# **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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	LICENSING COMMITTEE	
	Tuesday March 17 2009 at 7.00pm to be held at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB	
	SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA NO.1	
1.	Observations by The Metropolitan Police on each of the seven areas currently being monitored by this authority for saturation.	1
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	Dated: March 13 2009	

### **SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA NO.1**

### Camberwell

In comparison with the other areas, the number of public houses and wine bars in Camberwell is over twice the amount in the other areas. This area also has the highest number of other premises where alcohol is available for purchase and consumption, such as restaurants and supermarkets. All of this ensures that the opportunity to purchase alcohol is greater in this area than in the other two. A review of analytical data shows that whilst there has been a general reduction in VAP and Disorder/rowdiness, the last quarter results show an increase in these types of incidents as well as an increase in Ambulance related calls. Taking into account the possibility of seasonal variations, the fact that there has been an increase indicates the need for continued monitoring and action. The Commissioner would therefore request that the saturation policy for the Camberwell area be continued.

### **Peckham**

Peckham has the highest number of nightclubs in comparison to the other two areas, but significantly lower numbers of restaurants and public houses/wine bars. Analysis clearly shows that the Peckham area, whilst having fewer incidents than the Camberwell area and generally achieving reductions overall has shown an increase in not only the level of Disorder, but also the level of Serious Wounding and assaults during the last quarter. This remains a concern and therefore the Commissioner of Police would request a continuation of the saturation policy for the Peckham area.

# Borough and Bankside

Borough and Bankside is a compact and cosmopolitan area with one of the highest levels of footfall in London. This area comprises a number of iconic sites and has a high level of On licensed premises. Due to this fact the level of reported incidents would have a greater impact upon a greater number of the public including both the local community and visitors/tourist. This therefore could adversely affect not only their perception of this area but the Borough as a whole. The analytical data clearly shows an escalating picture of VAP and CAD over the last three quarters and the second highest level of Disorder (behind Camberwell). As a result the Commissioner of Police would request consideration as to the implementation of a saturation policy for this area.

# **Shad Thames**

Although this area has a greater number of restaurants than Peckham, the number is lower than in Camberwell. It also has fewer public houses and no supermarket. The level of offending in this area is significantly less than the other two areas and has historically been relatively low. In light of this, the Commissioner of Police advises that the introduction of a saturation policy in the Shad Thames area is <u>not</u> supported.

# **Elephant and Castle**

The Elephant and Castle is a major Transport hub and arterial route. Historically this area has been one of the busiest areas in the Borough. However, this area has seen a dramatic reduction in the level VAP during the last quarter and a consistent reduction in Disorder/Rowdiness since December 2005. Recognising that the VAP reduction may be seasonal, The Commissioner of Police would request a period of further review and consultation prior to need for consideration for a saturation policy in this area.

# **Old Kent Road**

The Old Kent Road comprises a mixture of Restaurants, Off License premises and Night Clubs. In reviewing the analysis, the Old Kent Road produces 7% of VAP offences for the BOCU and is placed 4<sup>th</sup> in terms of the level of both Disorder and CAD calls received. Due to the Old Kent Road being a main Arterial route through South London, the level of incidents as indicated would be comparable with other Arterial routes with less licensed premises. There are more recognised seasonal variations in the volume of offences but these are consistent with the Historical picture of this location. The Commissioner of Police therefore advises that the introduction of a saturation policy in the Old Kent Road area is delayed to allow for a period of further monitoring and consultation to be carried out.

# Herne Hill

In Policing terms and in comparison with other areas on the Borough, Herne Hill is an area of low risk. During the last quarter, No offences of physical violence were reported and only three VAP offences were recorded (two of which were Police generated through the use of Stop and Search) and there were also no incidents of Disorder or rowdiness reported. The Commissioner makes no requests in respect of this area.

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