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Dear Simon

Alcohol Free Zone - Birkenhead

Further to our telephone conversation Thursday 26th April 2007 can I provide evidence to support the proposal of a Wirral Wide Alcohol Free Zone.

My predicament is as the Neighbourhood Inspector for Birkenhead Tranmere Rock Ferry I have an increasing issue of street drinking in the vicinity of Birkenhead Town Centre, the trouble being is that this outside the current AFZ and it is in the area of Charring Cross, Claughton Road, Park Road South area. This year more than others the problem has escalated.

In the past month alone there has been 6 incidents in the area of the Charring Cross Methodist Church on Claughton Road. These premises are used for numerous community initiatives. The problem is that drunken adult males and females are congregating at this location openly drinking strong beers begging and some cases pestering young children for money. A youth club was kept inside in fear as police had to be called to disperse the drunks from outside. There are even incidents where the church steps have been defecated as the aforementioned drunks use it as a toilet.

Police have a certain amount of legislation to deal with this group but the addition of a Wirral Wide AFZ would be an extra tool in our kit. If this is not the case then I need to give immediate attention to requesting an extension to the current AFZ. Can you advise how I should proceed.

Yours Sincerely

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