

**WEST AREA JOINT COMMITTEE:**

**DATE: 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

**Subject: Proposal to designate part of Alcester as a public place where the consumption of alcohol is restricted.**

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### **Summary**

The purpose of the report is to request the Committee to make an Order under Section 13 (2) of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 in respect of a defined area of the centre of Alcester. The effect of the Order will be to give powers to the Police to restrict the consumption of alcohol by individuals within the Designated Area.

### **Recommendation**

**That the West Joint Committee, acting under powers delegated to it, makes an Order under Section 13 (2) of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 in respect of an area of the centre of Alcester defined on the map which forms an appendix to this report, to become effective from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009.**

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## **1 Background/Information**

- 1.1 The former Arden Area Committee has previously considered reports outlining the powers available under the Criminal Justice and Police Act to restrict the consumption of alcohol in public places.
- 1.2 Members felt that designation of part of Alcester would be an appropriate action to assist the multi-agency response to incidents of alcohol related disorder in the town.
- 1.3 The power to make such an Order which rested with full Council at the time of the previous report has subsequently been delegated to the Area Committee.
- 1.4 Additionally, a change in legislation introduced a complex consultation process. Responses to the consultation received so far have been overwhelmingly in favour of the Order. Specifically, the Police have confirmed that they view the additional powers available as essential in addressing alcohol related incidents. Both elected representatives and the Town Council have indicated full support.

1.5 The map which forms an appendix to this report defines a proposed boundary which reflects the discussion at previous Committee meetings and has been circulated for consultation.

1.6 Should the Committee make the Order there is a statutory 28 day period of notification before it comes into effect. Members will be aware that suitable signage will also be erected to advise of the extent of the Designated Area.

## **2 Options available to the Committee**

2.1 The Committee may wish to approve the Order; any amendment e.g. to the extent of the suggested designated area will be subject to further consultation.

## **3 Implications of the proposal**

### **3.1 *Legal/Human Rights Implications***

3.1.1 Covered fully in previous report.

### **3.2 *Financial***

3.2.1 Covered fully in previous report.

### **3.3 *Environmental***

3.3.1 Covered fully in previous report.

### **3.4 *Corporate Strategy***

3.4.1 Covered fully in previous report.

### **4.5 *Equality Impact Assessment***

4.5.1 Covered fully in previous report.

## **4 Risk assessment**

4.1 Covered fully in previous report.

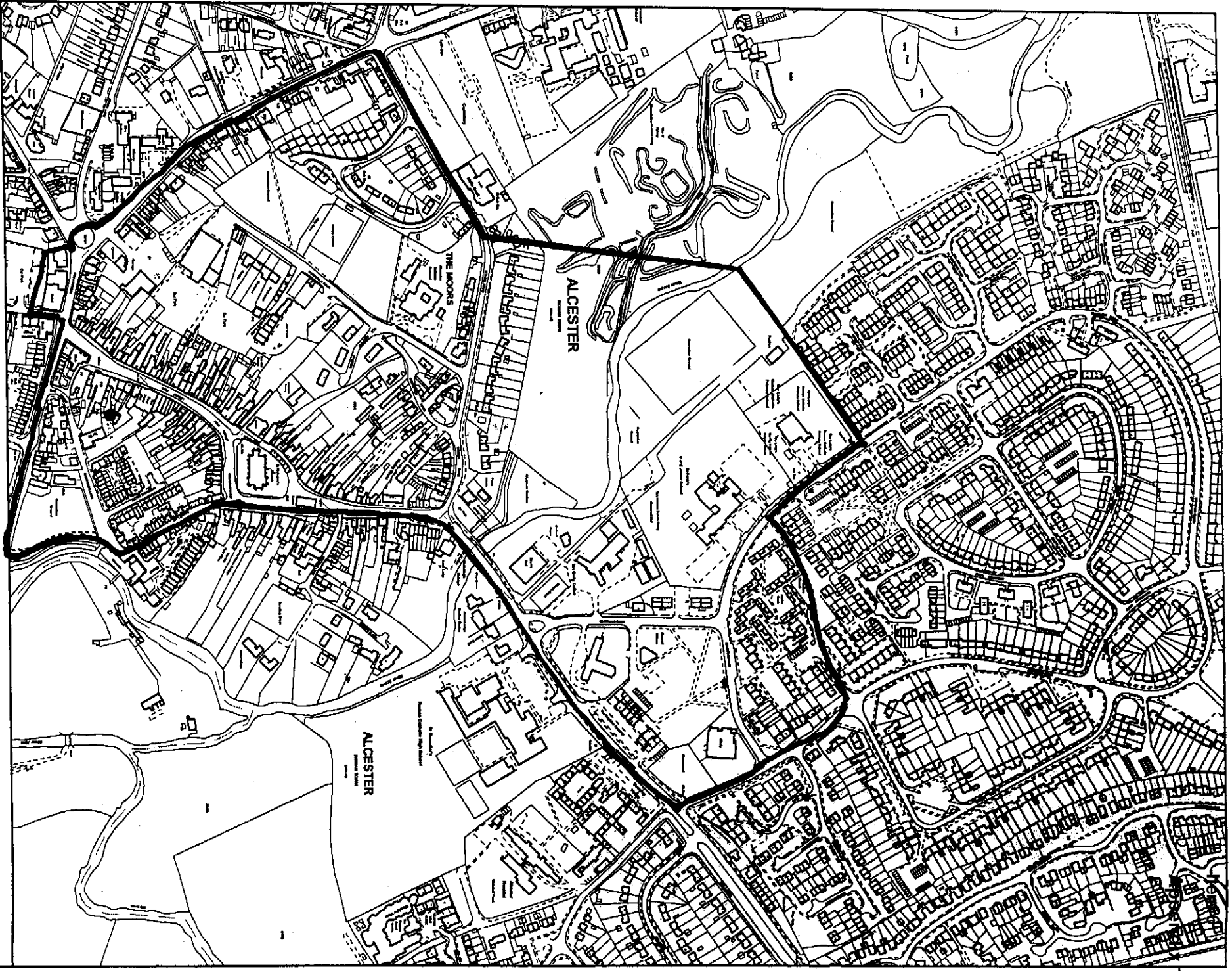
## **5 Conclusion**

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*Proposed boundary of Resignated Public Place - Alcester Parks,  
August 2008.*



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