



**PROPOSED DESIGNATION ORDER FOR
SEDGLEY TOWN CENTRE AND
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING AREA (J101)
FOR RESTRICTING THE CONSUMPTION
OF ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACES**
under Section 13(2) Criminal Justice and Police Act
2001

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**Police report containing data from 1/1/07 until 1/12/07
(Appendix1)**

Introduction

Sedgley town centre is predominantly made up of a central hub of shops and licensed premises surrounded by a high concentration of residential areas with vast areas of woodland and parks. These are all well used by the community for necessary or recreational needs on a daily

basis. All of the said parks ie Sedgley Hall Park, Beacon, Alder Coppice and Ellowes Woods are surrounded by residential houses and some contain schools nearby. It is now evident that as a result of complaints over an extended period from the public, key stakeholders, business partners and Councillors that there are a significant number of people who resolve to drinking alcohol in open public spaces. It is evident that from investigations by police these people are buying alcohol from Town centre retailers and consuming it in places of public resorts. Anti social behaviour and disorder is a direct result of their intoxication which in turn is reported to the police. Groups of these individuals frequent certain areas of Sedgley and their presence, in an intoxicated state, leads to members of the community being intimidated and frightened. This gives a poor image of Sedgley and the surrounding areas.

In recent months the police have seen an upsurge in large groups of youths in the town centre, Beacon, Alderwood Precinct and Tenscore (off Catholic Lane). Figures of over 100 youths have been witnessed in any specific area. Police have adopted a zero tolerance in relation to street drinking by these youths and the police are regularly seizing vast amounts of alcohol from them and informing their parents via a physical meeting or the delivery of a warning letter.

Police can enforce the under age drinking aspect however it is very clear that the youths are being supplied with alcohol by persons attaining the age of 18. It is also these adults that the proposed restriction for alcohol consumption is directed towards.

In order to reduce crime and disorder and to increase public reassurance by making the area a better place to live, work and visit, it is requested that an area

surrounding the Sedgley town and neighbouring parks be designated.

Appendix 2 details the proposed area of requested designation which has been provisionally suggested with the assistance of the Director of Law and Property, DMBC John Polychronakis.

This map does cover an unusually vast area however this has to be considered due to the amount of woodland and parkland that surrounds the town centre. It is also a sensible approach to cocoon the parkland so as not to just displace the problem onto neighbouring streets that have no jurisdiction of enforcement.

Data attached is from 01/01/07 to 01/12/07 and shows police have responded to 322 calls of rowdy or Inconsiderate behaviour which data shows 80 per cent of which will be alcohol related. The pareto chart shows that Sedgley has only two reports of street drinking however on liaison with control room staff, it has been identified that such calls are wrongly inputted as rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour and therefore is not a true reflection on the statistics obtained.

Police data

37.2 per cent of all calls to police in the Sedgley area were for public safety/welfare which amounted to 789 incidents. 59.7 per cent of all calls to police in the Sedgley area were for anti social behaviour.

The peak times for these logs are early/late evening which has a causation link to when the licensed retail premises are supplying alcohol.

Further to this, on the introduction of neighbourhood policing, Sedgley has designated police officers and also police community support officers.

An engagement strategy is in force where every residential and business premises should have received a leaflet identifying their local police supported by contact details, telephone and email. This has been a tremendous success however it means the Sedgley based officers are contacted directly to deal with a large volume of street drinking/anti social behaviour and drink related crime. These incidents are not recorded as per the said pareto charts and therefore the statistical data provided does not show a true reflection of the drinking problem/culture that is evident on the Sedgley police area.

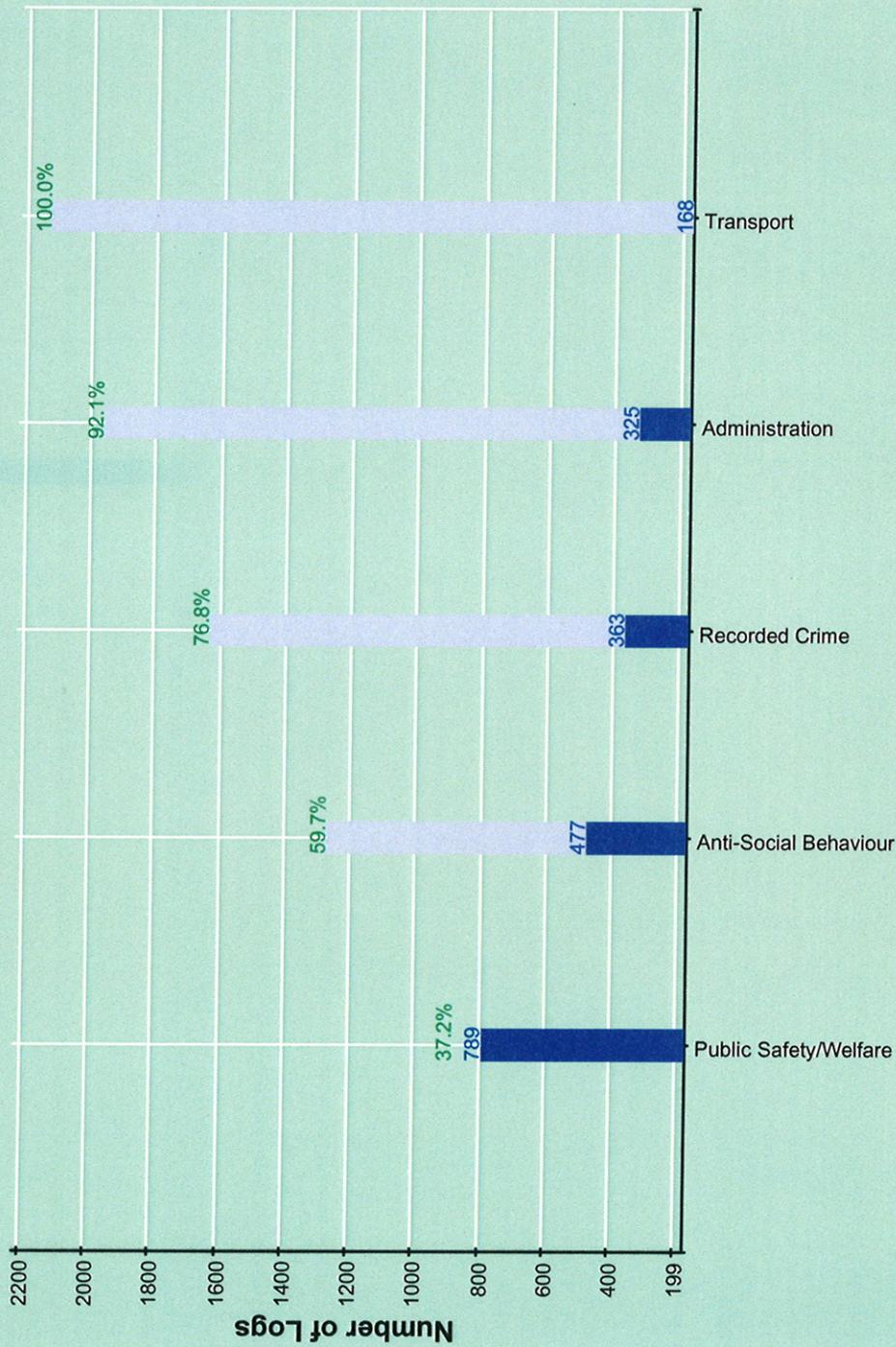
SUMMARY

It is wholly believed that the implementation of an order restricting the consumption of alcohol in public places in Sedgley would significantly reduce the number of incidents of anti social behaviour and disorder by enabling police resources to address the current problems they face.

This request is only part of the long term strategy to make the community of Sedgley feel safer. These measures would go a considerable way in reassuring the public for which we serve.

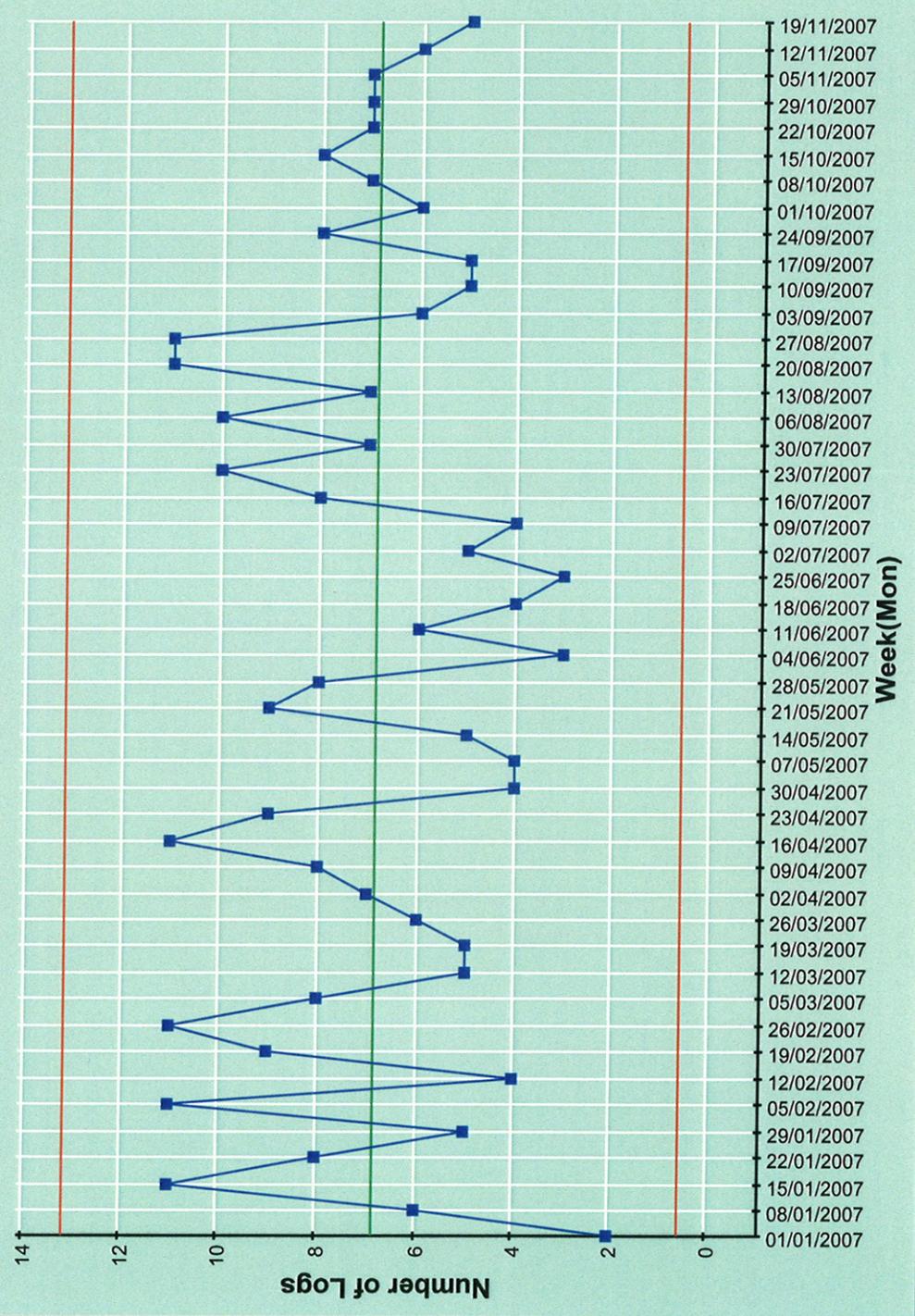
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