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Corinne Mason
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Dear Corinne

Re: PCSO Consultation, Wyre Council

In response to the consultation for the public space Protection Order for Wyre, I submit the following from Wyre Neighbourhood Policing on behalf of Lancashire Constabulary.

The PSPO gives Police greater tactical options to prevent, and deter alcohol related anti-social behaviour. Powers conferred, enable officers to seize alcohol which is the most effective tactic in most situations. The threat of having alcohol seized is highly effective in deterring this form of ASB and I believe this is as a direct result of the PSPO being in place. Visible signage provides reassurance for communities and our ability to raise awareness of a PSPO ahead of events or in response to ASB promotes public trust.

My officers regularly use the PSPO powers, but I accept there are difficulties recording success. Prevention is difficult to measure, although I'm sure that relatively low ASB reports in Wyre is result of the PSPO being in place.

The PSPO is used by officers on various planned operations such as Nightsafe (weekly operation Policing the nighttime economy), Fleetwood Festival of Transport (Tram Sunday), and more recently, The Fleetwood Fireworks Extravaganza. Officers also use PSPO powers at spontaneous deployments to reports of ASB, in key areas such as Poulton Town Centre, Cleveleys Jubilee Park and Bus Station, Fleetwood Marine Hall and The Mount, preventing harm and alcohol related ASB.

The Community Safety Partnership successful formed a Community Alcohol Partnership for Fleetwood. It is my view that the PSPO has contributed to this success. Police not only use the powers proactively, but also raise awareness in

schools, colleges, and youth groups, preventing young people from committing alcohol related ASB. I would like to see the CAP extended to other areas of Wyre and the PSPO remaining in place is key to making this work.

I have considered the need to extend the PSPO and I believe the maps for Thornton, Cleveleys, Fleetwood, Poulton and Garstang cover the hotspot areas. A PSPO is reasonable and proportionate in these areas and I would not recommend extending.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. J. Wyatt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'M' and 'W'.

Martin Wyatt
Inspector