

Appendix E Orders Group Meeting

Langwith PSPO

Date: 21st September 2015

Present

Deborah Whallett (DW)	BDC Housing Enforcement Officer
Louise Higgins (LH)	Anti-Social Behaviour Officer
Kevin Shillitto (KS)	BDC Legal
Mark Church (MC)	Police
Matt Liddy (ML)	Police
Nicki Atkinson (NA)	Police

Apologies

Karl Reid (KR)	BDC Councillor

Case

The meeting was called to progress the application for a PSPO for Langwith.

History

For some time now there have been problems with groups of people gathering in certain areas of Langwith, causing anti social behaviour. The ASB consists of: drinking in the street, using laser pens, shouting abuse and swearing, loud music, deliberate fires, urinating and blocking the road. Older residents and young children feel intimidated by the groups. Residents have also been threatened with having their windows broken if they report anything to the Police. The ASB is affecting the whole neighbourhood.

Current Information

There continue to be calls, mainly to the Police, from residents of Langwith. The Police have a log of some 200+ calls about incidents. Occasionally there have been more than one group gathering in the streets. These groups are attracting more of the younger people all the time. Civil injunctions against the main ringleaders have been considered but there is not enough evidence as witnesses will not come forward.

Decision

Group decided to progress the application to Council for approval of PSPO.

Conditions

1. No consumption of alcohol.
2. No open vessel containing alcohol, also seizure.
3. A restriction relating to gathering of groups, 3 or more people causing or likely to cause nuisance or ASB.
4. No urinating (this has previously been witnessed by officers, reports also received of defecating in the area)
5. A restriction on the use of amplified sound & music in the street (Often, much of the complaints of ASB revolve around the noise generated by groups on the street, particularly in the evening when people including children are trying to sleep. It is common to encounter members of the group using mobile phones and speaker to play music for all to hear.)

Publicity

Further meeting to be held to discuss publicity once consultation completed and PSPO approved.

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Actions

ML to send map of area to be covered, KS asked if they could ensure The Maltings area was included.

Police log, map and any further evidence to be sent to KS for report to Council.

LH to send consultation document to KS

Consultation period of one month required.

KS to make enquiries about consultation to be on the website with an online form available for comments. Consultation information also to be sent to local publications and Town Councils.