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Dear Inspector Galloway,

Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 Sections 12-13
Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Places) Regulations 2001

The Licensing and Safety Committee reviewed the Orders Designating Places for the Banning of Alcohol Consumption in Public, currently in force in the Borough, at their meeting on the 28th May 2009. I have listed the areas below for your information: -

Area	Date of Designation
Halesowen Town Centre	7 th June 2002
Stourbridge Town Centre	2 nd January 2004
Dudley Town Centre	29 th April 2005
Lye Town Centre	10 th July 2007
Mary Stevens Park and Swinford Common	1 st February 2008
Sedgely Town Centre	12 th May 2008
Brierley Hill Town Centre	11 th May 2009

The Licensing and Safety Committee have asked me to extend their thanks for your assessments of the efficacy of these Orders and were pleased to note that reductions in anti-social behaviour and alcohol related crime were directly related to the implementing of the Orders.

However, the Members expressed concern about the numbers of complaints they were receiving from constituents about alcohol consumption and associated anti – social behaviour (often about under-age drinking) in local public parks.

They are concerned, that whilst the consumption of alcohol bans are having the desired effect in the designated areas, the problems are simply being moved to local public parks. They also fear that these problems will escalate during the Summer months, particularly if the forecasted warm summer becomes a reality.

With this in mind they would like to consider making Orders to ban the Consumption of Alcohol in parks around the Borough if there is sufficient evidence to justify this course of action.

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Accordingly, Could you please let me know if you have the necessary evidence in respect of public park or public parks in your area to enable the process for introducing an order to Ban the Consumption of Alcohol in public to be activated.

Yours sincerely

Licensing and Service Improvement Officer