

## Appendix E

On the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011 a meeting was held with the Manager of the Grafton Centre, Grafton Security, City Council and Councillors to discuss the street drinking issues in the area surrounding the Grafton Centre. Evidence was provided in the form of email by local residents detailing the impact that the street drinking was having on their lives.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> November Cambridge City Council carried out a survey with both business leaders and residents within the Grafton area of the City. The survey shows the area is being affected by street drinking, drug taking and rough sleeping. The street drinking is causing residents and customers to feel intimidated due to the behaviour of some of those taking part. There are incidents of urinating, vomiting and defecating in public areas, dogs being left out of control and fighting. Many residents are reporting that the anti social behaviour is taking place on a daily basis.

The City Council have received feedback from a resident that wishes to remain anonymous. He has stated that his family is being constantly harassed in the area of Eden Chapel. Groups of up to 12 are behaving in a loud, drunk, aggressive and intimidating manner. Their lives are being made miserable leaving them constantly worried and stressed.

On 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011 a meeting was held with Cambridge City Council, Police, Cambridge Business Against Crime and a street trader whose business is being greatly affected by the ASB within the City. The trader is requesting that action is taken to curb the street drinking which has led to the harassment, alarm and distress of his customers and staff. The difficulties faced by the trader has received press coverage by both the Cambridge Evening news and on the local BBC website

A survey has been conducted with local businesses with the historic City. This took place the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011. 73% responded with feedback to support that daytime street drinkers are responsible for the anti social behaviour that takes place within the area. The majority claim that it is occurring on a daily basis and is impacting on their business or enjoyment of the City.

A Willow Walk Advisory Group meeting was held in Eden Chapel on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011. Residents living around Willow Walk attended the meeting. The residents spoke of the noise and anti social behaviour in the area being caused by street drinkers. These issues had previously been raised at the WWAG meeting that took place on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

Analysis has been carried out against the Command and Control Incidents over the 6 month period ending 31/01/2012

The matter has also been subject to the following action and updates under the direction of the Police Level 1 tasking plan –

- Daily tasking via DMM (daily management meeting)– feedback and detail regarding patrols from Response Officers is of variable quality.
- Here is snap shot of enforcement activities from NPT & PC Marc Thomas over the last few days which is recorded on action plan database. This illustrates the significant issues which remain endemic to the City environment. Very little of this is captured on CC3 and is self-generated via patrol work.

- 23/1 – Petty Cury – Officers attended to assist ambulance with two street drinkers. One with injuries which occurred due to inebriated state.
- 24/1 – Park St Car Park 2 people moved on from car park after complaints regarding intimidating begging.
- 24/1 – Midsummer Common Toilets – police assisted ambulance with male overdose.
- 25/1 – Fair St – 5 Street Drinkers moved on after complaints about their rowdy behaviour
- 25/1 – East Rd – Street Drinker arrested for shoplifting whilst drunk
- 26/1 – CCC Car Parks forwarded web feedback from member of the public regarding intimidating begging activity at Park St Car Park
- 26/1 – Sidney St - Street Drinker arrested for begging. Abusive towards arresting officer.
- 27/1 – email received by PC Thomas from Gonville & Caius regarding persistent and intimidating Streetlife activity in the Mortimer Rd area.
- 28/1 – from PC Marc Thomas “Woke 4 rough sleepers at rear of Parkside pool and spoke with a 5<sup>th</sup> who returned while officer still present. Accounts from those present indicate 12 people slept rough there overnight. Returned to the area of the swimming pool regarding the report of a fight, 2 people issues with s27 notices to disperse”.
- 29/1 – again from PC Thomas – moved a person from Petty Cury where he was sat next to cash machine. Sidney St/Market St –person reported for begging after complaints from Crepe man. Jordans Yard –person arrested for begging next to cash point machines. Given bail conditions not to go to Park St. Rose Crescent – arrested person for failing to comply with S27 – he was drunk and aggressive.
- Application by International Supermarket East Rd for alcohol licence refused by City Council on 23/1/2012 after police opposition due to negative impact this would have regarding Streetlife issues.
- S30 application formal consultation briefing document being prepared by Sgt Gadsby.
- City Council led meeting held 16/02/2012 to discuss pan-services impacts and general increase in rough sleeping linked to reduction of bed space.