

APPENDIX E

Summary of representations made during the consultation process

General public comments made in support of the proposal

- I welcome the proposed order and believe the powers it confers will make a real difference to those of us who are part of the Stratford Town Centre community.
- I am writing to express my encouragement and support for the proposed order to control alcohol consumption in Stratford and Forest Gate.
- I hope the controlled drinking zone for Forest Gate and Stratford comes into operation. Speaking as a resident of Forest Gate the drinking of alcohol resulting in anti-social behaviour is particularly bad around the Woodgrange Road area.
- I believe that there is no need for anyone to be drinking alcohol in public places, consumption should be kept within licensed premises.
- All public spaces should be free of alcohol to stop drunkenness actions that are the consequence of this – to make people feel safe and secure.
- I think that it is right to take power over the alcoholic people and that is because they tend to be very rude and do not know what they are doing or saying.
- I write in support of the proposed Designated Order in the Stratford and Forest Gate area. My sleep is frequently interrupted at night time, especially at weekends, variously with noisy swearing, arguing, celebrating, singing and fighting. There can also be problems during the day. Some problems I encounter include begging, threatening behaviour, vandalism, dumping of rubbish and defecation.
- Please extend the area of the Designation Order will help us reduce crime and people can walk about freely without fear.
- I strongly feel that by imposing the designation order anti social behaviour will reduce in the zone. There are well known hotspots within the designated area where street drinkers congregate that are perceived as no go areas due to their behaviour.
- I agree strongly as the drunks cause my business to suffer. They steal, can be violent towards my staff and can cause us to close at times.
- I think the order will help reduce crime and make the borough safer.
- I agree as it gives out a bad signal to anyone under age who happens to be walking down the street and sees people like alcoholics drinking. It does not give out a good reputation to the community either.
- As a resident of Forest Gate I would like to see a controlled drinking zone come into operation, particularly in Romford Road and Woodgrange Road area.

General public comments made against/oppose the proposal

- I would like to make comments and complain about the proposed Designation Order on a number of issues:
 - This proposal is discriminating against the unfortunate homeless and alcoholics. It is not being instigated to alleviate any so called problems that residents of Newham may or may not experience. It is instead a cynical and covert ploy to remove homeless from our street before the 2012 Olympics.
 - The order will push these unfortunates into the residential areas surrounding the designated areas.
 - You have failed to extend the order all the way down Green Street to the West Ham United Football Club ground where there is plenty of mindless drinking and fighting.
- I wish to object to the proposed DPPO/CDZ for Stratford/Forest Gate for the following reasons:
 - The size of the zone is excessive amounting to 95% residential streets that are nowhere near retail outlets selling alcohol.
 - There is no supporting evidence as to the level of alcohol related nuisance, annoyance or disorder.
 - There is no demographic map showing the level of nuisance and where in the proposed area the perceived problem currently exists
 - The proposed DPPO/CDZ is unnecessary as any anti social behaviour associated with the excessive drinking is currently more than adequately covered by the other legal powers the police have
- I think it is wrong that there should be an attempt to make illegal the perfectly normal practice of drinking alcohol in the street. I am not aware that this causes a big problem in the area but if people do cause problems through their drinking they should be dealt for these activities (e.g. causing criminal damage).