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All of Birmingham Should be an *Alcohol Restricted Zone*



Councillor Neville Summerfield and Councillor Nigel Dawkins (Conservative Parliamentary Spokesman for Selly Oak Constituency) have called upon the City Council's Licensing Committee to designate ALL of Birmingham an Alcohol Restricted Zone.

An Alcohol Restricted Zone (ARZ) will allow West Midlands Police to stop individuals who choose to drink in public and to confiscate their alcohol. If a drinker fails to cooperate with our Police he or she can be arrested. It is a useful weapon in the armoury of our Police in their fight against unruly behaviour and public disorder on the streets of our community. Making Birmingham a unified ARZ would send out a clear message to the anti-social minority amongst us that binge-drinking and loutish behaviour will not be tolerated. Cllr. Summerfield is well aware of residents' concerns regarding an unwelcome element of offensive behaviour in some parts of our neighbourhood such as Sunderton Road and Woodthorpe Road and some localities on the Druids Heath Estate. Cllr Summerfield believes that such behaviour is unacceptable and the Police must have the powers to put a stop to it.