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Hi Noah,

I write in support of the PSPO.

I am currently the Community Police Team Inspector in charge of the following wards: Brondesbury Park, Cricklewood and Mapesbury, Dollis Hill, Preston, Kenton, Kingsbury, Kilburn, Queensbury, Queens Park and Welsh Harp. I have been working on Neighbourhood teams on Brent since 2018. From 2020, I have been a Neighbourhood Inspector on Brent.

Antisocial behaviour (ASB) including street drinking and drugs is one of my many policing priorities. When compared to some of my other policing priorities such as Violence, Robbery and Burglary. I find that ASB generally speaking affect a much wider section of the community and is often has a constant, persistent negative impact on people's lives. The effects of ASB ranges from being an in-convenience, having to walk around street drinkers, to feeling threatened and intimidated all the way to triggering long lasting health conditions, being physically assaulted, having their homes taken over etc. ASB affect a larger number of people for a longer time compared to most other crime types.

ASB is spread across most of Brent, across all 22 wards. There are pockets of Brent which suffers less from ASB but generally speaking, most areas of Brent is affected.

Generally speaking if an ASB issues is raised to my level as an Inspector, the ASB issues would have been severe and long term in the first place. What I will document below is the most severe of ASB issues.

Brondesbury Park ward:

- Brondesbury Park ward borders onto Kilburn High Road which suffers from persistent ASB issues. This includes Drug use and drug dealing at locations such as Joules House, Cavendish Road, Christchurch Ave, Chatsworth Road,
- Linked to the drug use is the rough sleepers, squatters, begging.
- There is also street drinking in and around the High Road as well as Sidmouth Parade.
- Newman Close, near Willesden suffers from persistent drug use.

Cricklewood and Mapesbury

- There is on-going ASB, drug use around Hassop Road.
- Linked to the above, there is general street drinking, drug use, begging in Cricklewood Boardway and surrounding areas.
- Exeter Road and Watling Gardens suffers from drug use and drug dealing.

Dollis Hill

- Neasden town centre has been one of the worst hotspots in the borough when it comes to persistent street drinking and general ASB.
- Neasden also suffers from drug use and drug dealing.
- Newfield Rise, Forbes Close and Bidwell House suffers from drug use.
- Seymour Court, Oxgate Court suffers from drug use.

Preston

- Hirst Crescent suffers from drug use and drug dealing issues
- Preston Road suffers from street drinking and general ASB issues

- Brooke Avenue and surrounding areas suffer from drug use
- Preston Park suffers from drug use

Kenton

- Ethelred Court suffers from persistent ASB, drug use and drug dealing. The residents of this block have suffered and lived in fear for many years.
- Woodcock park suffers from general ASB, rough sleeping and drug use issues
- Rushout Avenue and Churchill Avenue suffers from general ASB and drug use.

Kingsbury

- Kingsbury High Road and Roe Green Park areas suffers from a persistent street drinking problem.
- The A5, Edgware Road, Wakemans Hill Avenue suffers from street drinking.

Kilburn

- Kilburn Ward has the largest number of ASB calls for any ward in Brent.
- There is a huge issue around drug use and the associated ASB and crime which includes, rough sleeping, begging, committing crime to fund drug habits.
- Hotspots for drug use include: Dyne Road, Buckley Road, Streatley Road, Willesden Lane, Waterloo passage, Priory Park Road, Victoria road and Brondesbury Villas.
- I have been to many public meetings where drug use and behaviour of drug users have been raised as a major problem in the Kilburn area.
- Linked to this is the cuckooing of addressed and abuse of very vulnerable people.
- In the South Kilburn Estate, we've seen a problem re squatting and rough sleeping, in stairwells, bin sheds, vacant properties, green spaces.
- Street drinking is also a problem in Kilburn High Road

Queensbury

- Similar to Kingsbury ward, Kingsbury High Road has a persistent street drinking problem.
- Queensbury Station and surrounding areas suffer from street drinking as well as drug use/drug dealing.

Queens Park

- Kensal Green, Hazel Road open space and surrounding areas suffers from street drinking, rough sleeping, drug use and general ASB.
- Chamberlayne Road and Station Terrace suffer from street drinking and some drug use.

Welsh Harp

- Blackbird Hill, especially the A406 end suffer from persistent street drinking and drug use.
- Church Path suffers from ASB and street drinking

Over the last few years I have been the local NW BCU Bronze for the Notting Hill Carnival Weekend. Brent borders right onto the Notting Hill Carnival footprint itself. There are two main areas of concern for that weekend.

Kensal Green and Kensal Rise areas. This area borders onto the Carnival footprint, the crowds are and footfall are very high throughout the day. From approximately 1200 hours to 2000hours the pedestrian footfall is very high. At times it becomes difficult to walk through the crowds. The road itself is packed with pedestrians. Generally speaking people would be walking through the area either going to or coming from carnival. The exception to this would be if there is something set up to draw a crowd. This can be an unlicensed sound system, an unlicensed street seller or BBQ.

Harlesden town centre area has a reputation of being the after party to Notting Hill Carnival. At approx. 2000 hours after the main Carnival shuts, large crowds start to gather in Harlesden. If left un-checked the crowds will stay until the next morning. When the crowds form there are many risks involved.

The following are issues:

- Street drinking is big problem, there is a lot of street drinking over that weekend. It causes a littering problem. There is underage drinking. There is the medical issues around too much alcohol or the mixing of alcohol. It is common place to see people suffering negatively from the affects of alcohol over that weekend.
- Linked to the above is the unlicensed selling of alcohol. This can also draw a substantial crowd causing further issues.
- NOS use and NOS cannisters is common place. This causes a massive littering issue with literally hundreds of large NOS cannister littering the streets after the crowds leave.
- Traffic and road safety is another issue. The pure size of the crowd and the rowdy behaviour means there are often times where people are in the middle of the road putting themselves and others at risk.
- BBQ, street sellers and sound systems all have a similar effect on the crowd dynamics. They draw the crowd to them and it gives the crowd a reason to loiter or stay in that particular area. It becomes much more difficult to disperse the crowd when there is a music system or a BBQ selling attracting the crowd to be there.
- Cannabis use is also very common place, causing ASB.
- Serious violence and gangs do pose a significant risk during this weekend. Not all serious violence would be gang related.

In closing, I support the suggested PSPO conditions. The conditions are designed proportionately to combat the more acute of ASB problem affecting a large proportion of people. The continued collaborative working between police and local authority will go a long way to improve the day to day quality of life for large proportion of residents in the borough of Brent.

Many thanks

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