

RESTRICTIONS ON ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

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Summary: Recommends consultation on making Hensingham Open Space a “Designated Public Place”

Recommendation: That the necessary consultation on making Hensingham Open Space a “Designated Public Place”.

Impact on delivering Corporate Plan objectives: Such designation will have a direct effect on the reduction in the fear of crime in the community.

Impact on other statutory objectives (e.g. crime & disorder, LA21): The proposed designation is in line with the Council’s Section 17 duties.

Financial and human resource implications: None other than staff time and the cost of advertisements in local press which can be covered from existing budgets.

Project & Risk Management: A set process has been identified for the implementation of such schemes.

Key Decision Status

- **Financial:** N/A
- **Ward:** No

Other Ward Implications: No

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Cumbria Police, Hensingham Open Space Friends Group and the Council's own Parks Section have requested that Hensingham Open Space (the area of open land between Rosebank and Richmond Hill Road) becomes a “Designated Public Place”
- 1.2 Cumbria Police have confirmed that a number of incidents have occurred in the area and that evidence of persons using alcohol in the area can usually be found on a daily basis.
- 1.3 The Council’s Park Section also support and confirm the views of Cumbria Police and Hensingham Open Space Friends Group.

2. ARGUMENT

- 2.1 The effect of designation is that if a Constable believes that a person has been consuming intoxicating liquor in a Designated Public Place, or is about to do so, a Constable can either

require that person not to consume the liquor and / or confiscate any liquor including the containers.

- 2.2 In order to test public opinion reaction to this proposal it is recommended that statutory consultation now takes place.

List of Appendices:

A: Map showing proposed areas for designation.

List of Background Documents:

**Correspondence with Cumbria Police
and Park Section.**

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