater public nuisance, therefore I ask the Council to seriously consider extending the restricted area accordingly.</p>	<p>Comments noted. Galahad Way is now included in revised proposal.</p>

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<p><b>Resident</b></p> <p>Email received 05/10/05 Acknowledgement email sent 06/10/05</p>	<p>Very much in favour of the proposed ban. The anti-social and threatening behaviour of groups of drinkers in our town is extremely intimidating and creates a very poor image of Stourport. The parks, riverside and High St are virtual no-go areas for many people at night and this should not be tolerated.</p> <p>I hope that this measure together with the proposed re-development of the basins will be approved, greatly improving the image and ethos of the town.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Galahad Way Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 11/10/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 12/10/05</p>	<p>Both her &amp; her husband are in full agreement with the proposal. Over the years there has been problems with youths passing through Galahad Way via Hafren Way, Moorhall Drive &amp; Moorhall Lane to the Memorial Park &amp; the riverside area which is used as a 'RAT RUN'. This has been identified by the Police as a problem area. Problems include: noise nuisance, drinking, causing litter, fighting and even using residents gardens as a public toilet.</p> <p>As with 'Party in the Park' which was organised by the Police &amp; Council to encourage respect for the park, young underage drinkers were drinking from 2 ltr cider bottles before entering the park. We fear that <b>Hafren Way, Moorhall Drive, Galahad Way &amp; Moorhall Lane</b>, will be used for alcohol abuse and litter caused by disposing of bottles &amp; cans before entering the ARZ. We would like these areas included in the zone.</p>	<p>Comments noted. Moorhall Drive, Galahad Way and Moorhall Lane are now included in revised proposal.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b></p> <p>Email received 12/10/05 Acknowledgement email sent 12/10/05</p>	<p>In receipt of map and commend the District Council Officers for their proposal for the control of anti-social drinking in public areas within the red edged area.</p> <p>However all anti-social drinking and poor behaviour in public areas should be unacceptable anywhere inside or outside of a red line and the police should be given sufficient powers to control the same.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>

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<p><b>Resident</b> Mitton Street Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Email received 25/09/05 Acknowledgement email sent 12/10/05</p>	<p>My family &amp; I often spend our afternoons or evenings picnicking in the proposed alcohol free zones. Often enjoying a glass or two of wine or beer during these family events. We have seen other groups &amp; families enjoying the area in the same way, and cannot recall having seen any anti-social behaviour on any of these occasions.</p> <p>I do not dispute there may have been some problems in these areas, but given that the police already hold the power to arrest anyone who is drunk and disorderly/incapable, likely to commit a breach of the peace or causing a public nuisance, I cannot see the need for further legislation. Indeed if one accepts that offences are taking place it seems to me that the West Mercia Police may need to review the policing or existing legislation.</p> <p>Interestingly, I do not recall seeing many police officers in these areas, so I am not too sure who will be arresting those who fail to comply! It seems you accept that the police are unable to prevent public order offences taking place – if they are unable to enforce existing legislation, I am unsure as to how further legislation will assist them.</p> <p>I look forward to your comments.</p>	<p>Comments noted. Confirmed that the legislation would only be used in circumstances of anti social drinking/drunkenness.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Lickhill Road Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 13/10/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 13/10/05</p>	<p>Wholeheartedly supports ARZ proposed for Stourport-on-Severn.</p> <p>However, with respect, cannot see the logic in restricting the prohibition to those areas shown on the notice, particularly as only a small portion of the centre of town is “protected”. Anti-social behaviour will only move elsewhere. Surely it would be far better to take in the whole of the centre of Stourport.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>

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<p><b>Resident</b> Moorhall Lane Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Email received 13/10/05 Acknowledgement email sent 14/10/05</p>	<p>Main concerns are that living in Moorhall Lane and opposite the unadopted end of Galahad Way, the restricted area does not take into account the number of youths already using this shortcut as a way of getting to the riverside and town centre. Then after drinking their fill, coming back up causing not only a disturbance but beer cans, broken bottles and a large quantity of food cartons being left.</p> <p>Therefore not only should the area be changed to take in all Moorhall Lane (not just the bottom half), but it should also take into consideration the area in Sion Gardens, which with access off the High Street, is also a well known short cut to the riverside, for people using the town centre off-licences. This creates noise and litter for the elderly residents of Sion Gardens.</p> <p>We would be grateful if you could look into these concerns before coming to any decisions.</p>	<p>Comments noted as reflected by revised proposal.</p>
<p><b>Resident</b> Astley Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 14/10/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 14/10/05</p>	<p>We should like to support this proposal with the provision that it should enclose the south side of the riverbank at Areley Kings.</p> <p>In the past there have been numerous incidents of hazardous litter and bottles thrown into the fields and damaged fences and posts. On one occasion a corner post was flattened and the sheep escaped along the riverbank.</p> <p>We trust you will view this matter seriously.</p>	<p>These are general anti social behaviour issues. Not enough local crime and disorder intelligence to support this area for inclusion in the Zone. In addition, it is not practical from an enforcement perspective.</p>

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<p><b>Resident</b> Park Crescent Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Letter received 14/10/05 Acknowledgement letter sent 14/10/05</p>	<p>I believe this proposal would be a step in the right direction, if it can be policed properly if at all.</p> <p>I have only lived on Park Crescent for 19 months and in that time there has been appalling behaviour on the park, mostly from early evening until 4am, after they have been obviously drinking. There have been cars driven across the park at 2am, trees cut down and the most recent was a mini-moto cycle being ridden at about 1am.</p> <p>There is also a problem with the band stand and the children's play area as this is where they seem to gather drinking and the mess that is left is awful - this happens most weekends. There is shouting and screaming until the early hours and they are trying to demolish the play area.</p> <p>I have spoken to the police before and as there are few available these problems are not classed as a high priority and as there is no one at the police station it does make it difficult to contact anyone locally – you have to ring the switchboard in Worcester.</p> <p>If we could stop the use of alcohol in these areas it would hopefully solve some of the problems. However we could do with someone to ring when they are happening and the play area could do with large gates which could be locked for the evening, hopefully stopping them trying to ruin the area for the children.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>
<p><b>Stourport-on-Severn Civic Society</b></p> <p>Email received 14/10/05 Acknowledgement email sent 14/10/05</p>	<p>Stourport-on-Severn Civic Society welcomes the proposed restrictions. However we would like some thought to be given to including three additional areas to the proposed zones:</p> <p>1. Sion Gardens area. It would appear that under-age drinkers are buying alcohol in the town centre and using Sion Gardens as a route to either the riverside or Memorial Park, frequently drinking as they are walking along. This is causing anxiety to the elderly residents in the sheltered housing scheme in this area. It would appear to be appropriate to include it within the alcohol-free zone.</p>	<p>Comments noted – revised proposal includes Sion Gardens.</p>



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<p>Continued</p> <p><b>Stourport-on-Severn Civic Society</b></p>	<p>2. St Michael's Churchyard. There have been problems in this area at night for some considerable time and empty cans and bottles have to be removed from outside the church and, often, from graves.</p> <p>3. Lichfield Basin. Young under-age drinkers seem to be attracted to waterside locations. When this basin is developed it will create a stretch of water, which will attract young under-age drinkers at night.</p>	
<p><b>St Michael's Church</b> Stourport-on-Severn</p> <p>Received on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2005, however comments had been verbally passed on to PC Jon Harris and Councillor Fairbrother-Millis</p>	<p>Thanks for the invitation to send on some comments about this proposal and the possibility of extending the Zone to include Stourport (St. Michael's) Churchyard, and also hopefully the Town Cemetery.</p> <p>The Churchyard is a twelve-acre site bordered by the town cemetery and the canal, but only about a hundred metres off Minster Road, at the traffic-lit junction with the Bewdley Road. Although a lovely green site which attracts many walkers and visitors, it also affords a ready bolt-hole for alcohol and drug abuse. Jon Harris is very familiar with this problem, which, although much worse than it used to be, has nevertheless persisted for many years.</p> <p>Sadly, despite the active police patrol now in force, the help of the Community Support Officer, and our own efforts to move teenagers on quickly: legitimate and well-behaved visitors (young or old) often feel worried and intimidated. There has recently been a damaging theft associated with this problem.</p> <p>It would be another powerful string to our bow if the public consumption of alcohol were defined as an offence on this site. As Jill Fairbrother-Millis comments, we have felt unable to restore public seating on the site, knowing that we would be providing a magnet for abusive and aggressive young drinkers.</p>	

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<p><b>St Michael's Church</b> Stourport-on-Severn</p>	<p><i>continued</i></p> <p>We would need to exclude from such a Zone the internal area of the old church ruins and of course the Parish Room and Church: it wouldn't look good for the Vicar to get nicked for sipping a glass of wine at a barbecue! However, it's the same vicar who often spends Sunday afternoons filling a black bag with empty cans, knowing that there will be enough to fill another black bag by the same time next week.</p> <p>I hope it may be possible to include this area in the Zone. I'm sure Jon Harris will advise on police experience in this area. There is of course the problem of just moving the problem on by a few yards beyond the defined area, and for that reason I mentioned the Cemetery immediately adjacent to the Churchyard. This would be for the Town Clerk to comment on. However, beyond both Cemetery and Churchyard there are well-lit streets where such gatherings would invite immediate response from residents. Our own areas afford many opportunities to hide beyond public notice. Police foot patrols remain the only effective way of dealing with the problem, and that in itself means use of a scarce and expensive resource as well as personal security issues.</p>	<p>Comments noted as reflected by revised proposal.</p>