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**TO EACH MEMBER OF THE
REGULATION COMMITTEE**

11 February 2011

Dear Councillor

REGULATION COMMITTEE - Wednesday 16 February 2011

Further to the Agenda and papers for the above meeting, previously circulated, please find attached the following additional report which the Chairman has agreed to take as an urgent item of business:-

13. Prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in designated public place - Sandy

The report proposes to inform the Regulation Committee of the progress made in the making of the Alcohol Designation Order to restrict anti-social drinking in public places in Sandy.

Should you have any queries regarding the above please contact Committee Services on Tel: 0300 300 4032.

Yours sincerely

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Meeting: Regulation Committee
Date: 16 February 2011
Subject: Prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in designated public place - Sandy
Report of: Director of Corporate Resources
Summary: The report proposes to inform the Regulation Committee of the progress made in the making of the Alcohol Designation Order to restrict anti-social drinking in public places in Sandy.

Contact Officer: John Seamarks, Community Safety Officer
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: Sandy
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

- Crime reduction and tackling anti-social behaviour
- To encourage community members to feel safe, at ease and free from crime in their homes and neighbourhoods.

Financial:

No direct financial implications, although there will be implication on the use of officer time to progress the matter.

Legal:

Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001
The Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2007

Risk Management:

None

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

To progress the matter will require Officer time, but there are no other staff implications

Consultation Undertaken

3. The area to be designated was agreed by the Panel Members following representations from the Town Council and the Police, and the first stage of consultation commenced. Letters were written to Licensees and Land Owners in the affected areas. In addition, consultation was also undertaken with the Highways Authority. This consultation has been completed and the responses are outlined below.
4. Subsequently, the second stage of consultation has been started, by publishing a notice in the newspaper circulating in the local area. The advertisement was published on the 12th December 2010 and a period of 28 days has elapsed to allow for the public to raise any questions or queries regarding the proposed Order.

Legislative Provisions

5. By virtue of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001, a Local Authority is permitted to designate areas as a designated public place.
6. In order to designate an area the Local Authority must be satisfied that nuisance, or annoyance to members of the public have taken place in that area, or that disorder has taken place in that area, and the nuisance, annoyance or disorder is associated with the consumption of alcohol in that place.
7. Should a public place be designated, the designation order provides the Police with the power to require a person or persons to cease drinking any alcohol and to ask them to surrender the alcohol. Failure to comply with either or both of these requirements would be an offence.

Responses to Consultation

8. The first stage of the consultation for the Sandy application ran from the 21st September 2010, to allow adequate time to respond. During this period no representations were received.
9. The second stage of the public consultation began on the 12th December 2010 with the publication of a notice in the Bedfordshire On Sunday Newspaper. The Consultation ended on the 7th January 2011 and no responses have been received.
10. The Town Councils have also been asked to display a copy of the consultation notice on their notices boards.
11. The Highways Authority has been informed and have no objections to the DPPO and they will be advised regarding signage to be placed in the area.
12. In light of there being no objections or proposed changes to the order then it can be recommended to Full Council for approval.

Conclusion

13. To approve the Order and identify a public place as a designated area, a local authority must be satisfied that nuisance or annoyance to members of the public or a section of the public, or disorder is associated with the consumption of alcohol in that place.
14. The panel set up to consider the applications has been satisfied that nuisance, annoyance or disorder to members of the public has been present in the defined areas and is associated with the consumption of alcohol in those areas.
15. It is recommended that the Committee approve to Full Council the making of the Order

Appendices:

Appendix A – Proposed Alcohol Designation Order and Plans

Background Papers: (open to public inspection)

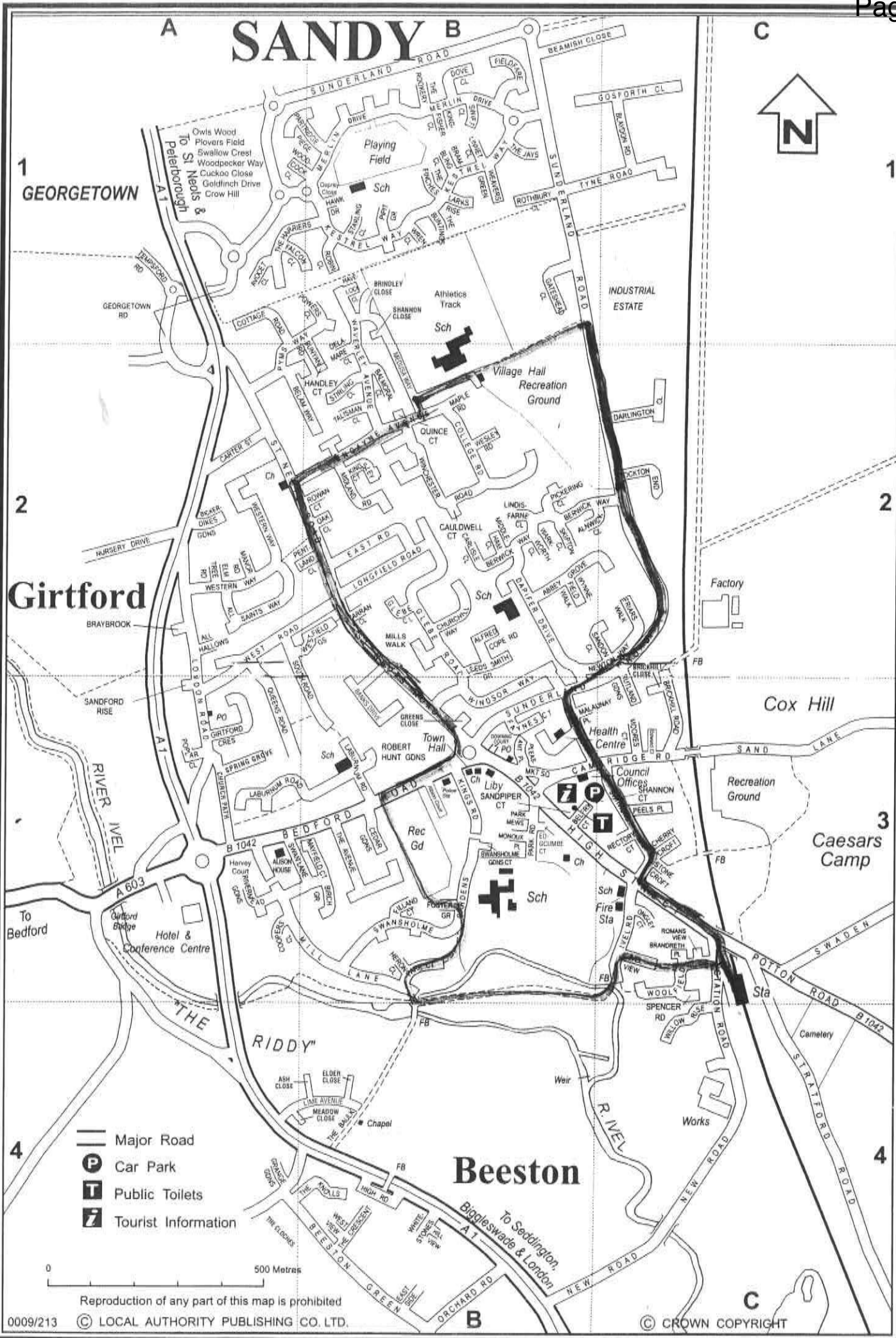
Plan and Schedule of proposed area for designation.

Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001

Home Office Letter of Guidance

The Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2007

Location of papers: Priory House, Chicksands



- Major Road
- Car Park
- Public Toilets
- Tourist Information

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