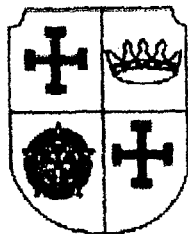


WHITTLE-LE-WOODS  
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16<sup>th</sup> September 2005

Dear Ms Lyon,

**Re: Designated Public Non Drinking Place**

The village of Whittle-le-Woods has a problem with people drinking in public places; this results in antisocial behaviour which causes a nuisance to residents and often leaves others to collect and clean up the debris left.

After consultation with the local police, the Parish Council requests that Borough Council designates certain areas a Designated Non Drinking Public Place, so that the police have additional powers to deal with the problem.

The area which causes most concern is the Mill Stones/canal Basin, Chorley Old Road, Moss Bridge (by the Duke of York) and the nature trail –which runs along the canal from Moss Bridge to Hill Top Lane. This area is plagued by drinking problems caused by youths, it is adjacent to a well used children's play area and is the surrounded by housing.

I thank you in anticipation of your co-operation with this matter, and look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Yours sincerely,

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Angela Turner  
Clerk to the Council

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**Councillor Mark Perks B Ed (Hons)**  
**Conservative Councillor for Astley and Buckshaw Ward**

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Chief Executive  
Chorley Borough Council  
Town Hall  
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4<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

Dear Sir,

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**Re : Sections 12 to 16 Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 – Request for Designation Order Astley Village Shopping and Subway Area.**

Following advice from the Legal section at Chorley Borough Council I hereby make a formal request for a Designation Order under sections 12 to 16 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001.

Claire Hallwood advises that this formal request needs to be presented to the General Purposes Committee of the Borough Council for consideration. I attach my original email and subsequent ones regarding my concerns and the support of Chorley Police on this matter. As they are the public body who would have to enforce this Designation Order.

My request is based on the increasing number of incidents in the village centre, since the Dispersal Notice ceased on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005, as a result of the consumption of alcohol in public spaces in the Astley Village shopping area.

Since June 2005 an increasing numbers of young people and adults have begun drinking alcohol in the area immediately around the shops and subway in Astley Village. Numbers of young people have varied but at times over 30 have been recorded on CCTV footage, coupled with this drinking in the public spaces has come a variety of public disturbances caused by drinking.

Whilst police visits have resulted in drink being confiscated from under age drinkers a disturbing feature has been the number of adults 18 years plus drinking in the centre during the day and evening. These adults have been influencing and attracting a growing following in the village and also from surrounding areas.

Neighbourhood Wardens have been increasingly called upon to remove the large numbers of beer cans and bottles following the drinking sessions. Photographic evidence of dumped beer cans and bottles around this area has started to be collected by the Parish Council.

Incidents of anti-social behaviour have risen as a result of the gathered youths and adults drinking at this venue. Unfortunately incidents of violence and intimidation have also increased along side the anti-social behaviour. All this recently led to a series of serious incidents over two weekends and a Tuesday evening, this involved damage to property and an act of violent disorder.



Nor has all the damaged been confined to Astley Village recently there has been numerous incidents of vandalism carried out on Chorley Borough Council property at Astley Village Community Centre ( two large windows smashed ) Astley Hall ( over 40 windows smashed ) Astley Park bowling and tennis pavilion (arson attack).

I would duly request therefore that Chorley Borough Council under the powers granted to it under the Criminal and Justice Police Act 2001, permit a Designation Order for the area immediately around the shopping area, community centre and subway in Astley Village.

Many thanks

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Yours faithfully,  
Councillor Mark Perks  
Astley & Buckshaw Ward  
Chorley Borough Council.