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Date: 3 July 2008

Dear Sir or Madam

Proposed Designated Public Places Order (“Alcohol Control Zone”)

Barking and Dagenham is a safe place to live. However, we have received a number of reports concerning alcohol-related disorder problems in the area around Rainham Road South and surrounding roads. The Council, working in partnership with the Metropolitan Police, is keen to tackle this anti-social behaviour, so that we can continue to make Barking and Dagenham safer, and to make it feel safer for local residents.

In 2001 the Criminal Justice and Police Act and the Associated Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2001 provided the Council with the power to designate areas in which consuming alcohol can be controlled. The Council proposes to designate an area around Rainham Road South as just such an ‘alcohol control’ zone. This would permit constables to act in situations where the consumption of alcohol within that area is causing a disturbance to others.

The 2001 Act states that if a constable (including Police Community Support Officers) reasonably believe that a person is, or has been, consuming alcohol in a designated public place, or intends to consume it there, the constable can require the person to surrender the alcohol. Failure to comply without a reasonable excuse is an offence for which people can be arrested and has a £500 maximum fine.

This does not mean that people are not allowed to drink alcohol in their private gardens, beer gardens or pavement cafes attached to licensed premises. They would also not be prevented from carrying unopened containers purchased for consumption in areas that are not designated. Police officers are unlikely to be able to stop all incidents of drinking in public places in the zone, but it does provide police with an additional power to tackle alcohol-related disorder.

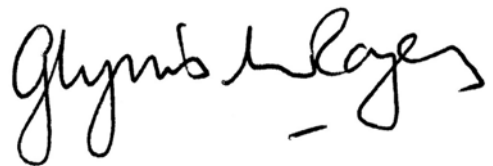
Before making an order the Council is required to consult to obtain the views of interested parties. This includes you, since your property, business or land falls within the area which we are proposing to designate. Please find a map of the proposed area of the designation

for your information.

Attached to this letter is a reply slip to complete on which you can give us your views as to whether you support such an order being made, together with a space for any comments you may wish to make. This needs to be returned by 19 August 2008.

If you have any further questions or queries please contact Katherine Gilcreest, Anti-Social Behaviour Manager, on 020 8215 3010 or katherine.gilcreest@lbbd.gov.uk

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glynis Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name.

Glynis Rogers
Head of Community Safety and Neighbourhood Services

Designated Public Place Order- Rainham Road South

- I do agree with the proposal to designate the area on the map as a Designated Public Place

- I do not agree with the proposal to designate the area on the map as a Designated Public Place

Comments

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Please return in the pre-paid envelope provided