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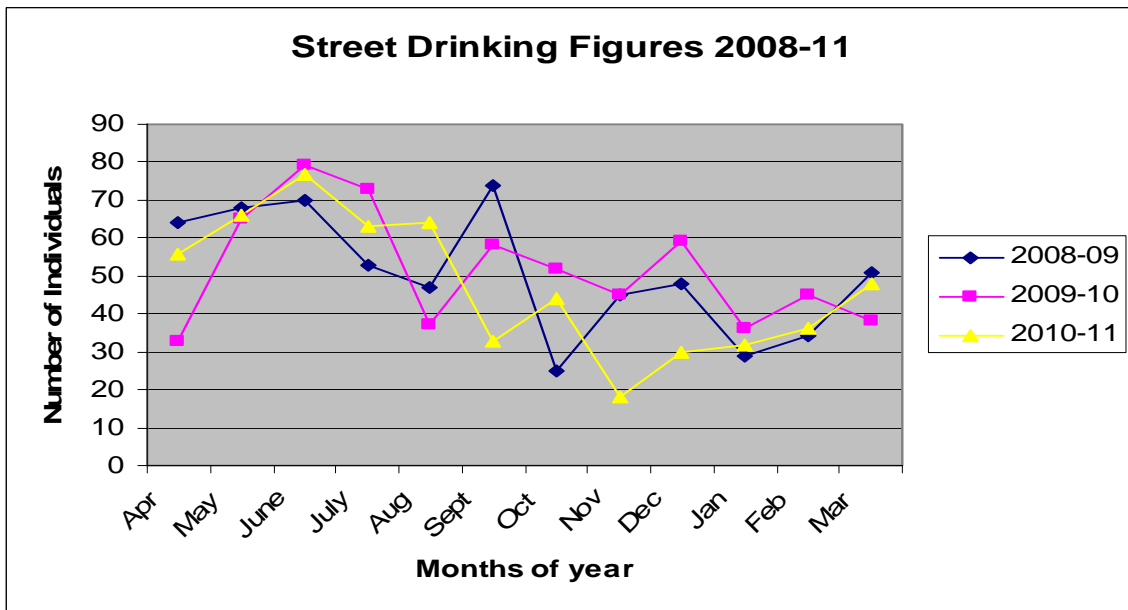
Council Meeting 20th October 2011

Cambridge Local Plan Review Timetable Summary

Stage	Timescale
Preparation & completion of evidence base; consultation with stakeholders.	March 2011-March 2012
Issues & Options Consultation	June 2012-July 2012
Draft Submission Plan Consultation	February 2013-March 2013
Submission stage	July 2013
Examination stage	November 2013
Adoption stage	Spring 2014

Motion to Council: 20 October 2011
Re: Street drinking and drug taking
Data on street drinking

Police incident data and street drinking counts suggest that the street drinking situation has remained relatively static for the past three years and shows a seasonal pattern, influenced by weather conditions and linked to difficulties experienced by homeless and ex homeless people at certain times of the year e.g. during the Christmas period. Although numbers of drinkers remain constant throughout the City, numbers fluctuate at different locations, if streetlife people are moved on from one location they congregate elsewhere.



Crime reduction initiative annual report 2010/11

Police incidents figures for the most active hours 7am to 7pm show a decrease in all ASB related street drinking incidents. Street drinking alone shows an increase of 3, when comparing 2011 and 2010.

Incidents (7am to 7pm)	2011	2010	+/-
Rowdy Behaviour.	264	287	-23
Violence	38	43	-5
Street Drinking	34	31	+3
Begging/Vagrancy	23	56	-33
All ASB Incidents	465	564	-99

Figures show numbers of streetlife people to be constant.

Lynda Kilkelly . Safer Communities Manager. October 2011.

Amendment to Motion 6a – proposed by Councillor Ward

The Council considers the draft National Planning Policy Framework ([NPPF](#)) and related Localism Bill changes to be a ~~dangerous~~ threat to the power of local councils, residents and local organisations to shape their own communities.

In particular, we ~~object to the proposed skewing in~~ consider that ambiguities between the draft framework and the 'presumption in favour of sustainable development', ~~and the risk that this Government direction will favour~~ give rise to a risk of sub-standard speculative developments in and around Cambridge.

The Council ~~asks the Chief Executive to write~~ notes that officers have written to both Cambridge MPs expressing our ~~opposition to the Government imposing this presumption,~~ objections to the draft NPPF as agreed by the Development Plan Steering Subcommittee, and to seek support from them and The Council requests the Executive Councillor for Planning and Sustainable Transport to work with South Cambridgeshire and Cambridgeshire County councils to prevent this national direction overriding local choice and local decisions.

Recognising that the best defence of the city's interest is in a robust, evidence based set of planning policies, the ~~The~~ Council also ~~supports the publication of~~ notes that it has in place a clear timetable for a well consulted and thorough update to the 2006 Cambridge Local Plan, developed in parallel with South Cambridgeshire's revised plan, with both identifying clear site selection criteria and new strategic sites for sufficient affordable housing, including to minimise any threat from speculative sub-standard sites, and reaffirms its NPPF consultation responses to the effect that there should be a clear transition arrangement to avoid any policy gap before the new plans come into effect.

Amendment to Motion 6b – proposed by Councillor Bick

Para 1: delete “and that is it a problem on the rise”

Paras 3-5: delete all and insert:

"the council notes that

(1) a report on the work to support individuals away from a street life based on substance abuse on the part of the Council and other statutory and voluntary agencies has been recently presented to both West-Central and East Area Committees and equally can be taken to South and North Area Committees if requested;

(2) subsequent to this report the crucial position of Alcohol Community Psychiatric Nurse within the Street Outreach team has been secured from the Council's current budget; a new pilot project on Chronic Exclusion has begun and a new daytime assessment facility at Jimmy's will soon be opened - both enabled by Council investment;

(3) although there have been encouraging reductions in rough sleeping, positive impact from our Reconnections Policy and with the engagement of drinkers in detox programmes, this work does not lend itself to quick fixes and much of it will only bear long term results if supported and maintained consistently and steadfastly;

(4) the Council has taken firm control of alcohol licensing, using the Cumulative Impact powers under the Licensing Act;

(5) while this remains a serious problem which the council and others must continue to prioritise, the evidence from the Police and the Street Outreach Team does not support alarmist statements that it is increasing in total across the city beyond established seasonal fluctuations;

(6) that the Police possess significant powers to protect the public which have recently been complemented by s27 of the Violent Crime & Disorder Act. And that these can be further extended by evidence-based requests to the council for dispersal orders under s30 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act, which we have always agreed in the past, but for which no requests have been received since January 2010;

(7) that care is needed to apply Police powers to behaviour which equates to the actual commission of offences (such as intimidation) - which should be addressed robustly - rather than to judgemental views of different lifestyles or appearances.

The council resolves:

(1) to continue our intensive and successful working at all levels with other agencies and specialist voluntary sector organisations, particularly the Police and the Street Outreach team, on the various aspects of this problem;

(2) to encourage the police to improve public reporting of incidents by increasing awareness of what constitutes an offence; and to consider reviews of licenses to sell alcohol where evidence supports and to work in closer collaboration with Licensing Authority;

(3) to call on members to take account of this issue in shaping neighbourhood policing priorities, the consideration of licensing applications and streetscape design; and to note the possibility that Safer City grants can assist residents' groups in securing hidden areas;

(4) to highlight the availability to ward councillors of the services of our Community Safety Team to facilitate multi-agency conferences on specific locations of concern.

(5) to supplement ongoing Area Committee monitoring of streetlife issues by considering biennial reviews of the streetlife issues at the Community Resources Scrutiny Committee starting from autumn 2012.

Amendment to Motion 6c – proposed by Councillor McGovern

DELETE

“The Council asks the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources” to end.

REPLACE with:

The Council notes the report that went to West Central Area Committee on 28th April, and the progress report due to go to the committee on 3rd November, which will report the work in hand by the council and with partners to limit touting including:

- Assessing the degree to which punt touting on King’s Parade is detrimental to the visitor/resident experience.
- Assessing whether the ownership of the land by Garrett Hostel Bridge, which is used for embarkation, can be identified.
- Exploring with the County Council about how they might use any powers of control they have as a highway authority
- Supporting the Cam Conservators in the development of new policies
- Developing new ticket sales policies through Visit Cambridge, linked to a new code of conduct
- Reviewing legal powers available to the Council to control touting

The Council warmly welcomes the Cam Conservators decision of the 29th September that persons seeking to register hire punts must meet the requirements of working from a suitable site, so that businesses operating from Garret Hostel Lane will not be granted a commercial license.