

HANDSWORTH WARD MEETING ACTION NOTES

WARD: Handsworth Ward	DATE: 28 th June 2022
VENUE: Handsworth	START/FINISH TIMES: 7.15pm to 9.10pm
COUNCILLOR: Quinnen	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 14 (including some non -residents who are local stakeholders)
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Carla Belle Community Development and Support Officer and Lesley Bannister Community Governance Manager	VISITING SPEAKER(S): PSG McGrath and PO Greg Lampitt

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

1. **Plans for a Public Space Protection Order** – PS Gavin McGrath started by explaining that the order application was in its infancy at the moment and further consultation with local residents and businesses would need to be carried out before an application was made to Birmingham City Council, he then went on to explain how the order was obtained ,why one was sort and the benefits of such an order.

What is a Public Space Protection Area (PSPO)?

Orders can be introduced in a specific public area where the local authority is satisfied on reasonable grounds that certain conditions have been met. The first test concerns the nature of the anti-social behaviour, requiring that activities that have taken place have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that activities will take place and that they will have a detrimental effect, the effect or likely effect of these activities is, or is likely to be, persistent or continuing in nature is, or is likely to be, unreasonable.

As a minimum, each PSPO must set out: • what the detrimental activities are • what is being prohibited and/or required, the area covered, the consequences for breach, the period for which it has effect.

I will be applying for conditions targeting individuals who are engaging in anti-social behaviour which is causing alarm, harassment or distress to others, public place consumption of drugs, alcohol and gas cannisters, also individuals in an intoxicated or incapable state.

Is this is a civil or criminal order?

It is a civil order issued by the local authority but breaches of the order are prosecuted criminally.

The process and time involved in obtaining a PSPO?

This is a difficult question to answer, I am in the process of gathering the evidence for this order which I anticipate will be completed in the next two weeks. Once the evidence gathering has been completed I will submit my application to the local authority. It will then be for the local authority to progress but I anticipate it could be completed and issued in the next six months.

How long will the PSPO last for?

A PSPO can be applied for to last up to three years. I am planning to apply for the order to last for this period. It can also be renewed nearing to expiry if it is deemed necessary.

The area the PSPO will cover?

I have attached a proposed map of the boundary. This boundary is based on crime data, reported intelligence, police calls to service, anti-social behaviour hotspots and neighbourhood officers local knowledge, as to where there are persistent and repeated issues where police think this order will benefit.

How will this PSPO be managed?

The police, PCSO and council enforcement officers will hold responsibility to enforce its conditions. Once the PSPO is in place no maintenance of the order or further evidence gathering is required. It will be for the police to renew any order if it is required.

If there are any breaches who are they reported too and will be actioned or how will we know that action has been taken against those that have breached it.

Whilst the police enforce the conditions and report individuals for prosecution the local authority are responsible for carrying out the prosecutions. There is a staged approach in prosecution and first time offenders will receive a written warning, followed by graduated prosecution. A breach of PSPO can result in a maximum fine of £1000 and dealt with in the Magistrates Court. There will be open justice and offenders who are dealt with by the Magistrates Court are treated no differently than any other person prosecuted through the courts.

What evidence is needed to obtain one?

Evidence is obtained from the community including residents, local business, community groups, partner agencies (i.e. out reach groups and statutory bodies), stake holders, office holders, police officers. The evidence is obtained in a written form which outlines the person's experience of anti-social behaviour in the community and the impact it has on the quality of their life or others. The evidence can be supplemented by police crime and ASB statistics and also visual evidence.

After the presentation there was a group question and answer session the residents at the meeting raised some concerns about the PSPO and its effectiveness when there are existing laws already in place to tackle most of the behaviour described in the presentation, views and opinions were mixed.

2. Open Forum discussed the following - waste issues ; fly tipping; litter; CCTV ; flooding ;Clean Air Zone ; The Ward planning for 2022/26 ; anti social behaviour ;HMO's ;Simmer down festival and neighbourhood watch event on 15th July 2022. Please see below for the resulting actions .

3. Future Meeting dates– In person and On - line
 - 28th September 2022, 7.15pm in person Handsworth Wellbeing Centre
 - 20th December 2022, 7.00pm On line
 - 14th March 2023 7.15pm in person Handsworth Wellbeing Centre
 - 20th June 2023 7.15pm in person Handsworth Wellbeing Centre

ACTION	WHO	BY WHEN
1. Location : 83 Grove lane in front of the barbers .Issue - Persistent and continual flooding of the road caused by a blocked drain/gully . The road flooded as recently as last week and the residents also reported this was after a recent repair .	Lesley Bannister	Lesley Bannister to contact Lucy O’Grady within 5 working days of the Ward meeting .Action Completed please log reference below Drain on Grove Lane 41432886
2. Concern/Issue - Closure of the main Pool at Handsworth Wellbeing Centre the residents have asked for an update as to when this will re-open	Lesley Bannister	Lesley Bannister to contact Mark Brown and Anne Goodall within 5 working days of the Ward meeting .Action Completed
3. Concern/Issue Location: Chantry Road and Grove Lane. Issues: Fly Tipping	Lesley Bannister	Lesley Bannister to contact Leslie Williams re actions numbered 3 to 10 within 5 working days of the Ward meeting. Action Completed
4. Concern/Issue Location : Grove Lane by DFC chicken shop Issues : Residents of the flat use black bags as they have no rubbish bins and the bags are being put out on the road every day, not just on collection day and the residents are also reporting a problem with rats due to this .		

<p>5. Concern/Issue Location : Chantry Road / Douglas Road .Issues : Fly Tipping and Rats</p> <p>6. Concern/Issue Location : Grove Lane by DFC chicken shop. Issues : Residents of the flat use black bags as they have no rubbish bins and the bags start being put out on the road every day not just on collection day. The residents are also reporting a problem with rats due to this .</p> <p>7. Concern/Issue : Residents asked if the Bulky waste collection would be returning as in Grove Lane a number of houses have items in their front gardens that they need to dispose of but are unable to due to a disability .</p> <p>8. Concern/Issue Location : Private abandon Land in Grove Lane by Lloyds Bank .Issues : Fly Tipping and rat infestation persistent problem ,can the council clear this Land ?</p> <p>9. Concern/Issue Can residents have HRC information for the whole of the Perry Barr area instead of just the small area of Handsworth Ward .</p>		
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10. Concern/Issue When is Perry Barr Depot re opening	Lesley Bannister	Lesley Bannister to contact CAZ team for a response within 5 working days of the Ward meeting .Action Completed
11. Concern/Issue Residents inquired as to be effects of introducing the Clean Air Zone on the wards which lie outside of the Zone, they were concerned that the problem had merely been moved from city centre to local wards and want know the results from the air quality monitoring one after the zones introduction .		
12. Request from residents – Information on Simmer Down festival and road closures.	Carla Belle	Carla Belle to contact organisers within 5 working days of the Ward meeting and forward the information to the residents via Lesley Bannister .Action Completed
13. Police actions – with regard to ASB, Scooters ,parking issues and vandalism to cars noted by the Police and details given in confidence .	Local Police Team	

AOB:
The Local Neighbourhood Watch would be having a Community Safety Meeting my public 15th of July 2022 at 7:00 PM King Edward the 5th Handsworth school Rose Hill Rd Handsworth B21 9AR, everyone welcome.

Councillors (s) Signed:

Councillor(s) Name(s) (please print):