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LOCAL COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION PAPER

REVIEW OF ALCOHOL RESTRICTIONS

Background

Alcohol-Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas are required by the NSW Police to assist in the management of irresponsible alcohol consumption and public safety. The Ashfield Local Area Command has identified several locations to be established as Alcohol-Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas within the former Ashfield Local Government Area.

Alcohol restrictions aim to prevent anti-social behaviour by prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in public spaces.

- Alcohol-Free Zones - apply to streets.
- Alcohol Prohibited Areas - apply to parks and other public spaces.

People found drinking in an Alcohol-Free Zone or Alcohol Prohibited Area can have their alcohol confiscated by police. Fines can be enforced by police for non-compliance and obstruction under Section 660 and Section 632A(4) of the Local Government Act 1993.

In order to establish these proposed locations as Alcohol-Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas, Council is required to undertake community consultation to seek the views of local residents in relation to this intention. The proposed locations are listed below:

Alcohol-Free Zones (4 years duration 24 hours 7 days per week)

Chessell Lane, Ashfield
Fox's Lane, Ashfield
Hercules Street, Ashfield
Summer Hill Car Park
Summer Hill Fountain
The Esplanade, Ashfield
Directly outside the Exodus Foundation on Liverpool Road, Ashfield
Directly outside the Catholic Club on Station Street, Ashfield (including from the intersection of Elizabeth and Charlotte Streets)

Alcohol Prohibited Areas (4 years duration)

Bill Peters Reserve	24 hours 7 days per week
Darrell Jackson Park	24 hours 7 days per week
Allman Park	6pm to 6am
Ashfield Park	6pm to 6am
Centenary Park	6pm to 6am
Hammond Park	6pm to 6am
Pratten Park	6pm to 6am
Yeo Park	6pm to 6am



Public Consultation

Council is required to undertake public consultation to seek the views of interested parties in relation to this intention. Public consultation undertaken in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, State Government Guidelines for Alcohol-Free Zones (February 2009) and C10-33 Local Government Amendment (Confiscation of Alcohol) Act 2010 for Alcohol Prohibited Areas, for a period of 30 days from the date of publication.

Have your say

Council is seeking feedback on this proposal from interested residents and other stakeholders.

You can give your feedback by:

Direct link to Website: www.yoursayinnerwest.com.au

Emailing Council at: info@ashfield.nsw.gov.au

Writing to Council at: PO Box 1145 Ashfield NSW 1800

The closing date for feedback is Friday, 23 September 2016

The feedback received by the due date will be collated and considered by the Interim General Manager.

Please note that submissions received on this matter may be published in the Council Business Paper.

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