



To: The Leader and Executive Councillor for Strategy and Transformation: Councillor Lewis Herbert

Report by: Director of Customer and Community Services

Relevant scrutiny committee: Strategy & Resources
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Scrutiny Committee

Wards affected: Abbey Arbury Castle Cherry Hinton Coleridge
East Chesterton King's Hedges Market Newnham
Petersfield Queen Edith's Romsey Trumpington
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PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS

Officers' review following Area Committee Meetings and Proposed Public Spaces Protection Order for Mill Road Cemetery and Petersfield Green and the front garden of Ditchburn Place, Cambridge Not a Key Decision

1. Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to set out the result of the officers' review of potential areas for public spaces protection orders proposed by the Area Committees and to ask the Executive Councillor to approve in principle the proposal to make a public spaces protection order in respect of Mill Road Cemetery, Petersfield Green and the front garden of Ditchburn Place, Cambridge in the form set out at Appendix A and to authorise officers to publicise the proposed order and to consult.

2. Recommendations

The Executive Councillor is recommended:

1. To approve in principle the proposal to make a public spaces protection order for Mill Road Cemetery, Petersfield Green and the front garden of Ditchburn Place, Cambridge in the form set out at Appendix A;
2. To authorise officers to publicise the proposed order and to carry out consultation as required by the Anti Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.

3. Background

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 – Public Spaces Protection Orders

- 3.1 Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 gives the Council new powers to make public spaces protection orders (PSPOs). These orders are intended to deal with a nuisance or problem in a particular area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of the area. They are designed to ensure that the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour.
- 3.2 The definition of public space is wide and includes any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission.
- 3.3 The Council can make a public spaces protection order if satisfied on reasonable grounds that two conditions are met.

The first condition is that:

- (a) activities carried on in a public place within the Council's area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or
- (b) It is likely that activities will be carried on in a public place within that area and that they will have such an effect.

The second condition is that the effect or likely effect, of the activities:

- (a) is or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature,
- (b) is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and
- (c) justifies the restrictions imposed by the notice.

- 3.4 A public spaces protection order is an order that identifies the public place and
 - (a) prohibits specified things being done in that public place
 - (b) requires specified things to be done by persons carrying on specified activities in that place; or
 - (c) does both of those things.
- 3.5 The only prohibitions or requirements that may be imposed are ones that are reasonable to impose in order to prevent or reduce the risk of the detrimental effect continuing, occurring or recurring.

- 3.6 Prohibitions can apply to all persons, or only to persons in specified categories, or to all persons except those in specified categories.
- 3.7 The order can specify the times at which it applies and the circumstances in which it applies or does not apply.
- 3.8 Unless extended the order may not have effect for more than 3 years.
- 3.9 Before making a public spaces protection order, the Council must consult with the Chief Officer of Police, the local policing body, whatever community representatives the Council thinks appropriate to consult and the owner or occupier of land within the restricted area.
- 3.10 In deciding whether to make a public spaces protection order and if so, what it should include, the Council must have particular regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly set out in articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- 3.11 The Council must publish the text of a proposed order on its website.
- 3.12 Consuming alcohol in breach of a public spaces protection order is not an offence. However where a constable or person authorised for that purpose by the Council reasonably believes that a person:
 - (a) is or has been consuming alcohol in breach of a prohibition in a public spaces protection order; or
 - (b) intends to consume alcohol in circumstances in which doing so would be a breach of such prohibition

The constable or authorised person can require them:

- (a) not to consume, in breach of the order, alcohol or anything which the constable or authorised person reasonably believes to be alcohol;
- (b) to surrender anything in their possession which is, or which the constable or authorised person reasonably believes to be, alcohol or a container for alcohol.

Failing to comply with this requirement without reasonable excuse is a criminal offence for which the person can be prosecuted. Alternatively. The Police or an authorised person can issue fixed penalty notices

Areas for consideration for Public Spaces Protection Orders Proposed by Area Committees

3.13 Following a report entitled *Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014* to Strategy and Resources Committee on 29 September 2014, the Executive Councillor approved the recommendation to take the report to Area Committees and request that they review if any areas merited consideration for Public Spaces Protection Orders. The Area Committees asked for the following places to be considered:

North Area Committee

Cam Causeway
Mortlock and Maitland Avenue
Campkin Road
Alexander Gardens

South Area Committee

Cherry Hinton High Street Recreation Grounds

West Central

The committee decided not to put forward any areas for consideration at this time.

East Area Committee

Mill Road including Ditchburn Place garden
Mill Road Cemetery
Petersfield Green
Roundabout underpass on the way to the wet hostel
Cherry Hinton/Brooks Road Play Area
Bath House Play Area
Budleigh Close

In addition there have been requests for consideration of other areas put forward by the public or community groups:

Sussex Street
Kings Parade

3.14 The areas vary in the issues that need to be addressed including anti-social behaviour resulting from drinking alcohol to bullying on play areas, drug dealing within tenancies and punt touting.

3.15 We have carried out initial consultation with the police and examined the background and possible solutions to the various issues raised in the different locations. We have also looked at the experience of other local authorities in attempting to introduce PSPOs. There is a

resource and financial cost to introducing a PSPO. In order to be effective, it has to be policed. The Act also requires that the signage in the area that the order relates to, should be sufficient to draw the attention of any member of the public using that area. It is recommended that the Council should proceed on the basis of introducing a PSPO in Mill Road Cemetery, Petersfield Green and the garden in front of Ditchburn Place, where the evidence is most robust in relation to the impact of certain activities. This will give an opportunity to test the process and evaluate the success of the outcomes, by monitoring the number of fixed penalty notices issued and any displacement activity that may occur.

- 3.16 Therefore the recommendation is to consult on the introduction of a PSPO in Mill Road Cemetery, Petersfield Green and the garden in front of Ditchburn Place.

Evidence

- 3.17 The areas of Mill Road Cemetery, Petersfield Green and the garden in front of Ditchburn Place have been the focus of complaints about the problems associated with street drinking for many years.
- 3.18 The Council has already taken a number of steps to tackle 'street life' anti-social behaviour in the City and a range of services are provided by the Council and its partners to support those who are homeless or who have alcohol and drug dependency problems. There has been much improvement in the last 3 years with anti-social behaviour incidents generally going down in the City and anti-social behaviour linked to street life issues (monitored through key words such as alcohol, homeless, begging) has also decreased from an average number of police recorded incidents over a three year period of 367 to 188 in the last year. However, Mill Road remains an area of focus and complaint and continues to represent a high level of incidents.
- 3.19 The Strategic Assessment 2014, commissioned by the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership states that the Petersfield area had the second highest rate of police recorded ASB in the City at 52 per 1,000 population, an increase from 12 months ago when the rate was 49 per 1,000. Of course all of the incidents are not necessarily related to alcohol consumption; however, impact statements and community feedback suggest that a large number of the incidents are.
- 3.20 A police report and witness statement is attached as Appendix B with more detailed information. In particular the statement of the sergeant responsible for street life anti-social behaviour states that there are frequent calls about street drinkers in the Petersfield Green area

causing considerable distress to the residents of Petersfield Mansions and reports from people who have been unable to use the children's play equipment. The statement also includes references to street drinking issues in the Mill Road Cemetery, Ditchburn Place and the junction of Gwydir Street.

3.21 Street drinking in the Mill Road area is an enduring concern for the East Area Committee. It has appeared as a policing priority in the neighbourhood profiles on numerous occasions since 2012. In January 2014 PCSO Tony Marriott was appointed to cover Mill Road as part of the implementation of Operation Summit, a citywide policing operation around street-based ASB.

3.22 Initial consultation with Parkside Police received the following response:

'From a city-wide perspective, a Public Space Protection Order would be most effective in areas of the Market Ward. A PSPO would offer another tactic for consideration when dealing with issues such as street-drinking by the street-life community, ASB and disorder related to the night-time economy, and localised problems such as congregations at locations such as Sussex Street. I am aware that the West/Central Area Committee do not have an appetite for a PSPO at this time. Section 34 (ASB Act) Dispersal powers are being used effectively to address many of the above issues but are not a long term solution.

Outside the West/Central areas, the next most prominent area for street-based alcohol-related issues is Mill Road and the immediate vicinity. It should be acknowledged that there have been positive reductions in alcohol-related ASB and violence in the area, but this is a work in progress with further work to be done. A PSPO would be effective for addressing street-drinking in Petersfield Green and Mill Road Cemetery as proposed, however I envisage that it will displace the behaviours which it is seeking to address and not eradicate them. The garden at Ditchburn Place, St Matthew's Piece (off York Street) and the benches outside the Co-op on Mill Road are locations in the immediate area which have previously been popular with street-drinkers and which are likely to see an increase in activity as a result of displacement. Further afield, Mitchum's Corner and Christ's Pieces may also see an increase.

Any PSPO will be enforced proportionately by the police providing an additional tool to be used when responding to calls for service, as opposed to regular directed patrols.

The Constabulary is supportive of the proposal for a PSPO in the locations suggested but wish to ensure that the likely impact on other areas as a result of any dispersal is considered and noted'.

- 3.23 Results of an email consultation with community groups was inconclusive with various areas along Mill Road being mentioned as having problems with street drinkers.
- 3.24 Considering the evidence of many years from Area Committee priorities, police statements, and incident reports, the overall picture indicates that a PSPO which would restrict drinking alcohol in Mill Road Cemetery, Petersfield Green and the garden in front of Ditchburn Place, would fit the criteria as set down in the Act. That is the drinking of alcohol in these areas is having or is likely to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality; is persistent and continuing in nature; and is unreasonable.

Consultation

- 3.25 If an order is approved in principle the Council is required to consult the Chief Officer of Police, the local policing body, and appropriate community representatives.
- 3.26 It is also recommended that we put a survey on the Council website to run from 16 February to 1 March asking people if they have experienced alcohol-related ASB in the Mill Road Cemetery and Petersfield area and if they would support the introduction of a PSPO as detailed on the attached draft order (Appendix A).
It is recommended that the following community groups should also be further consulted:
- Petersfield Area Community Trust
 - Glisson Road & Tenison Road Area Residents Association
 - Chair of the Parishes Committee – regarding Mill Road Cemetery
 - Mill Road Traders Association
 - Ward Councillors
 - Friends of Mill Road Cemetery.
- 3.27 Officers will report the outcome of the consultation to the Executive Councillor at the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting on 23 March 2015.

4. Implications

(a) Financial Implications

If an order is agreed the Council must 'cause to be erected on or adjacent to the land in relation to which the public spaces protection order has been made such notice or notices as it considers sufficient to draw the attention of any member of the public using that land to-

- (i) the fact that a public spaces protection order has been made; and
- (ii) and the effect of that order being made.

Consequently, there will be a financial cost to introducing the order. The signs will cost between £32.50 and £50 each (depending on size) plus delivery charge of £25 and approximately £20 each for fitting. We will also need to get permission to attach the signage to lampposts from Balfour Beatty. The cost could be considerable as the Act requires that the 'notice (or notices) must be positioned in a manner that the local authority considers sufficient to draw it to the attention of any member of the public using the land.' In addition, new notices would need to be produced and erected if the order was extended, varied or discharged.

(b) Staffing Implications

There may be staffing implications, dependent on how the Council wants to designate the issuing of fixed penalty notices for breaches of the order.

(c) Equal Opportunities and Poverty Implications

We are in the process of completing an Equalities Impact Assessment and will complete it following the outcome of the recommended consultation.

(d) Environmental Implications

- Nil: to indicate that the proposal has no climate change impact.

(e) Procurement

Costs are unlikely to fall within the procurement criteria.

(f) Consultation and communication

Initial consultation has already taken place with Area Committees, police and community groups. The order will also be published on the website and further consultation will take place with the groups detailed in section 3.26

(g) Community Safety?

As indicated in the report

Human Rights

In deciding whether to make a public spaces protection order and if so, what it should include, the Council must have particular regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly set out in articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights

5. Background papers

These background papers were used in the preparation of this report:
Strategic Assessment 2014
Notes from Area Committees
Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

6. Appendices

Draft Order Appendix A
Police report and Statement Appendix B

7. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact:

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ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

SECTION 59
PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL Mill Road Cemetery, Petersfield Green and the front garden at Ditchburn Place, Cambridge PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2015

THIS ORDER is made by Cambridge City Council (“the Council”) because the Council is satisfied on reasonable grounds that activities carried out or likely to be carried out in a public space, namely Mill Road Cemetery, Petersfield Green and the front garden of Ditchburn Place, Cambridge shown coloured red on the attached 3 maps:

- Have had or are likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality
- Are or are likely to be unreasonable and
- Justify the restrictions imposed

The Council is satisfied that the following activities have been or are likely to be carried out in the public space:

DRINKING ALCOHOL

1. RESTRICTIONS:

You are prohibited from consuming alcohol or having an open container of alcohol in your possession within the area shown coloured red on the attached map.

PERIOD FOR WHICH THE ORDER HAS EFFECT

This order will come into force on 1st June 2015 and lasts until 31st May 2016

At any point before the expiry of this 12 month period the Council can extend the order by up to three years if they are satisfied on reasonable grounds that this is necessary to prevent the activities identified in the order from occurring or recurring or to prevent an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities after that time.

2. WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER?

Section 63 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act says that where a constable or authorised person reasonably believes that you:

- Are or have been consuming alcohol in breach of this order; or
- Intend to consume alcohol in breach of this order

The constable or authorised person may require you

- (a) Not to consume, in breach of the order, alcohol, or anything which the constable or authorised person reasonably believes to be alcohol;

- (b) To surrender anything in your possession which is, or which the constable or authorised person reasonably believes to be, alcohol or a container for alcohol

It is an offence for a person, without reasonable excuse, to fail to comply with a requirement imposed by a constable or authorised person under section 63.

A person guilty of an offence is liable on conviction in the Magistrates' Court to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

FIXED PENALTY

A constable or authorised person may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she believes has committed an offence. You will have 14 days to pay the fixed penalty of £75. If you pay the fixed penalty within the 14 days you will not be prosecuted.

APPEALS

Any challenge to this order must be made in the High Court by an interested person within six weeks of it being made. An interested person is someone who lives in, regularly works in, or visits the restricted area. This means that only those who are directly affected by the restrictions have the power to challenge. The right to challenge also exists where an order is varied by the Council.

Interested persons can challenge the validity of this order on two grounds: that the Council did not have power to make the order, or to include particular prohibitions or requirements; or that one of the requirements of the legislation, for instance consultation, has not been complied with.

When an application is made the High Court can decide to suspend the operation of the order pending the Court's decision, in part or in totality. The High Court has the ability to uphold the order, quash it, or vary it.

Dated.....

The Common Seal of
Cambridge City Council
was affixed in the presence of

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Head of Legal Services

Section 67 Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014

- (1) It is an offence for a person without reasonable excuse-
 - (a) To do anything that the person is prohibited from doing by a public spaces protection order, or
 - (b) To fail to comply with a requirement to which a person is subject under a public spaces protection order
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale
- (3) A person does not commit an offence under this section by failing to comply with a prohibition or requirement that the local authority did not have power to include in the public spaces protection order
- (4) Consuming alcohol in breach of a public spaces protection order is not an offence under this section (but see section 63)

Alcohol related anti-social behaviour around Mill Road since 2011

Summary

The following information refers to incidents of alcohol related anti-social behaviour from 01/10/2011 until 31/10/2014 within the wards of Petersfield and Romsey. Areas of focus are Mill Road, Petersfield Green [sometimes referred to as Jimmies Green], Donkey Common and Mill Rd Cemetery.

Overview

- There have been [723] alcohol related anti-social behaviour incidents from 01/10/2011 until 31/10/14.
- [502] of these were in Petersfield Ward and [221] in Romsey Ward.
- Across this timeframe the months with the highest number of incidents are October [79] July [75] and March [75].

List shows thoroughfares with the highest number of incidents

MILL RD	234
EAST RD	36
PETERSFIELD	27
NORFOLK ST	21
DITCHBURN PL	21
ST MATTHEWS GDNS	20
GONVILLE PL	20

List shows individual locations with the highest number of incidents

MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	28
SWEET 'N' SPICY 102 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	25
PETERSFIELD CAMBRIDGE	22
CO-OPERATIVE RETAIL SERVICES LTD 177 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	17
JIMMYS NIGHT SHELTER 1 EAST RD CAMBRIDGE	16
6 CROMARTY PL CAMBRIDGE	13
ANGLIA RUSKIN UNIVERSITY EAST RD CAMBRIDGE	12
EARL OF BEACONSFIELD 133 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	10
PETERSFIELD MANSIONS MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	10
WHITE SWAN 109 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	10

Mill Road

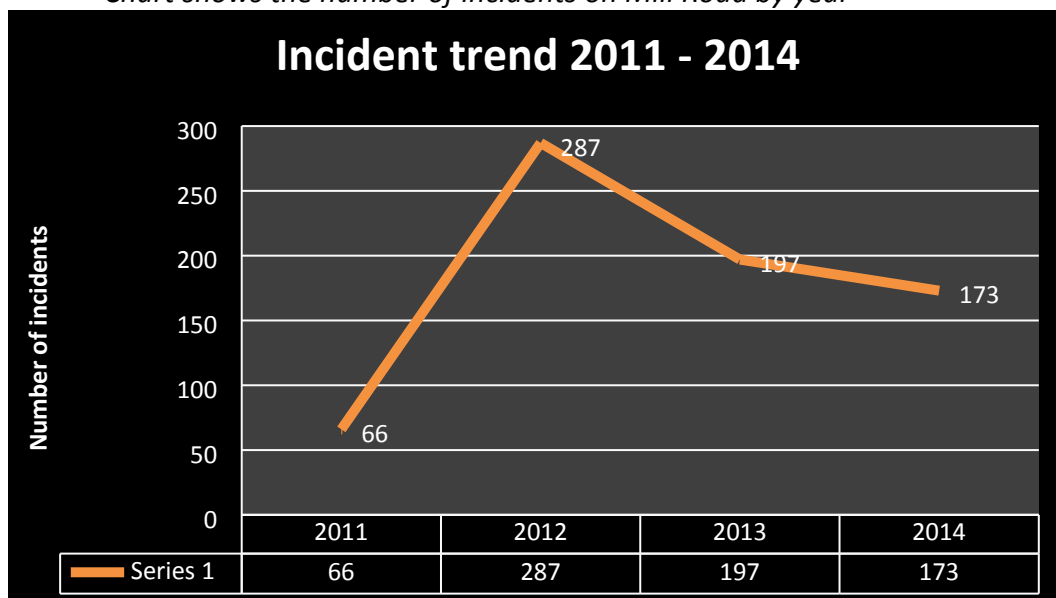
[234] of the total incidents have occurred on Mill Road with the highest numbers occurring in March [27] October [23] and Feb [23].

Chart shows the number of incidents on Mill Road from 01/10/11 to 31/10/14 by month



There was a sharp increase in incidents from 2011 [66] to 2012 [287] which had the highest number. Incident numbers have been decreasing since 2012, with [197] in 2013 and [173] in 2014.

Chart shows the number of incidents on Mill Road by year



The locations on Mill Road with the highest number of incidents are:

- Sweet N Spicy 102 Mill Road [25]
- Co Op 177 Mill Road [17]
- Petersfield Mansions Mill Rd [10]
- White Swan 109 Mill Road [10]
- Earl of Beaconsfield 133 Mill Rd [10]

See appendix 1 for map and appendix 2 for full list
Petersfield Green and Donkey Common

There have been [53] incidents in the last three years around Petersfield Green. They include street drinking around Petersfield Mansions and in the park around the bus shelter. [16] of these are around Jimmys night shelter.

Map shows incidents along Mill Road in the last 3 years



Orange Squares represent multiple incidents

Map shows location of incidents around Petersfield Green and Donkey Common



Green squares represent multiple incidents

Appendix 2

List of locations along Mill Road in order of highest number of incidents

SWEET 'N' SPICY 102 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	25
CO-OPERATIVE RETAIL SERVICES LTD 177 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	17
PETERSFIELD MANSIONS MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	10
WHITE SWAN 109 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	10
EARL OF BEACONSFIELD 133 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	10
ST. BARNABAS CHURCH MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	8
THE SALVATION ARMY 104 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	7
CHICKEN COTTAGE 83 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	6
CEMETERY LODGE MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	6
DITCBURN PLACE MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	5
INTERNATIONAL FOODSTORE 96 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	5
GRILL HOUSE 166 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	5
FAGITO TAKE AWAY 6 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	5
TAANK OPTOMETRISTS 92 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	4
OXFAM 2 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	4
TRIATHLETES EDGE 76 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	3
ARTHUR RANK HOSPICE CHARITY SHOP 222 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	3
ST. PHILIPS CHURCH 185 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	3
CAMB CARE 222 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	3
CAVENDISH CLASSIC FOOTWEAR 157 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	3
CO-OPERATIVE RETAIL SERVICES LTD 183 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	3
SPICE GATE 14 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	2
TESCO EXPRESS 163 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	2
120 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	2
CARLOS KEBABS 70 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	2
226 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	2
SPREE LADIESWEAR 220 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
6 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
MADAL CAFE 94 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
16 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
R S P C A CHARITY SHOP 188 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
CAMBRIDGE HOUSING SOCIETY 128 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
81 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
CORALS BOOKMAKERS 234 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
MILL ROAD CEMETERY MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
COSTA COFFEE 41 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
POST OFFICE 100 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
CURRY QUEEN 106 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
SNAKATAK 230 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
17 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
BAMBOO HAIRDRESSERS 202 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1

DONALDSONS 82 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
TCB 01223369181 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
DONALDSONS BAKERS 82 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
294 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
211 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
CATS PROTECTION LEAGUE 172 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
CAMBRIDGE WINE MERCHANTS 42 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
PHOTO FINISH 118 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
CAMBRIDGESHIRE PRIMARY CARE TRUST 0 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
POST OFFICE 240 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
TESCO EXPRESS 165 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
ROCKERS LTD 52 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
THE SALVATION ARMY 44 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
BURMASIDE HOUSE 81 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
BOOKS FOR AMNESTY 46 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
75 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
AL CASBAH 62 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
SUBWAY 38 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
YASRAB NEWSAGENT 214 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
145 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
ANTIQUE CENTRE 206 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
CODE HAIR 16 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
LONDIS SUPERMARKET 218 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
AL ARMIN STORES 102 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
HILARYS GREENGROCERS 175 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
THE SEA TREE MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
IAN JAMES HAIR 176 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
URBAN LARDER LTD MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
230 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
WILLIAM HILL 8 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
KINGS TAKEAWAY 261 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
ZI PIRI PIRI 36 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
LALLYS NEWS 104 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1
LIMONCELLO 212 MILL RD CAMBRIDGE	1

Witness Statement

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

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Statement of: Kevin Misik

Age if under 18 (if over insert "over 18"): Over 18 Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of1..... Pages(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: _____ **Date: 01/12/2014** _____

I am PS 686 Kevin Misik of Cambridgeshire Constabulary and I am currently stationed at Parkside Police Station. My current role is as a sergeant within the West Cambridge Problem solving Team. One of my roles within this is as the tactical lead for Cambridge City on Street based anti-social behaviour.

I am providing this statement to present a pen picture of Mill Road and some of the issues that it suffers from.

Mill Road is one of the main roads into Cambridge City centre and has along its length a large number of different businesses ranging from pubs and restaurants to book and charity shops. Also along the length of Mill Road there are also a wide range of types of accommodation but the end nearest to Cambridge is made up of mostly student accommodation and houses of multiple occupancy.

At the Cambridge end of the Road are two green spaces. On one side of the road is Petersfield Green which is an open space which has children's play park in it. This park is bordered by Jimmies Assessment Centre which is the main assessment centre in Cambridge for homelessness. Because of this the Park is also referred to as Jimmies Park. There are frequent calls about groups of Street drinkers in the area which have caused considerable distress to the residents of Petersfield Mansions there have also been reports from people who have been unable to use the children's play equipment. It should be noted that in the vast majority of people related to this Anti-Social behaviour are not from Jimmies. On the opposite side of the road is the Parkside Swimming pool which has a large green space in front of it and this is called Donkey Common. Again there have been issues of congregation and street drinking around the swimming pool. Opposite this area there is some student accommodation and there have been complaints from these due to the behaviour of people and also some safeguarding concerns from the colleges whose students who are accommodated there. Further along Mill Road there is also a large cemetery.

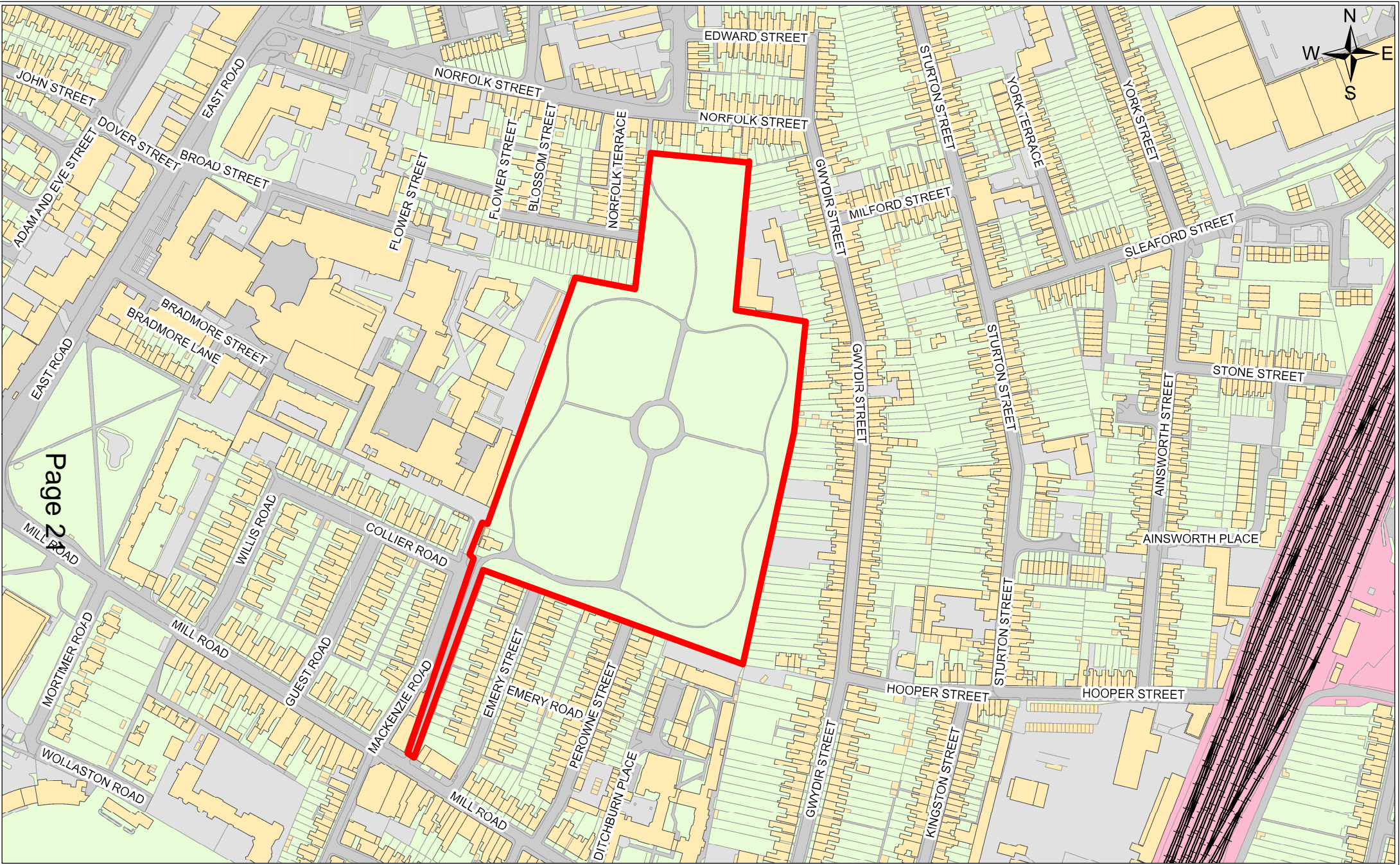
The Cemetery has at times acted as a draw for street drinkers to congregate and drink in due to its location.

Signature: _____ **Signature Witnessed by:** _____

There are also a number of locations along the length of Mill Road which house elderly or venerable people one of the main ones is the sheltered accommodation at Ditchburn Place, which is made up of 51 flats. In front of this location there are a set of gardens for the use of residents and this has been a hot spot in terms of reported Anti-Social Behaviour. This has meant at times the exterior gates to the gardens have to be kept locked to ensure that the residents are not caused alarm and distress by these groups of street drinkers. There is also a covered bus stop next to this location which is often 'taken over' by street drinkers meaning the people are either unable to use the bus stop.

There have also been issues at other places along the road. These have historically included the public toilets at the junction of Gwydir Street, the play Park areas on either side of the bridge and outside the larger shops, for example Tesco or the Co-Op. These areas have all suffered from a disproportionately high level of Anti-Social Behaviour. These areas have been key locations which groups of street drinkers have congregated which has meant that other people in the area have not been able to use them. This has resulted in a significant number of calls to the police regarding Anti-Social behaviour.

As a result of these on-going issues the Police have posted a PCSO Anthony Marriot who main responsibility is policing and interaction with the various communities that make up Mill Road.



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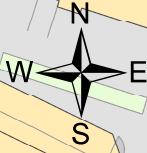


Mill Road Cemetery

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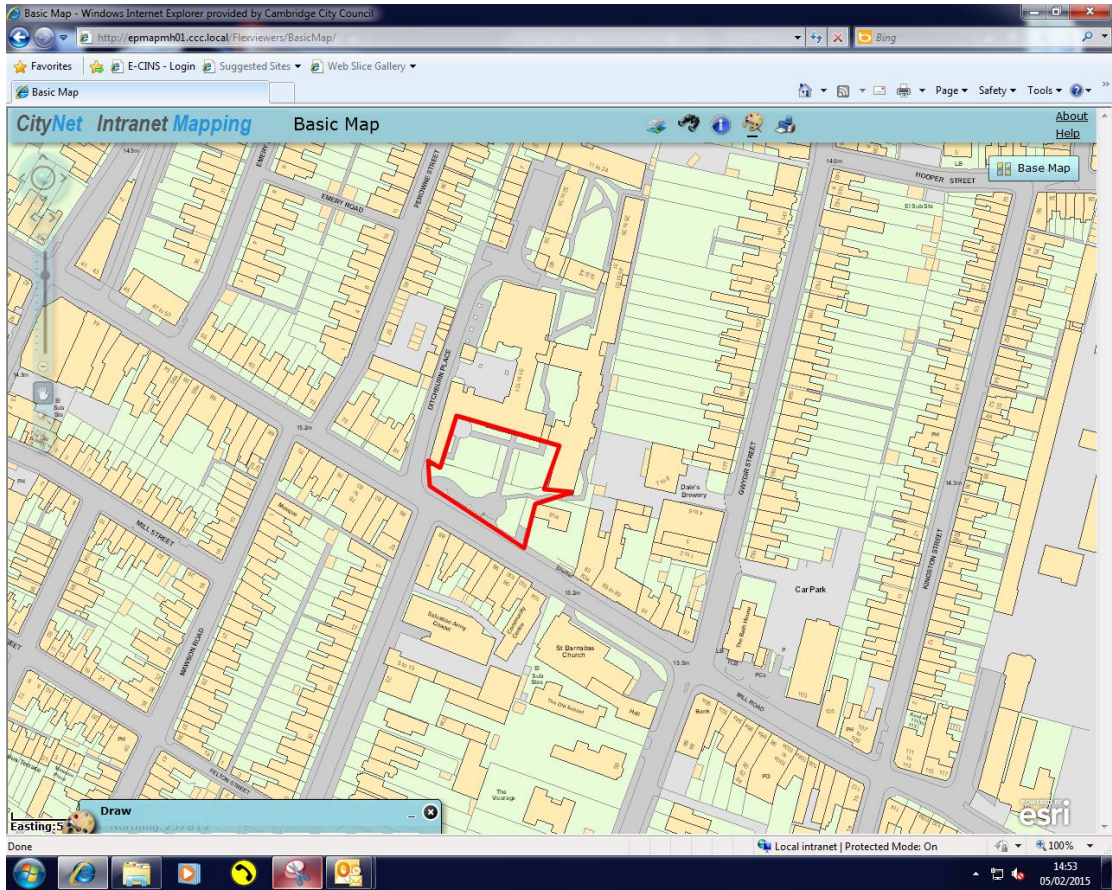


Petersfield Green

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