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I enclose an application for a designated Public Places Order for Freedom Fields Park which has been requested by the Mutley Greenbank Neighbourhood Team.

This application together with supporting documentation seeks approval for a DPPO to encompass the whole of Freedom Fields Park which has recently been blighted by increased levels of antisocial street drinking.

Should you require any additional information then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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## DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES ORDER (DPPO) APPLICATION

This application relates to the area of Freedom Fields Park, Plymouth as outlined in red on map '1' within **Appendix A**.

### **Background to the application**

Freedom Fields Park is a Heritage Park and has been awarded a green flag. It is situated centrally within a residential area. It is used by many members of the public throughout all times of the day and is open and accessible 24hrs a day. The park has a central seating area, a cafe, a children's play area, a basket ball court and lots of open green spaces. It is enjoyed by young people, families, dog walkers and is the venue for many community events.

Over the past few months with the work that has gone on around Mutley Plain and North Hill with the street drinkers, we have seen a marked increase in anti social behaviour centred around alcohol abuse within the park.

The central covered seating area has been a magnet for 'street drinkers' who meet at the park during the morning, congregating in mass numbers and staying within this area until late into the evening.

Numbers of the group range from 5 to about 20, many of which are alcohol dependent. They have been offered support in the form of referrals to Harbour, and access to housing via PATH (Plymouth Access to Housing) all of which have been declined. We have also taken an educative stance, trying to get them to see what impact they as a group have on all users of the park. Unfortunately, they do not see that they cause a problem.

The persistent offenders are shown in **Appendix B**.

You will be aware that the existing DPPO's in force around Plymouth City Centre, Mutley Plain and North Hill are primarily in force to deal with Night Time Economy problems rather than street drinking and these areas do not cover the park.

The DPPO that covers Beaumont Park has also played a major part in shifting the drinkers to Freedom Fields and it would be my wish if this application is successful to include the nearby park, namely Tothill Park, to prevent yet another displacement. **See map - Appendix C.**

As you can see this park is in very close proximity to Freedom Fields enabling the street drinkers to move to a new location. We can show from the work we have done around Mutley Plain and the existence of the DPPO in Beaumont Park which became effective since August 2009 that the shift of drinkers have moved to the next nearest park area, being Freedom Fields.

As you are aware a DPPO is not about stopping the enjoyment of drinking in local parks but it does give the Police powers to tackle anti social drinking. The problem of enforcement without a DPPO is that officers are always playing catch up, waiting for the street drinking to reach an unacceptable level of anti social behaviour before effective action can be taken.

It should be noted, that many of the street drinkers are not actually committing criminal offences. Individuals will openly drink, be loud, fall asleep, occupy benches, intimidate by numbers, look unkempt but do not reach the threshold of breaking the law. This makes it very difficult for officers to take action, often to the frustration of the community who contact us about the ongoing situation.

The Police have also received reports of defecating in the park, nudity, members of the public being approached by members of this group and generally preventing others from enjoying this park as they should.

A DPPO for this park and the surrounding parks would enable officers to remove the alcohol element at an early stage. This would prevent the escalation of their behaviour. An existence of a DPPO will discourage the nuisance and anti social street drinking taking place at all. This will be achieved through publicity and the information given by officers when enforcing the DPPO. It would soon become common knowledge amongst the group that after a short period of time having alcohol removed from them or being arrested that this practice is unacceptable.

Secondly a DPPO will enable officers to respond effectively employing early intervention tactics breaking the link between alcohol and anti social behaviour. Most importantly the community will have confidence

in the Police and will go a long way to reducing the fear of crime within this locality.

It is my understanding, that Plymouth as a City has a vision which does not include its communities or visitors to our area being intimidated by anti social behaviour fuelled by alcohol. A DPPO would give the Police the tools to help achieve this aim.

### **Evidence to Support Application**

Retrieving statistical data relating to the park and the issue of street drinking is problematic. The level of calls does not reflect the issues that are happening within the park. It is clear, however that this problem came to notice in early February 2010 with the first log reported. At this time the log states drunks in the shelter urinating and causing a problem. Since the first log there have been approximately 22 logs, specifically recording issues of anti social behaviour and disorder amongst the drunks. This is broken down as follows:-

LOG NO	DATE	DESCRIPTION
344	15/2	Drinkers urinating in shelter
215	27/02	Aggressive drunk male in park
596	08/03	Drinkers arguing with youths all drunk
1091	17/6	2 drinkers arguing and causing problems
903	18/06	Drinkers urinating in park by shelter
861	23/06	Drunk male collapsed
658	25/06	Drinkers 10 – 12 in total being abusive
1317	02/07	Drinkers in basketball court
437	16/07	Drunk and disorderly – male urinating
30	21/07	Drunk male laid out on floor
604	22/07	Drunks urinating on benches
307	26/07	Drinkers shouting and swearing in park
68	28/07	Drinkers arguing and fighting
949	30/07	Drunk female throwing bottles
879	03/038	Underage drinkers shouting abuse from shelters
774	04/08	Drinkers on rain shelter
810	04/08	Drinkers on roof of shelter, intimidating
389	17/08	Drinkers throwing cans and swearing
575	28/08	Drinkers swearing in park
228	29/08	Unconscious drinker in bushes
439	08/09	Drunk urinating against wall
813	12/09	Drunks buying alcohol for kids



Together with the above there are a further 19 logs specifically linked to the Park. This ranges from a range of issues from anti social behaviour with youths to the report of a serious sexual assault.

Despite Police intervention the problem has continued to escalate. As a result the issue has been made a priority tasking to target patrols to the area. Attached is the Policing Tasking Sheet used to tackle this issue – **see attached**. We have utilised the Directions to Leave Powers but they continue to use the park in an anti social manner.

Just recently, the Neighbourhood Team conducted a survey in the Park.

110 people were surveyed and the results of their concerns were as follows:-

- 42 people said drinkers in the park (vagrants, ASB urinating) caused a problem.
- 32 people said they had no issues
- 11 people said litter was a problem
- 10 people said criminal damage was an issue
- 6 other issues
- 5 parking /traffic 3 noise
- 2 fear of crime
- 1 drugs
- 1 burglary

We have met with the 'Friends of Freedom Fields Park' who also concur with the action we are taking. This group consists of residents, the local Councillor and the Parks Department. All are in agreement that the drinkers in the park are causing a problem and would support a DPPO application. **See Appendix D – Letter from Friends of Freedom Fields Park.**

### **Community Evidence to Support the Application**

The profound effect this anti-social behaviour has upon other people using the park is evident from the feedback we as the Neighbourhood Team receive from community members.

Attached are letters of support from many residents who use the park on a regular basis. **See Appendix E – letters of support.**

Ward Councillors for the area are also in support.

### **How the Police Intend to enforce the DPPO**

A DPPO does not impose a total ban on drinking alcohol in a public place. It does however, give the Police some powers to deal with persons causing anti social behaviour through drinking. It creates the offence to carry on drinking alcohol when asked to stop by a constable or authorised officer. To note local PCSO's would also have the power to enforce this legislation. At present they are unable to issue Directions to Leave ( a temporary measure used by Police), and leaves them limited in dealing with the issue.

The Police and the Neighbourhood Policing Team would continue to undertake specific patrols tackle and target those individuals intent on engaging in Anti Social drinking.

### **Endorsement from 1<sup>st</sup> Line Supervisor – NTL PS 6789 Deer**

I have reviewed the above and am in full support of the application. I have had the issues raised to me whilst patrolling the area and also noticed the issues off duty. The park is one of the nicest in Plymouth with an amazing view. Many different groups use the area. I have been in the park with the Vagrant drinkers being loud and a general nuisance to the park users. Unfortunately, PC's and PCSO's feel powerless to deal with them as they do not witness any criminal offences, even though they do happen such as urinating.

### **Endorsement from 2<sup>nd</sup> Line Supervisor – Inspector Bennett**

I have been kept closely up to date with this application by the Neighbourhood Team. I was involved in the recent Engagement Event in Freedom Fields Park (23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010) where this issue was brought to my personal attention by users of the park. I fully support this application as the problem with anti social drinking is by far the major issue for the residents around the Park and for visitors to the Park. Despite the efforts of the Neighbourhood Team to closely monitor and control, these individuals they have continued to be a problem. This is mainly due to the lack of a Police power to move them on at an early stage before they become a problem and start committing criminal offences. By this stage it is too late and the wider community have been adversely affected. The Neighbourhood Team are fully aware that this is a discretionary power and that it will only be used when necessary. We

have a duty to support the wider community who live and use this park. It is a wonderful area for people to play, walk their dogs or just sit and enjoy the fresh air. All of these activities are being spoiled by the behaviour of a few individuals who have refused help from the Police and our Partner agencies. I feel that this order is the only way forward as everything else has been tried and has failed to solve the problem.

Submitted for consideration.

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NBM Mutley/Greenbank

Issue				
FREEDOM FIELDS PARK, ASB DRINKERS				
Owner				
PC 4533 WEEKS				
Date	Time	Unit/ Section	Activity	Intel submitted Y/N
06/07/10	0700	D	High vis patrol between 0900-1400hrs. At times patrolled all in order. Spoke to members of the public who are glad of the police presence but insist that street drinkers are still a problem. Advice given as well as 999 and non emergency number.	N
06/07/10	1200HRS	4533/ 4507	Attended park and found the following nominals present; [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. No Offences disclosed at time but all were aware that their presence was unacceptable and moves were being made to address them.	y
07/07/10	1500	4533	Following drinkers congregated at shelter; [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].	y
07/07/10	1545	30141 30126	Following in shelter, [REDACTED], discussed Harbour referrals with the above group, however all stated that they are already engaged with Harbour and were not interested, with the exception of [REDACTED] who stated that he had a visit from [REDACTED] from PPO scheme who had offered him help which he is intending to take up. All seemed well under the influence and were drinking, other park users appeared to be actively avoiding the central area of the park.	y
08/07/10	1400	PS31 L		
08/07/10	1000hrs	4507	Attended park to canvass foot traffic using park to generate support for dppo application. No drinkers present at the time.	
08/07/07	1500	4533/ 4507	Street drinkers about 10 in number were present on grass area- it is felt police attention in the park is moderating their behaviour.	
09/07/10	1900	PS35 L	4 Street drinkers spoken to in the central shelter, engaged freely in conversation before leaving the area.	



10/07/10	1700	PS 31L		
10/07/10	1500	PC138	Usual drinkers in park, no ASB at that time, many other families enjoying the park	
11/07/10	1400	PS33 L		
12/07/10	1430	PC440	Foot patrol in the Park, spoke with volunteers at the Cafe in the Park and also spoke with the group of drinkers sat in the middle shelter of the park – all were drinking alcohol but AIO. Those there were [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Y
13/07/10		PC440	Foot patrol in the Park, spoke with dog walkers and advised them about the Neighbourhoods aim to have a DPPO placed on the Park and explained the importance of letters of support. Checked the shelter in the middle of the Park, nobody there however there were empty and spilt cans of beer and a smell of urine.	N
13/07/10	2045hrs	PS32L	Foot patrol conducted in the park area. No street drinkers were seen in the location. Only dog walkers and kids using the park.	n
14/07/10	0015	PS33N	Foot patrol of park due to log 6 14/7/10 where possible youths had been seen heading in that direction. ASNT. On arrival [REDACTED] was seen to be just leaving the park by the Greenbank terrace end and he was incow a female.	N
14/07/10	0700	PS 34E	Foot patrol conducted and all in order. No drinkers in the area and mostly dog walkers in the park	
14/07/10	0940	PC440	Foot patrol in Park, spoke to residents and explained the Neighbourhood Teams current actions with dealing with the alcohol related behaviour in Freedom Fields. There were no drinkers in the Park at this time.	N
15/07/10	1400	PS32I	Unable to carry out foot patrol due to live logs	N
16/07/10	0800	PS35E		
16/07/10	0845	PC440	Foot patrol in the Park – Only one male drinking in the middle shelter - AIO	N
16/07/10	1300	PC440 and PC 5827	Foot patrol in the park. Spoke to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was also seen to join the group. All was in order at this point, although it is obvious these individuals make the other users of the park uncomfortable.	Y

16/07/10	1500	PC440	Foot patrol in the Park – No one seen drinking in the Park.	N
17/07/10	1620	PC440 and PC449	Foot patrol Freedom Fields. [REDACTED] 7 [REDACTED] e and [REDACTED] D [REDACTED]. There was also a woman called [REDACTED], who has recently come out of Trevy House.	Y
17/07/10	1855	PC440 and PC449	Foot patrol in Freedom Fields. Spoke to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] g [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] e. All were drinking alcohol. When leaving the park saw [REDACTED] entering the Park from the Greenbank Terrace entrance.	N
18/07/10		PS35E	Unable to complete this one today	N
19/07/10	2000	PS32 N	Full foot patrol of park conducted at 0300 hours no one seen.	N
20/07/10	2000	PS 33N	Unable to attend due to section commitments	
21/07/10	2000	PS 32N		
22/07/10	0700	PS33E	Attended park. No drinkers seen, many dog walkers	
22/07/10	1230	4533/ 5827	Attended park- present were [REDACTED] e, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] n. Although unsightly, No asb at time.	
22/07/10	1630	PC440	Attended the park. There were a group of drinkers in sat in the middle shelter drinking alcohol, but not seen urinating. Those there were: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] Simpson, [REDACTED] [REDACTED], [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]	Y
22/07/10	2000	PS N		
22/07/10	2035	PC449	Attended the park; [REDACTED] was looking for other street drinkers. Steve smelled heavily of drink but was not drinking at this time.	
23/07/10		Ps37e	Unable to get to this	
23/07/10	0930	PC440	No one drinking alcohol in the Park, however the shelter in the middle of the Park was very untidy, there were cigarette ends, empty cans, used lighters and glass smashed on the floor. Spoke to some dog walkers, explained the actions of the Neighbourhood Team with regards to the DPPO and asked several people to write letters of support for this.	N
/24/07/10	1200 approx	PS31E	Attend Park for an area search of a theft from Tesco on Beaumont Road. There were several	

			<p>drinkers in the park in the shelter near to Greenbank Tce. They were advised to move on whilst we conducted our search which they complied with and were believed to go towards Tothill Park. The group included [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] When the group walked off they were joined by [REDACTED] &amp; [REDACTED]. Requested comms to advise local nbm/psco when they commenced their tour of duty</p>	
25/07/10	0700	P20E Ps 5050	Due to the high volume of logs on e/t over the weekend this has not been allocated.	
26/07/10	1400	PS 40L	Unable to action due to ec/10/7613	
27/07/10	1400	PS 41L		
28/07/10	1540	5346	Foot patrol in/around park. Many families enjoying area. [REDACTED] sharing bottle of wine. Both quiet polite and no obvious ASB. W/M with shaved head slim build 5'10 with large tribal tattoo on back of neck left bus shelter as soon as he saw me coming from about 100m away. Unable to ID.	
29/07	2000	PS33N D Section		
30/07/10	1900	PS31L	<p>Attended the park following reports of a group who were drinking in the park and getting out of hand. On arrival spoke to [REDACTED] who was well in drink in the shelter. [REDACTED] was warned about her behaviour and sent home.</p>	
31/07/10	0800	PS34 E	Patrols throughout the day, all in order. Busy all day.	
02/08/10	0700	PS 34E	Patrols throughout the day all in order	
03/08/10	0700	PS E		
03/08/10	2015HRS	PS40L	Foot patrol conducted. No drinkers seen, just dog walkers	
04/08/10	0930	PC449	Foot patrol conducted. No drinkers seen, just dog walkers	
04/08/10	1750	PS32L D Section	<p>Directed to park by comms, sighted [REDACTED], [REDACTED] were seen on a shelter roof at entrance to park from the Greenbank rd side, no alcohol seized, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were sat on a bench under the shelter. Foot patrol conducted.</p>	
03/08	0950	PC138	<p>[REDACTED] issued with DTL in Freedom Fields Park. He was continually swearing whilst sat with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] had a bag with several cans of beer inside and it was believed that his behaviour would escalate throughout the day.</p>	Yes
04/08/10	1340	PC449	Report of vagrants urinating at shelter. [REDACTED]	Yes

			██████████, ██████████ 3 unknown males and 1 unknown female present lots of bottles stacked nearby. They all left on their own accord.	
06/08/10	1915	PC440 and PC420	Foot patrol Freedom Fields – No drinkers in the Shelter - AIO	No
07/08/10	Lates	Ps 5050	PS 5050 this has not been allocated this evening – all late turn officers have been tasked with patrols of the hoe as a priority due to the recent disorder in the vicinity of the fair.	
08/08	0700	PS40E D Section	Regular patrols all in order	
08/08/10	1800	PS 32N	Area foot patrol at 0030hrs whilst looking for a Misper, all in order. Two member of the public in the park stated they had been there a short while and nothing to note.	
09/08/10		PS33E	UNABLE TO ATTEND DUE TO LOGS	
09/08/10	2000-2010	PS34L	ATTENDED PARK AND PATROLLED AREA. ALL IN ORDER	
09/08/10	0700	PS31E D Section		
10/08/10	0925	PC440	Foot patrol in Freedom Fields Park – No drinkers in the shelter – Shelter looked reasonably clean and tidy – Just a few dog walkers in the Park - AIO	No
10/08/10	1530	PC 6978	Unable to get to this tasking due to other commitments	
11/08/10	1300	Pc 4533	Patrol in park-5 drinkers in shelter from greenbank terrace.all given advice.log received from mind complaining of drinkers.	
12/08/10	1400	PS32 L	Unable to attend due to prisoner	
13/08/10	1700	PS31L		
14/08/10	1700	PS33L		
14/08/10	1555	PC440 and PC449	Foot Patrol Freedom Fields. Spoke to ██████████ ██████████ ██████████ and ██████████ were both drinking cans of lager and were both chatty. AIO.	Y
15/08/10	1400	PS33L		
15/08/10	1040	PS32E	AIO. Only dog walkers using the park at the time.	No
15/08/10	1600	PC440 and PC449	Foot patrol in Freedom Fields. Spoke to ██████████ ██████████ who was sat in the shelter in the middle of the Park drinking. Spoke about how messing the floor area around the shelter was. On leaving the park saw ██████████ and ██████████ entering it at the Greenbank Terrace entrance. ██████████ ██████████ and ██████████ ██████████ sat on the steps closest to Lipson Road.	N



			AIO	
15/08/10		PS35N	High vis patrol throughout shift, all in order at times patrolled.	N
17/08/10		PS33N	Apologies unable to get to this tonight due to 3 x assault statements, passed the park at approximately 0430hrs all quiet.	N
17/08/10	1200hrs	Pc132	Attended park after report of drinkers causing nuisance. A number of drinkers left the park on police arrival.	
18/08/10		PS E		
18/08/10	0905hrs	PC440	Foot patrol in the Park. Spoke to several residents and dog walkers. The shelter in the middle of the Park smelt of urine and there was rubbish such as cans and wrappers left over from the night before. There was one drinker in the park who was not in drink at the time of speaking to him.	N
18/08/10	2200		UNABLE TO CARRY OUT DUE TO LOG 798	
19/08/10		PS35 E	Patrols conducted 1030hrs. Nothing of note	
19/08/10	0915	PC440	Foot patrol in the Park. Spoke to some dog walkers. There were no drinkers in the Park however the middle shelter was looking messy with litter.	N
190810	1400	PS33L D Sect	High Vis patrol throughout 1400-2000hrs. All in order at the time.	N
190810	2130	PS34N A Sect 6722	Foot patrol of park, all quiet, a few passing pedestrians and dog walkers spoken to.	N
190810	2130	PS33N	f/p in the park also, nothing to report	N
200810		PS34 E	f/p conducted. All quiet	
200810	1700	PS32L D Section	Patrolled the area at various times throughout the shift and all appeared quiet and in order.	N
210810	1700	PS32L D Sect		
23/08/10	0900	PC440	Foot patrol in Park – No drinkers sitting in the shelters – A few dog walkers	N
23/08/10	1300	PC440	Foot patrol in Park – No drinkers sitting in the shelters – However the middle shelter was very dirty with broken glass, empty cans and cigarette ends – Spoke to local volunteer who said the drinker's are still a problem and that he had to call the Police last weekend due to their behaviour, he also said the drinkers had been in the shelter today but had left prior to my arrival.	N
24/08/10	2000	PS 33N	Unable to attend during shift due to log commitments and prisoner.	

24/08/10	0900	PC440	Foot patrol in Park – No drinkers present	N
25/08/10	0945hrs	PC138	No drinkers in park	N
25/08/10	2000	PS 32N	Mobile patrol conducted however unable to get out on foot due to heavy amount of logs	N
26/08/10	0700	PS33E D Sect	FP in park, all was quiet, plenty of rubbish being cleaned up. Spoke to a male who I now know as [REDACTED]. The male stated that he is a heavy drinker and drinks in the park. He sometimes sleeps rough there on the benches and socializes with other drinkers and drug takers in the park sometimes. This male was later detained under Sec 136 after stating that he was going to return to the park and kill himself. Log 452/26/08/10 gives further details.	
26/08/10	0900	PC440	Foot patrol in Park – Spoke to one drinker, new to the Park this is [REDACTED] – AIO - Spoke to the workers for Plymouth City Council, asked them to clean up the rubbish that was in the Middle Shelter as it appeared to be getting worse – they were happy to do this and were thanked.	Y
26/08/10	2000	PS34 N		
26/08/10	1430hrs	PC138	N87169 [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] (Irish [REDACTED] drinking in the shelter, no issues.	
26/08/10	1630	PC440	Foot patrol in Park – Spoke to [REDACTED] who was drinking alone – AIO – The Council had cleaned the Middle Shelter (looked much better) Spoke to volunteers in the Cafe. On leaving the Park say [REDACTED] walking towards the shelter.	N
27/08/10	0910	PC440	Foot patrol in the Park – No drinkers – Spoke to a couple of dog walkers.	N
27/08/10	1225	PS33E	Foot patrol in the park – spoke to five males gathered in the shelter in the centre of the park. 1- [REDACTED] who said he was living at 82 Flora court and often meets at the park to socialize. 2-N7345 [REDACTED] who said he sofa surfs and goes the park often. [REDACTED] in company with his small dog he calls Bella and who is friendly, he states he is NFA. 4. [REDACTED] who said he wasn't drinking with the others but goes to the park to meet up. He stated he is staying at the Salvation Army in Devonport. 5. [REDACTED] with a red and grey mountain bike. The shelter was clean and tidy whilst I was there. I spoke to staff in the centre on the park and they said they had no problems with any of the males at that time.	Y
27/08/10	1535	PC440	Foot patrol in the Park – Spoke to [REDACTED]	N

			██████████ and ██████████ who were both sat drinking by the Middle Shelter – AIO – Spoke to volunteers in the Cafe and members of the public	
28/08/10	1420	PC440 and PC442	Log 575 28/08/10 – Attended Park due to report of drinkers causing ASB – On arrival took details from ██████████, ██████████, ██████████, ██████████, ██████████ and ██████████. All were drinking cans of alcohol – No-one was swearing or being abusive whilst we were present.	Y
28/08/10	2000	PC440	Foot patrol in Park – Spoke to ██████████, ██████████ and ██████████ – All were drinking alcohol and sitting on the bench closest to Greenbank Terrace.	N
01/09/10		4533	Primary tasking to remain to record and evidence Police action in support of eventual DPPO application.	
01/09/10	1330	PCSO 30357	Several drinkers in the central shelter, lots of alcohol litter, sex litter, foil and heavy staining to the concrete. 16 year old ██████████ was with the drinkers but not in drink herself. 121 a completed.	
01/09/10	1540	PC 440	Foot patrol in the Park – Spoke to ██████████, ██████████, ██████████. All were drinking alcohol. On leaving the park spoke to ██████████.	N
03/09/10	1545	PC440 and PC5827	Foot patrol in the Park – None of the usual drinkers present. Lots of members of the public enjoying the Park. Spoke to the volunteers in Cafe.	N
03/09/10	1500/1630	4507/4533	Attended the park. Spoke with ██████████ who was well in drink and in company with ██████████, ██████████ and ██████████. It was my concern about ASB with the mix of the company so a DTL was issued to ██████████ at 1630hrs to leave the park. Also in the park was ██████████ of ██████████. He was drinking in the shelter. He was not known to the NBT so suitable advice given re the use of the shelter and the action that will be taken.	
3/9/10	1900	PC 6394 PC 535	Foot patrol conducted and spoke to small group of youths in the shelter area. Were no causing any disturbance. One of the group was ██████████ but he was very quiet.	N
03/09/10	2000	PC446 PC421	Foot Patrol conducted none of the usual drinkers were present at this time but a group of youths were these included ██████████, ██████████, ██████████ and ██████████.	
04/09/10	18:15hrs	PS40L B	Patrol was conducted around the park. There was	N

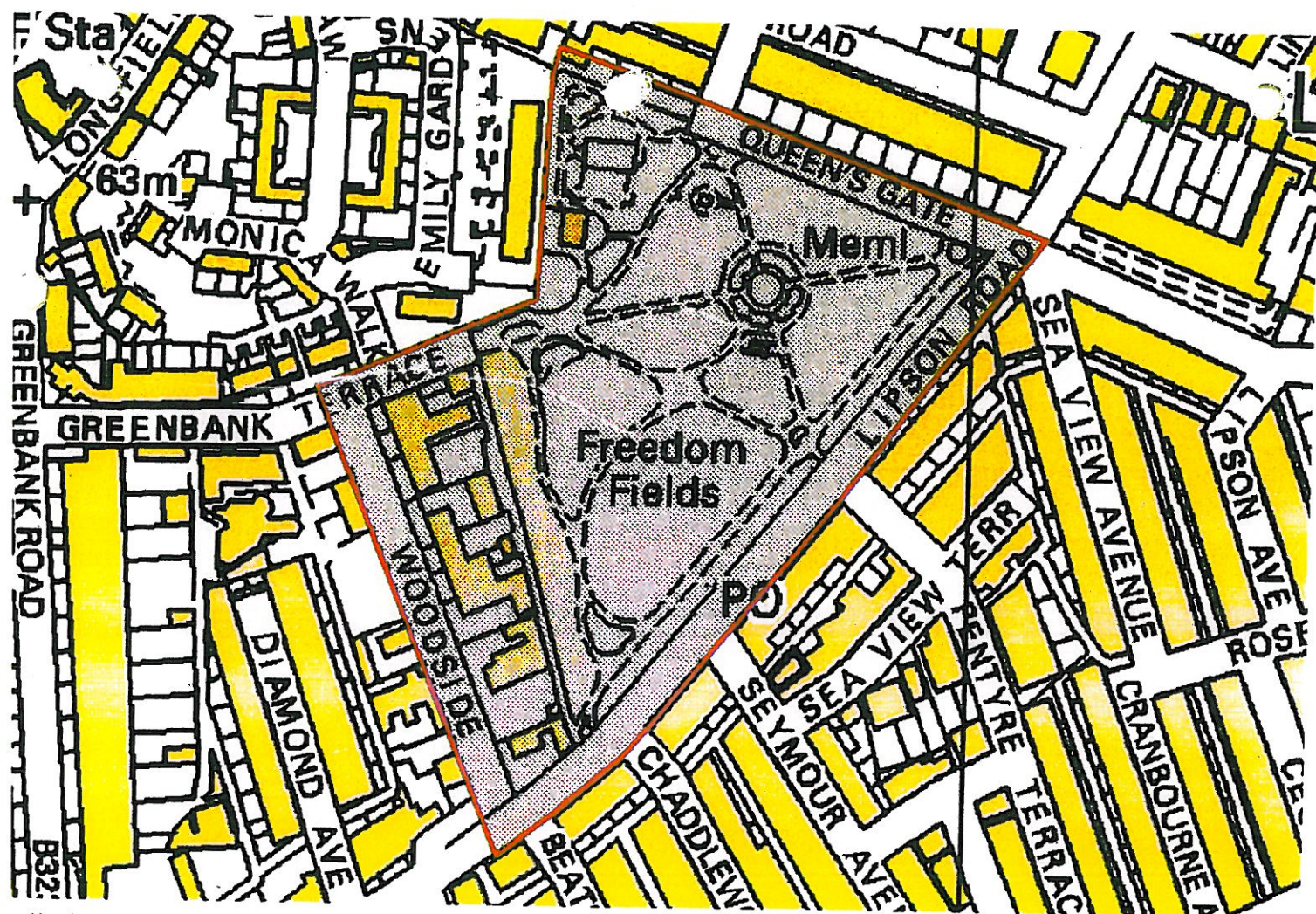
		section	families in the park and enjoying themselves. No anti social behaviour. Or disturbances.	
05/09/10	11:00 – 11:30	PS 35E E section	Stop on area target [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Park was empty of families due to poor weather conditions.	Y
06/09/10	1400 – 2400 hrs	PS37L D Sec	Patrol conducted in park. Hardly anyone around – rain kept everyone indoors.	
07/09/10	0845	PC440	Foot patrol in the Park – No drinkers – Spoke to dog walkers.	N
07/09/10	1100	4507 HUNT	Spoke with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Regent Street Plymouth. They were with one other young male. Said they were getting fed up with attention in Freedom Fields so were planning to get their beer and go somewhere quiet. The attention seems to be paying off thank you.	
07/09/10	1500	4507 HUNT	Attended Freedom Fields Park – all quiet no-one around.	
07/09/10	1545	PC440	Foot patrol in Park – Spoke to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] – who left the Park very soon after – No other drinkers	N
07/09/10	PS34E	PC 2752 HARRIS	I was unable to patrol this area, due to a workload arrest and interview. (EC/10/7652 – [REDACTED])	N
08/09/10			PC133 - DTL FROM PARK 1430 - [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] OIS LOG 439 080910. This report was one of the four urinating in the lane on callers back gate. On Police arrival one of the four were play fighting with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who ran on Police arrival.	
			WE CONTINUE TO GET THEM CAUSING ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN THE PARK. THE DPPO APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BUT REJECTED AT THIS TIME AS OTHER MEASURES HAVE TO BE TRIED BEFORE HAND FOR EG DTL ETC. PLEASE CONTINUE TO TAKE ROBUST ACTION WHEN DEALING WITH DRINKERS + HEADCAM FOOTAGE IF AVAILABLE.  THANKS.	
08/09/10	PS33L D section		Did not get to this during shift as dealing with other logs	
09/09/10	0730	4507 HUNT	Attended shelter. Noone present. However the shelter had 20 empty beer cans scattered around the seating and also the shelter smelt strongly of urine.	
09/09/10	0915	PC440	Foot patrol in Freedom Fields – No drinkers	N



09/09/10	1215 hours	4507 HUNT	Attended the park. In the middle shelter were [REDACTED] Gary ? and another male who refused to give details along with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in breach of their DTL from yesterday and therefore both reported the for the offence. Paperwork to be completed by Neighbourhood Officers.	
09/09/10		5827 STEIN	Maps produced by HQ outlining the area for use with the isse of DTL's.  Copies of maps given to Patrol for vehicles.	
09/09/10		4507 HUNT	The park has been surveyed for CCTV cameras and the quote submitted to PCC. It is likely that this will go ahead when the ASB mapping process has been completed and funds become available – for information.	
9/9/10		P850	Hi viz foot patrol in park [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] all drinking, Moved on from park, spoke to local residents who complained about drinkers details passed to NBM	
09/09/10		5827 STEIN	At 1430hrs on 08/09/10, [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] were given DTL's by PC HUNT in Freedom Fields Park. At 1250hrs on Thursday 09/09/10 both males were in Freedom fields Park contravening their DTL so were reported for the offence by PC 5827 STEIN	Yes
110910	1645	D Sect	Due to the High level of incidents/prisoners and routine logs it has not been possible for D Sect to deal with any taskings or targets today PS6167 Boorn	
120910	0700	PS33E D Sect		
130910	2200&0200	PS35N B SECTION	Foot Patrol in Freedom fields park top to bottom, nothing unusual noted.	
140910	0700	PS33E D Sect		
140910	0900	4507 HUNT	Handwritten letter of complaint received from a resident complaining of drunks in the park and urinating in the shelter. Letter describes 1545 hours as a bad time and when there are other users of the park ie children. Letter to be used to support application.	
140910		PS33E	UNABLE TO COMPLETE	
160910	-	4507 HUNT	CCTV VAN booked for 28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> of month. This will be utilised in the park overtly acting as a deterrent for the drinkers, capturing evidence and	

			also as a focal point for engagement.	
15/09/10	1000hrs	5827 Stein	[REDACTED] with new white Alsatian dog & [REDACTED] sat drinking in park.	
16/09/10	1200 hours	PS30E	[REDACTED]; [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] all issued DTL's from the park. Found in the shelter nearest to the Greenbank Terrace entrance drinking and surrounded by discarded beer cans.	
17/9/10	1500	P850	Hi viz greenbank freedom park [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (arrested) also seen was [REDACTED] who left on our arrival	
18/09/10	1900	4507/4533	[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the top shelter next to Greenbank Terrace. No issues.	
19/09/10	0230	PS32L	Mobile patrol conducted of surrounding areas. Nothing of note	
	2200	PS33N	Foot patrol conducted in the park. AIO	
20/09/10	1000	4533	Checked park-No Drinkers present. Shelter relatively clean.	
21/09/10	1700	PC449 & P3	Michael Edwards – stop and search – sharps only Also present [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	
			All walking through the park with alcohol.	
23/09/10	1845	PS 33L	Lots of members of the public in the park, but nobody causing any trouble or ASB. Members of the public stated they were pleased with the increased police presence to prevent any ASB.	NO



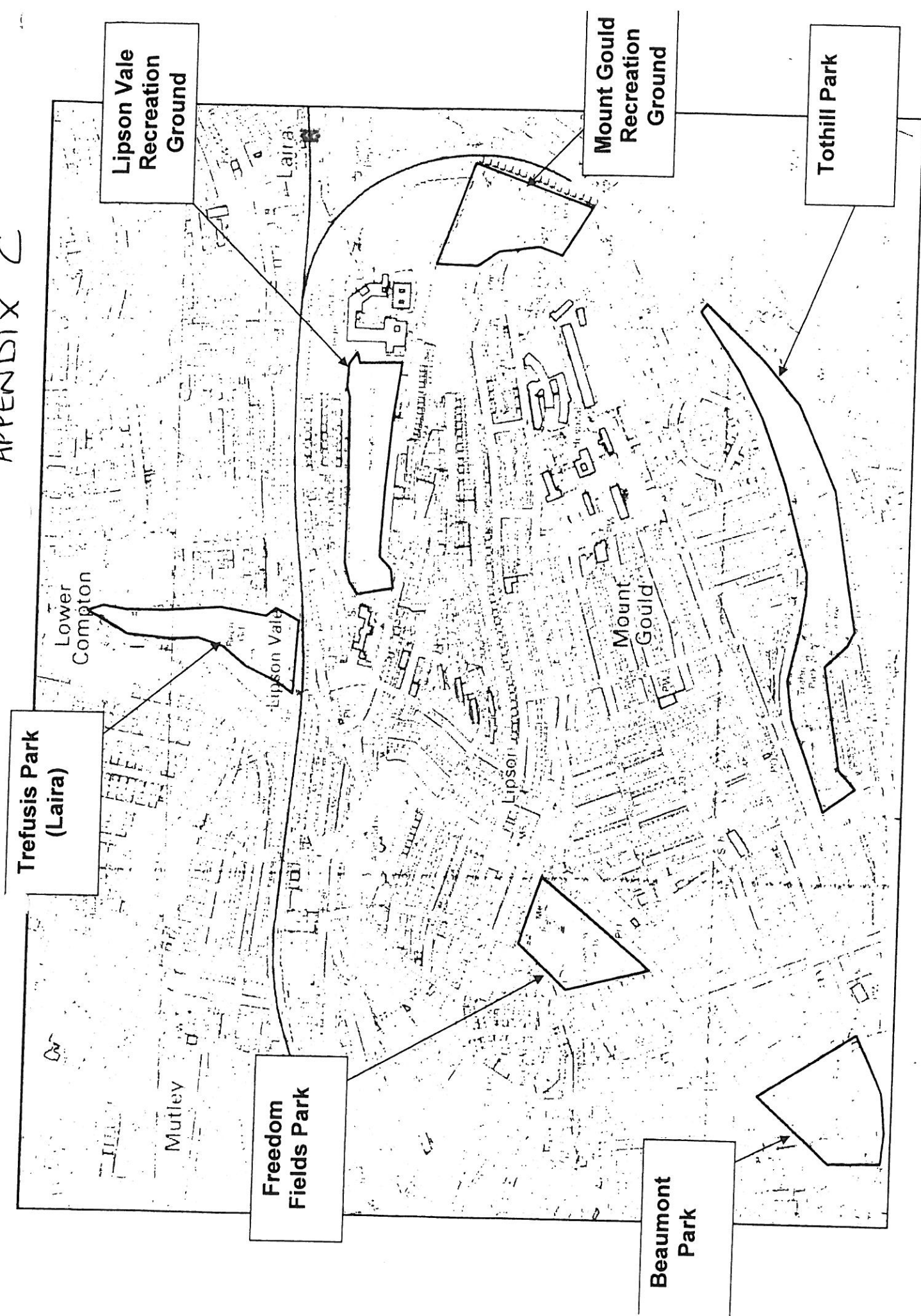


## Appendix B – List of Persistent Offenders

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N87169



APPENDIX C



■ Chaddlewood Avenue  
Lipson  
Plymouth  
PL4 8RF

13th July 2010

Dear Jackie Hunt,

As the representative of the 'Friends of Freedom Fields' group, I wish to inform you of our increasing concerns about the behaviour of the 'drinkers' who seem to be always in our Park.

They are often to be found in the two shelters and are usually there all day from early morning to evening, at times they argue loudly and use obscene language. During the day when I am there walking my dog I have seen the males urinating in the shelter and on other occasions in the bushes on the far side of the park. At this time of year there are many children playing games, cycling etc: families and older residents who want to enjoy the sunshine in the park, we think that the behaviour of these 'drinkers' male/female should not be tolerated as it is blighting the park for all.

Yours Sincerely,

Friends of Freedom Fields

## **APPENDIX E**

### **LETTERS & EMAILS OF SUPPORT FOR DPPO APPLICATION**

**HUNT Jacqueline 14507**

**From:** Rennie, Eddie (CLLR) [Eddie.Rennie@plymouth.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 08 July 2010 13:08  
**To:** HUNT Jacqueline 14507; Aspinall, Mary (CLLR); Nelder, Jean (CLLR)  
**Subject:** RE: FREEDOM FIELDS PARK PLYMOUTH NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED  
**Categories:** Red Category

**I Totally Support The Need for a DPPO in the park and would ask that this covers all parks in the Mount Gould area**  
**Councillor Rennie**

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**From:** Jacqueline.HUNT@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk  
[mailto:Jacqueline.HUNT@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 08, 2010 12:43 PM  
**To:** Aspinall, Mary (CLLR); Rennie, Eddie (CLLR); Nelder, Jean (CLLR)  
**Subject:** FREEDOM FIELDS PARK PLYMOUTH NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED

Last week I attended the Friends of Freedom Fields Park meeting to discuss some of my concerns around the incidents that are occurring in the park and the current usage of the park by the alcoholics.

I have recently conducted a survey of over 140 people who use the park and as a result over half of those we spoke to are concerned about the drunks who congregate in the park and cause fear, apprehension and intimidation for other users of the park.

Alongside their general presence, they also urinate and defecate leaving the central covered seating area unusable for other people.

At the meeting I expressed my intention to seek a DPPO for the park giving the police the powers to tackle anti social drinking in the park.

I have been gathering views and letters of support, but as local councillors for the area I would like your support in this application.

Please could you respond to me via email with your support/comments. The application will be submitted by the end of next week.

Many thanks

Jackie Hunt

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## **HUNT Jacqueline 14507**

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**From:** Ricketts, Steve (CLLR) [Steve.Ricketts@plymouth.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 18 September 2010 16:54  
**To:** HUNT Jacqueline 14507  
**Subject:** RE: FREEDOM FIELDS PARK PLYMOUTH - APPLICATION FOR DPPO NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED

I completely support this application - The Police need the powers to deal with this appalling behaviour!

### **Cllr Steve Ricketts**

**Drake Ward**

Tel: 0781 0878 491

Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care O&S panel

Conservative Future National Management Executive 2008/10

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**From:** Jacqueline.HUNT@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk  
[mailto:Jacqueline.HUNT@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk]  
**Sent:** Thu 16-Sep-10 10:45 AM  
**To:** Ricketts, Steve (CLLR); Rennie, Eddie (CLLR); Aspinall, Mary (CLLR); Nelder, Jean (CLLR)  
**Subject:** FREEDOM FIELDS PARK PLYMOUTH - APPLICATION FOR DPPO NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED

Dear All,

As you know from previous emails Freedom Fields Park, Plymouth is continuing to be the home for many 'street drinkers' who congregate from the early hours of the morning until late into the evening.

I have received many reports from members of the public in the form of letters and Police logs detailing their behaviour from loud and aggressive to urination, intimidation and sexual acts.

I have today, met with the Licensing Department, Sgt Worthington who will now submit the application through to Plymouth City Council for a DPPO – Designated Public Place Order. I understand the next meeting for the Cabinet is in October and I hope that it will be on this meeting's agenda.

To attach to the application, I need an email from each of you outlining your support for such an application. I am sure you have all spoken to people within your constituency who have expressed concern over this issue and I would be grateful for your support.

Please can you reply to me by the end of next week being the 240910 so I can ensure the application goes through to the October committee.

If you wish to contact me please do so on 720608 or via email.

Many thanks

Jackie Hunt  
NBM Mutley/Greenbank

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BEST ACHIEVING COUNCIL OF THE YEAR



## HUNT Jacqueline 14507

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**From:** [REDACTED]@btinternet.com]  
**Sent:** 20 September 2010 11:40  
**To:** HUNT Jacqueline 14507  
**Subject:** Designated public Place Order for freedom fields park

Having read the neighbourhood beat page I would like to say that I fully support an application for a designated public place order for Freedom Fields park. I live on Greenbank Terrace and witness daily the problems being caused by the drinkers who now treat this park as their 'personal home' having been displaced by DPPOs from their old haunts nearer the city centre.

The drinkers presence undermines the family ethos of this park in a number of ways. They make the shelters no go areas for other park users. Their constant presence provides young Children and young people very unhelpful visual role models. The drinkers often seek to engage passersby in conversation. Adults are more able to discern that getting involved is not the best idea; children are often less discerning. The language and volume of their conversation is also not what you or others want to hear but you can't avoid hearing and is often offensive in content. Begging by the drinkers is both frequent and certainly unpleasant to be on the receiving end of. Begging is not restricted to just passersby in the park, I have seen drinkers accost people on their way to from the park including people on their private drives on Greenbank Terrace. I certainly hope an DPPO can be obtained for this park so that it can be restored to being a safe and enjoyable place for all members of the local community to enjoy.

[REDACTED]

■ Hill Park Crescent  
Greenbank  
Plymouth  
PL4 8JP

To: PC'S STEIN  
HUNT  
WEEKS.

We are writing this letter to express our concerns at the recent behaviour in Freedom Fields Park, Greenbank, Plymouth.

We have been living in this area for approximately 60yrs and have been regular users of the park from our own childhood through to the present time. It has always been a focal point over the years where many families with children have enjoyed the facilities. There never used to be any problems in the park until recently.

Over the past twelve months there has been an increase of drinkers in the shelter at the park. There are up to 10-12 of them at any one time which is very intimidating. We hear foul language from them and it smells of stale urine with lots of empty beer cans and bottles strewn all over the place.

They have never said anything to us but we will not stop to enjoy the park in fear of what may happen. It is time that something was done regarding this issue and we would support any order in this park. Please help us restore the park so we can enjoy it once again.

Approximately ~~1~~ 3 or 4 years ago the park had a vast amount of money spent on it for the local community. Now, it is gradually starting to go downhill again.



17/07/10

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of a Designated Premised Park Place Order to be granted for Freedom Fields Park.

As a local resident and regular visitor to the park I have noticed in recent months a severe increase in the amount of drunks who are frequenting the park, at all hours of the day, and who are acting in a manner that I, and several people whom I have spoken to, deem to be anti-social. This behaviour includes shouting un-repeatable words at the tops of their voices as well as further behaviour which I go into in fuller detail below.

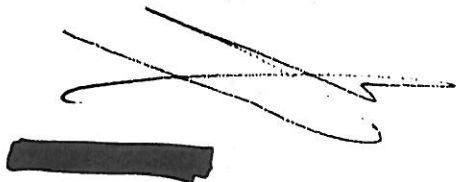
On several occasions I have witnessed the aftermath of drug use in the parks, with dangerous objects being left lying around where any child could pick them up, in the areas where the local drunks frequent, namely the Bus Shelter in the park.

These drunks also regularly have their own pet dogs in tow, which are not under control, and I have witnessed these animals not only fouling in the area, but also attacking other dogs which are being walked in this popular local area.

I feel safer when the Police and Police Community Support Officers are in the area, having mentioned the problems a few times to them in person. I agree fully that Freedom Fields Park needs to have a DPPO, so that when this kind of behaviour happens again, which I am absolutely certain it will, the Police and Police Community Support Officers will have the powers to act on it in the public interest.

I believe that the park, as a central point of the local community, should be a safer place than it currently is, and that people should be able to enjoy one of the most beautiful locations in Plymouth City Centre and should not have to endure the behaviour that is present at the moment because of a small number of people.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke. Below the signature is a solid black rectangular redaction mark.

**HUNT Jacqueline 14507**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 July 2010 07:09  
**To:** HUNT Jacqueline 14507  
**Subject:** FW: Mutley/Greenbank - Freedom Fields Park RESTRICTED

**From:** Plymouth NHP Central  
**Sent:** 09 July 2010 15:06  
**To:** 'Shayne'  
**Cc:** WEEKS Paul 14533; STEIN Jim 15827  
**Subject:** RE: Mutley/Greenbank - Freedom Fields Park RESTRICTED

Sean,  
Thank you very much for your email. I will forward your support to the NBM dealing.  
Regards

PS 6789 Ben DEER  
NTL Central  
Charles Cross  
Devon and Cornwall Constabulary  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 July 2010 11:51  
**To:** Plymouth NHP Central  
**Subject:** Mutley/Greenbank - Freedom Fields Park

FAO: The Neighbourhood Team


I would like to support the application of a DPPO being obtained for Freedom Fields Park.

I use the park daily to walk my dog, and only this morning the few 'drunks' that hang around the centre of the park were harassing the young girls that walk through the park, were urinating in the bin, and generally just being a nuisance. As I have told the PSCOs that have been visiting the park more frequently, they do not usually bother me, but urinating in a bin in the middle of the park is just disgusting! I would not want my mother or younger sisters to witness or worse become affected by such behaviour!

What's worse is that this is how they behave before midday, I wouldn't like to see them after they have been drinking for many hours, as I'm sure they just become much much worse.

The park is one of the best in Plymouth, and I feel it is being ruined by a very small minority. I soon hope to be able to walk my dog in peace without the worry or nuisance of the idiots who congregate in the centre of the park.

With my full support and Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

 WEST HILL ROAD  
MUTLEY, PLYMOUTH  
PL4 7LE

14<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Devon and Cornwall Police

Dear Sirs

My wife and I have lived here for 11 years with our young family. We have no garden and so we often take our children to play in local parks.

In recent years, our nearest park, Freedom Fields has become a "no go area" because of anti-social behaviour usually fuelled by alcohol. There are also many children and teenagers misbehaving there.

Many of these drunks and yobs are banned from our shop so I would not like to take my children there for fear of abuse.

We take a strong line on not selling alcohol to under-age people and we refuse to serve adults who are intoxicated. However, we can not stop selling alcohol, our shop is close to closing down.

I would welcome a ban on drinking in any public place, particularly parks. If people want to get drunk, they should not be allowed to do so where it infringes on the rights of others, particularly children.

Yours sincerely



## EMAIL RESPONSES FOLLOWING SURVEY IN THE PARK:-

I have on several occasions seen the drunks urinating in the centre shelter and have spoken to them and have been sworn at I am a regular dog walker in the park .

[REDACTED]

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This is an e-mail in response to the survey I took in freedom park and a return to your corresponding e-mail. Personally i have had no real problems from the people in the park however i do make sure i avoid the benches they hang around in the middle of the park. My two small children and i find them intimidating and would not go near that part of the park. I would certainly feel more comfortable being at the park with my children if they were not there.

[REDACTED]

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HI THERE OFFICER HUNT.

IT WAS NICE TO SEE THE COMUNITY POLICE IN FREEDOM FIELDS PARK. HOWEVER I DO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE DRINKERS THAT OCCUPY THE PARK ON A DALY BASIS.

I WALK THERE EVERY DAY WITH MY DOG AND COME ACROSS THESE PEOPLE THEY ARE VERY MUCH IN YOUR FACE IT IS NOT SOMTHING YOU WANT SO SOON IN THE MORNING OR AT ANY TIME REALY.

BUT THE MOST UPSETTING THING IS WHEN I WAS WALKING THROUGH THE PARK WITH MY WIFE AND YOUNG GRANDSON AND ONE OF THESE PEOPLE STARTED URINATING AGAINST A TREE IN FULL VIEW HE SIMPLY DID NOT CARE WHO WAS THERE, WE WERE ABLE TO PROTECT MY GRANDSON FROM THIS, BUT HE DIDN'T CARE THAT WE WERE THERE AT ALL HE WAS BLIND TO OUR PRESENCE. ALSO AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THERE ARE YOUNG CHILDREN IN THAT PARK PLAYING GAMES. BUT ON OCCASIONS THERE IS A LOT OF BROKEN GLASS, I HAVE EMAILED PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL ABOUT THIS ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASSION, THIS IS AROUND THE CENTRAL SEATING AREA. OVERALL THIS DOES NOT LOOK GOOD TO VISITORS TO A WOUNDERFUL PART OF THE COUNTRY. PLEASE COULD WE HAVE SOMTHING DONE TO SORT THIS PROBLEM  
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY.

YOURS HOPFULLY

[REDACTED]



Thank you for your email, I simply want to re-iterate my concerns regarding certain of those drinkers, (men & woman), who are continually urinating often in full view of children, woman and passersby and those such as myself who live nearby. You certainly have the backing of myself and others who live here or use the park. Best wishes in your endeavours..

Sheryl J. Sheryn

Sheryl Sheryn (sheryl.sheryn@virginmedia.com)

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Dear Jackie Hunt PC,

My main concern about Freedom Fields Park is the fact that it, and the service lane Woodside Lane that runs alongside, are frequently used to defecate and urinate. Apart from making the park and lane unpleasant, I feel it must be a health hazard.

Many thanks

Jackie Bingham

Resident of Woodside.

Jackie Bingham (jackie.bingham@hotmail.com)

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[Redacted]

Woodside

Plymouth

PL4 8QE

PC Jackie Hunt

PC 4507

Neighbourhood Beat Manager

10 July 2010

Dear PC Hunt

**Re: - Escalation of Drunken Vagrants with their Anti Social Behaviour in Freedom Park**

My wife and I live in Woodside which is almost adjacent to Freedom Park and visit the park at least twice a day with our dog. We enjoy exercise and convivial chats with all sorts of people and other local residents in this pleasant cosmopolitan area.

We are clear that there is one major problem with this park and its environs. We are reminded of this nuisance every morning, afternoon and evening when we have to avoid the central area of the park around the shelters where drunken vagrants congregate. They are loud, utter foul language, intimidate passers-by and use the shelters as a urinal. We have witnessed young girls being approached, shouted at and showing signs of distress as they do everything possible to avoid male drunks who are clearly out of their mind with drink.

We wholeheartedly support your proposals to apply for a DPPO to prevent anti social drinking in this area. We do not wish to stop other residents, students and visitors using the park for normal socialising, exercise, sport and partying with alcoholic refreshment so long as they do not create a nuisance.

We thank you for the work that your team does despite having little power to stop this nuisance.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted]  
Steve and Lynn Bennetts

By email

[Redacted]  
Councillor Stephen Bennett

By email

Shaftesbury Court

Plymouth

Devon

PL4 8TW

17/07/2010

Dear Sir/Madam

This is a letter of support for a Designated Premised Park Place Order to be obtained for Freedom Fields Park.

As a dog owner and a local resident I use this park on a daily purpose. In recent months the park has been used for drunks to spend their drinking. The majority of them are abusive amongst themselves and abusive to passer bys. On many occasions drugs have been used by the drunks who locate themselves in the bus shelter and often they have their own dogs up there. These dogs are not under their control. They allow them to deposit themselves all over the park with no acknowledgment to pick it up. In addition my seven month old dog has been attacked on several occasions up there and we have had to leave. Their language is appalling and very threatening to the public.

I feel safer when police and community support officers are around, having rang a few times to complain about the problem. I agree that the place needs to have a DPPO, so when this kind of behaviour happens again it can be sorted out.

We as a household, agree that the park needs to be back to being a safer place and place that should be used to enjoy its glorious location same not as a local doss area for the addicts and drunks of our community.

Yours Faithfully

[Redacted Signature]

and

[Redacted Signature]

Shaftesbury Court

Plymouth

Devon

PL4 8TW

**STEIN Jim 15827**

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**From:** Plymouth NHP Central  
**Sent:** 26 July 2010 07:39  
**To:** STEIN Jim 15827  
**Subject:** FW: Neighbourhood Team Page Contact Form Submission. RESTRICTED

PS 6789 Ben DEER  
Neighbourhood Team Leader Central  
Charles Cross Police Station  
Devon and Cornwall Constabulary  
Ext 01752 720434 Int 32434  
Mobile 07595009990  
Mobex 872189

**From:** [REDACTED]mailto:postmaster@devon-cornwall.police.uk]  
**Sent:** 22 July 2010 17:10  
**To:** Plymouth NHP Central  
**Subject:** Neighbourhood Team Page Contact Form Submission.

To reply to this e-mail you must copy and paste the e-mail address within the message below into the to field in outlook. If no e-mail address is present you cannot reply to this e-mail.

The following message was sent via the Neighbourhood Policing web site.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**e-mail:** [REDACTED]  
**Tel:** 01752 249511  
**Address:** [REDACTED] Kensington Road,  
Freedom Fields,  
Plymouth  
PL4 7QJ

**Neighbourhood:** Mutley & Greenbank

I have lived at the above address since March 2010 and it has been great having such a nice park as Freedom Fields nearby. I walk my dog daily and often take my children to the park. The only issue I have is the increasing number of people I see drinking at all hours of the day, especially in or around the central shelter. Their language is often bad and they can be quite intimidating. This together with the litter and especially broken glass means that I often find myself avoiding certain areas of the park which should not be the case. I have just spoken with WPCO Sarah Nicholson who advised me that the best course of action was to contact you.

Regards,

[REDACTED]



## HUNT Jacqueline 14507

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 10 September 2010 17:55  
**To:** HUNT Jacqueline 14507  
**Subject:** Re: re Freedom Fields Park, NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED

Hello Jackie,

Thanks very much for taking the time to respond to my email to Mary Aspinall regarding FREEDOM FIELDS PARK.

Having read through your response I do feel there is light at the end of the dark tunnel that surrounds the activities of these undesirables who inhabit the park shelters. You may be interested to learn that a lady my wife spoke to last week, who lives in Lipson Rd, saw from her window, a female of the group performing "oral sex" on one of the males at the shelter in the evening and during daylight hours.

I have a broad mind but many others do not, and if the lady my wife spoke to can see their activities from her home window, anyone in the park can see it. There is a time and a place for everything!!

Once again, thanks for your attention on this issue and I look forward to an eventual resolve, if not an early one.

SINCERELY

[REDACTED]  
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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** 'mary.aspinall@plymouth.gov.uk'; 'jean.nelder@plymouth.gov.uk'; 'paul.martyn@plymouth.gov.uk'; 'eddie.rennie@plymouth.gov.uk'; 'steve.ricketts@plymouth.gov.uk'  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 02, 2010 10:54 AM  
**Subject:** re Freedom Fields Park, NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED

Sir,

I am PC 4507 Jackie HUNT and I am one of the Neighbourhood Beat Managers that cover Freedom Fields Park, Plymouth.

I was forwarded an email from yourself via Mary Aspinall with regards to issues you and your wife are experiencing in the Park.

Unfortunately, I have been on leave and therefore I apologise for the delay.

I am well aware of the issue with the drunks in the park and at this time I am in the process of collating evidence to put towards the Council to try and obtain the same order that Beaumont Park has; being a Designated Public Place Order.

The email you wrote clearly demonstrates your frustration about them and with your permission, I would like to include it, along with others that I have in the application. Is this okay with you?

The park has been made a priority for the Neighbourhood Team and other officers that work in the area. It is regularly patrolled and offences dealt with as and when they confront. Unfortunately, most offences occur when we 'the Police' are not around.

If you witness such behaviour, I would encourage you to contact the Police at the time, remain at the scene so you can point out to officers who did what and that way we can deal with them.

Drinking in the park is not an offence we have to have other substantive offences to deal with them and we are powerless to move them.

I totally agree with you in relation to the shelter and I can assure you that I will not look to use removal of the shelter as a way of dealing with the drunks.

The DPPO application process is slow and therefore we have to continue to rely on members of the public to inform us what is going on.

In the meantime, I am also exploring CCTV for the park which would act as a deterrent.

I hope this clarifies our position with regards to the Park. I am working closely with local councillors, the parks department at the council and the support group Friends of Freedom Fields Park about this issue.

You can contact me or my two colleagues PC Jim STEIN, PC Paul WEEKS on 01752 720608 or via return of email.

Regards

Jackie Hunt

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**STEIN Jim 15827**

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**From:** Plymouth NHP Central  
**Sent:** 26 July 2010 07:40  
**To:** STEIN Jim 15827  
**Subject:** FW: recent Email re Freedom Park RESTRICTED

Good email,  
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PS 6789 Ben DEER  
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**From:** Mike and Lesley (mailto:mike.lesley@hineyonder.co.uk)  
**Sent:** 22 July 2010 22:39  
**To:** Plymouth NHP Central  
**Subject:** recent Email re Freedom Park

Thanks for the mail on the subject of the drunks frequenting Freedom Fields Park. Its good to see something may be done to stop this getting any worse than it is, the numbers are increasing almost on a daily basis , most of the dog walkers report the increase and the out of control behavior. I would suggest that some of them have moved up from Beaumont Park and no doubt will arrive at another location after they vacate Freedom Fields, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Mike Green

Salcombe Road, Plymouth PL4 7NF

Tel: [REDACTED]

27 July 2010

Jackie Hunt PC 4507  
Neighbourhood Beat Manager  
Devon & Cornwall Constabulary  
Plymouth  
Devon

Dear PC Hunt

**Re: Anti-social Behaviour in Freedom Fields Park, Plymouth**

I would like to express my concerns over the behaviour of a few individuals who are fairly regularly to be seen drinking alcohol and loitering around in Freedom Fields Park throughout the day and sometimes into the evening. As a local dog owner I often visit the park, sometimes twice a day, and the presence of this group of people has made me feel uncomfortable at times. Some of the individuals regularly appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs and whilst I have never actually been confronted physically, the general demeanour of this predominantly male group of people is fairly intimidating from the perspective of a single woman.

One particular incident that gave me cause for concern was a couple of months ago whilst I was walking my dog in the park, I saw a group of five or six people sitting around on the grass smoking and drinking cans of beer. From a bit of a distance away, I could see that one of the group was standing talking a police officer, or possibly a PCSO, and the individual was obviously getting quite heated, another member of the group then joined the conversation and also appeared agitated, raising their voice and swinging a lager can around. I didn't see how the interaction ended, but the officer was obviously heavily outnumbered, and although I imagine could have called for back up if necessary, I did find this incident somewhat unsettling.

I am often alone with my dog in the park at both ends of the day, around 6:30am and 6:30pm or later, and feel uneasy seeing groups of people who sometimes appear to be fairly intoxicated; this is unpleasant during daylight hours but worse in the dark. I would like to offer my support to you in your endeavour to address this problem and hopefully make Freedom Fields Park feel like a safer place.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Tel: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Emily Gardens  
Freedom Fields  
Plymouth. PL4 7QS.

7th September 2010

Dear Sirs

Designated Public Place to Control the  
Drinking of Alcohol.

As residents of a Flat at Freedom Fields,  
Greenbank we use the Park quite often, to  
get some fresh air & sit on one of the  
benches for a hour.

Quite often when we are there in the  
afternoon we have noticed that the Shelter  
in the middle of the Park has been occupied  
by men drinking from beer cans & I  
was dismayed when a few weeks ago  
at about 3.45pm they were also using  
the shelter to urinate. This at a  
time when the children were returning  
from school



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I feel very strongly that Freedom Fields  
Park should be a place where all members  
of the community can enjoy a pleasant hour.  
There are few open spaces in this area  
for the children & I hope something  
can be done

Yours sincerely,

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