

<b>Committee(s):</b>  Police Authority Board – For Information Policy and Resources Committee – For Decision	<b>Dated:</b>  12/12/2022 15/12/2022
<b>Subject:</b> Renewal of the London Marathon Public Spaces Protection Order	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	1,12
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Simon Cribbens – Assistant Director, Department of Community and Children's Services	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Report author:</b> Valeria Cadena – Community Safety Manager, Department of Community and Children's Services	

### Summary

This report seeks the support of Members to renew the current London Marathon Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) which expires in March 2023. It has effectively mitigated anti-social behaviour and violent disorder previously experienced with certain sections of the race route through the City of London.

Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 provides local authorities with the power to make Public Spaces Protection Orders. PSPOs are intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a specific area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life, by imposing certain conditions or prohibitions.

The current PSPO has been active since March 2020. It has been pivotal in preventing and reducing crime and disorder during the London Marathon. It has been so effective that we haven't experienced any problems of the nature we had to endure before March 2020. It is proposed that the City of London Corporation renew the PSPO for another 3 years before its expiration.

If Members support the renewal, the formal order will be drafted and put to the Court of Common Council for final agreement.

### Recommendation(s)

Members of Policy and Resources are asked:

- to support the renewal of the PSPO – extending it for three further years - so a formal order can be drafted and presented to the Court for approval

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

1. The London Marathon is part of the World Marathon Majors. The event takes place in spring every year and part of the route is through the City of London. Problems with visitors during the day of the event were a serious problem for several years in the locality of the Marathon route. The primary issue was related to large groups of young adults consuming alcohol and drugs, particularly nitrous oxide, while the London Marathon was taking place. This contributed to considerable Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) and violent disorder.
2. Despite the preparation and work of the City police and the City Corporation in 2019 as the day progressed, the atmosphere at the London Marathon became increasingly hostile and eventually resulted in arrests for violent disorder, grievous bodily harm and possession of class A drugs. While assisting in an arrest one of the Police horses fell, trapping the mounted officer under the horse, and resulting in the officer receiving a broken ankle.
3. Public Order Officers assigned to the event, who are used to dealing with high levels of disorder, were taken aback with the level of disorder and how quickly the situation escalated. Despite having 20 Public Order Officers available in the area, another 40 officers were required to deal with the problems. In total over 100 City of London Police Officers were deployed to this relatively small geographical area to contain the situation.
4. In response to the recurrent issues of anti-social behaviour and serious violent public disorder in 2019 and previous years on the 5 March 2020, the City of London Court of Common Council ratified the City of London Marathon PSPO<sup>1</sup>.
5. The PSPO granted the City of London Police additional powers to prevent public drinking in specific areas, by refusing entry to designated areas to those carrying alcohol or nitrous oxide, or by confiscation of these by those within the area. Those persons contravening the PSPO could be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of £100.

### **Current Position**

6. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the PSPO was not deployed until the October 2021, when the London Marathon returned to its usual route through the City of London.

---

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix 1

7. During the October 2021 and October 2022 races, no FPNs were issued, and no arrests were made by the City of London Police during both events in comparison to the seven arrests made in 2019.
8. The PSPO has proved invaluable in reducing antisocial behaviour and public disorder during the London Marathon. The PSPO is advertised on the City Corporation's website and social media ahead of the Marathon race to raise public awareness of the prohibitions during the day. Businesses and licensed premises are also informed of the consequences of excessive alcohol consumption and the extended police powers on the day of the Marathon. This has translated in no further serious issues during the day.
9. Section 60 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, stipulates that a PSPO is valid for up to 3 years. Therefore, the current London Marathon PSPO will remain valid until March 2023. However, the PSPO will not cover the next race which is due to occur on the 23 April 2023.
10. There are serious concerns held by partners, that without extending the London Marathon PSPO and the powers associated with the order, the ASB and disorder previously experienced before its implementation will return, causing significant reputational and corporate damage.
11. Before the time when a PSPO is due to expire, the Corporation (i.e. the local authority) may extend the order period for which it has effect if satisfied on reasonable grounds that doing so is necessary to prevent the occurrence or recurrence after that time of the activities identified in the original order.

## **Consultation**

12. The current proposal for the extension of the PSPO beyond March 2023 is supported by the Corporation's Highways and Public Protection teams, the City of London Police, Bronze Group for the London Marathon and the Safer City Partnership (the Community Safety Partnership for the City of London)
13. A public consultation for feedback on the proposed renewal of the PSPO was open in the City of London Corporation Website for 4 weeks between October and November 2022, through which there were no objections expressed.

## **Proposal**

14. It is proposed that the PSPOS is renewed for a further three years. If Policy and Resources Committee support this approach the formal order will be place before the Court of Common Council for approval.

## **Conclusion**

15. An extension of the current London Marathon PSPO for a further 3 years would demonstrate that the Corporation continues to work in partnership and take steps to safeguard the public from antisocial behaviour and public

disorder, protect this important global event and make the most effective use of Police resources.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Public Space Protection Order
- Appendix 2 – Statement by City of London Police Bronze commander
- Appendix 3 – City of London Police debrief London Marathon 2022

## **Background Papers**

16. Seeking a Public Space Protection Order – London Marathon Related Disorder. Policy and Resources Committee on 21 November 2019.

### **Valeria Cadena**

Community Safety Manager

E: [Valeria.Cadena@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:Valeria.Cadena@cityoflondon.gov.uk)



## **COMPTROLLER & CITY SOLICITOR**

**CITY OF LONDON  
LONDON MARATHON  
PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION  
ORDER**

## **SECTION 59 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND POLICING ACT 2014**

### **PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER**

The Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London ("the City") being satisfied that the conditions as set out in section 59(2) and (3) of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act") are met hereby makes the following order :

1. This order shall be cited as "The City of London , London Marathon, Public Space Protection Order"
2. This order shall come into force on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and shall remain in place for a period of three years unless extended by further orders.
3. The prohibitions contained in this order shall only apply between the hours of 00.01 to 23.59 on the day of the London Marathon.
4. This order applies to the streets, highways and public spaces detailed in Schedule 1 to this Order and shown delineated by a red line on the plan contained in Schedule 2 to this order hereinafter referred to as "the Designated Area".
5. Prohibitions
  - i) No person shall act (either individually or in a group of two or more people) in a manner likely to cause nuisance, harassment, alarm or distress in the Designated Area. Any person instructed by a constable or authorised person to leave the designated area must leave without delay and shall not return to the designated area for a period of 12 hours.
  - ii) Persons shall not within the Designated Area :
    - (a) continue to consume alcohol when required to stop by a constable or an authorised person, or

(b) fail to surrender any alcohol in their possession when required to do so by a constable or an authorised person

(iii) Persons shall not within the Designated Area :

(a) continue to ingest, inhale, inject smoke or otherwise use psychoactive substances when required to stop by a constable or an authorised person, or

(b) fail to surrender any psychoactive substance in their possession when required to do so by a constable or an authorised person

A "psychoactive substance" is defined as "a substance with the capacity to stimulate or depress the central nervous system" and, for the purposes of this Order, is deemed to include nitrous oxide.

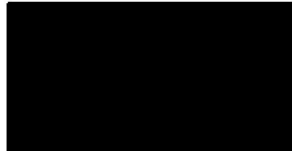
6. An "authorised person" means a person authorised by the City for the purposes of s of Part 4, Chapter 2 of the Act
7. Any person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with the prohibitions set out in paragraph 5 above commits an offence.
8. Any person guilty of an offence under paragraphs 5(i) and (iii) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Level 3\* on the Standard Scale.
9. Any person guilty of an offence under paragraph 5(ii) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Level 2\*\* on the Standard Scale.
10. A constable or authorised person may issue a fixed penalty notice ("FPN") to any person believed to have committed an offence under paragraph 5. A person issued with a FPN will have 14 days to pay the fixed penalty of £100.00. Failure to pay the FPN may result in prosecution for the offence.
11. In accordance with the provisions of section 66 of the Act, any challenge to this Order must be made in the High Court by an interested person within 6 weeks of it being made. An interested person is someone who lives in, regularly works in, or visits the Designated Area. This means that only those who are directly affected by the restrictions have the right to challenge.

Interested persons can challenge the Order on two grounds; (1) that the City did not have the power to make the Order or to include particular prohibitions or requirements; or (2) that one of the requirements of the legislation, for instance consultation, has not been complied with.

Where an application is made, the High Court can decide to suspend the operation of the Order pending the Court's decision, in part or in whole. The High Court can uphold, quash, or vary the Order.

Dated 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE MAYOR AND  
COMMONALTY AND CITIZENS  
OF THE CITY OF LONDON was hereunto  
affixed in the presence of:-



**Assistant City Solicitor**

\* - Currently up to £1,000

\*\* - Currently up to £500

**Schedule 1 to the City of London Marathon Public Space Protection Order**

**Streets and Highways Wholly or Partly Within the Designated Area as defined by the red boundary line on the map contained in Schedule 2 to this Order**

A10  
A3  
A300  
A3211  
Allhallows Lane  
America Square  
Angel Lane  
Arthur Street  
Bakers Hall Court  
Bell Wharf Lane  
Bennet's Hill  
Blackfriars Bridge  
Blackfriars Passage  
Blackfriars Underpass  
Booth Lane  
Botolph Alley  
Botolph Lane  
Brabant Court  
Bridge Over Upper Thames Street  
Broken Wharf  
Bull Wharf Walk  
Bush Lane  
Byward Street  
Cannon Street  
Carlisle Avenue  
Castle Baynard Street  
City Walkway - Bell Wharf Lane To  
Riverside Walkway  
City Walkway - Grant's Quay Wharf To  
Lower Thames Street  
City Walkway - Monument Station  
City Walkway - Paul's Walk To Blackfriars  
Station  
City Walkway - Queenhithe To Huggin Hill  
City Walkway - Stairway To Swan Lane  
City Walkway - Upper Thames Street To  
King William Street  
City Walkway - Upper Thames Street To  
Laurence Poutney Hill

Cloak Lane  
College Hill  
College Street  
Cooper's Row  
Cousin Lane  
Crescent  
Cross Lane  
Crosswall  
Crutched Friars  
Custom House Steps East  
Custom House Walk  
Dark House Walk  
Doby Court  
Dowgate Hill  
Dunster Court  
Eastcheap  
Fenchurch Place  
Fenchurch Street  
Fish Street Hill  
Fish Wharf  
Fishmongers' Hall Wharf  
Fowkes' Buildings  
French Ordinary Court  
Fruiterers Passage  
Fye Foot Lane  
Gardners Lane  
Garlick Hill  
Gloucester Court  
Gophir Lane  
Gracechurch Street  
Grant's Quay Wharf  
Great St Thomas Apostle  
Great Tower Street  
Great Trinity Lane  
Hammett Street  
Hanseatic Walk  
Harp Lane  
Hart Street  
High Timber Street  
Huggin Court  
Huggin Hill  
Idol Lane  
India Street  
Jewry Street  
Kennett Wharf Lane  
Lambeth Hill

Laurence Pountney Hill  
Laurence Pountney Lane  
Little College Lane  
Little Trinity Lane  
Lloyd's Avenue  
London Bridge  
London Street  
Lovat Lane  
Lower Thames Street  
Mark Lane  
Martin Lane  
Millennium Bridge  
Millennium Bridge House Access Road  
Mincing Lane  
Miniver Place  
Minories  
Minster Court

Minster Pavement  
Monument Street  
Muscovy Street  
New London Street  
Newcastle Court  
Northumberland Alley  
Old Billingsgate Walk  
Old Watermen's Walk  
Oystergate Walk  
Passageway Between Fishmongers Hall  
Wharf And Fish Wharf  
Paul's Walk  
Pepys Street  
Peter's Hill  
Petty Wales  
Philpot Lane  
Plantation Lane  
Pudding Lane  
Puddle Dock  
Queen Street  
Queen Street Place  
Queen Victoria Street  
Queenhithe  
Rangoon Street  
Rood Lane  
Saracen's Head Yard  
Savage Gardens

Scott's Yard  
 Seething Lane  
 Skinners Lane  
 Sky Garden Walk  
 Southwark Bridge  
 St Benet's Place  
 St Dunstan's Alley  
 St Dunstan's Hill  
 St Dunstan's Lane  
 St George's Lane  
 St Katherine's Row  
 St Mary At Hill  
 Star Alley  
 Steelyard Passage  
 Stew Lane  
 Suffolk Lane  
 Sugar Quay Walk  
 Sunlight Wharf  
 Swan Lane  
 Talbot Court  
 Three Barrels Walk  
 Three Cranes Walk  
 Three Quays Walk  
 Tower Hill  
 Tower Place  
 Trig Lane  
 Trinity Square  
 Upper Thames Street  
 Victoria Embankment  
 Victoria Embankment Slip Road (n)  
 Victoria Embankment Slip Road (s)  
 Vine Street  
 Vintner's Court  
 Walbrook Wharf  
 Water Lane  
 White Lion Hill

#### **Open Spaces Within the Designated Area**

Senator House	Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London
Tower Hill Gardens	Tower Hill Garden, Tower Hill, London

Riverside Walk - Paul's Walk

City of London School for  
Boys - Front Entrance  
City of London School for  
Boys - Bennet's Hill

Queen Street Shrub Bed  
Eastcheap - St. Margaret  
Pattens  
Riverside Walk - Dark House  
Walk  
America Square  
Queen Street / Cannon  
Street  
America Square  
Queen Street / Cannon  
Street  
Riverside Walk - Dark House  
Walk

Little Trinity Lane

Mark Lane - All Hallows  
Staining Churchyard  
Tower Place

Byward Street  
College Hill - Newcastle  
Court

All Hallows-by-the-Tower

The Temple - Inner Temple

Great Tower Street

White Lion - Baynard House

White Lion - Baynard House

Cleary Gardens  
Mincing Lane - Dunster  
Court  
Tower Hill Gardens

From White Lion Hill to Millennium Bridge,  
London

From White Lion Hill To Millennium Bridge,  
Paul's Walk, London

Public Open Space, The Guild Church of St  
Benet Paul's Wharf, Bennet's Hill, London

From Cannon Street To Queen Victoria  
Street, Queen Street, London

Church Forecourt, The Guild Church of St  
Margaret Pattens, Eastcheap, London

Dark House Walk, London

America Square, London

From Cannon Street To Queen Victoria  
Street, Queen Street, London

America Square, London

From Cannon Street To Queen Victoria  
Street, Queen Street, London

Dark House Walk, London

Open Space Outside St James Garlickhythe,  
Garlick Hill, London

Old Burial Ground All Hallows, Mark Lane,  
London

Tower Place, London

From Great Tower Street To Seething Lane,  
Byward Street, London

Newcastle Court, London

All Hallows Church Gardens, Byward Street,  
London

Inner Temple Gardens, Crown Office Row,  
Inner Temple, London

From Mincing Lane To Byward Street, Great  
Tower Street, London

Open Space, Baynard House, Queen Victoria  
Street, London

Open Space, Baynard House, Queen Victoria  
Street, London

Cleary Gardens, Queen Victoria Street,  
London

Dunster Court, London

Tower Hill Garden, Tower Hill, London

Mincing Lane - Minster  
Court

St. Mary Somerset -  
Churchyard

St. Mary-at-Hill

St. Magnus-the-Martyr

St. Dunstan-in-the-East  
Churchyard

Lower Thames Street - Fish  
Wharf Garden

Lower Thames Street  
Fowkes' Buildings  
20 Fenchurch Street Pocket  
Park

Riverside Walk - Dark House  
Walk

Riverside Walk - Grant's  
Quay Wharf

Sugar Quay Walk

Riverside Walk - Old  
Billingsgate Walk

St. Benet's Church  
Fenchurch Street - St.  
Katherine Coleman CY

Riverside Walk - Paul's Walk  
Riverside Walk - Victoria  
Embankment

Victoria Embankment

Victoria Embankment  
Riverside Walk - Three  
Cranes Walk

Riverside Walk - Walbrook  
Wharf

Riverside Walk - Hanseatic  
Walk

Riverside Walk -

Fishmongers' Hall Wharf

Riverside Walk - Pas btw  
F'mongers Hall & Fish Whf  
Riverside Walk - Fish Wharf

Minster Court, London

St Mary Somerset Garden, Upper Thames  
Street, London

St Mary At Hill Churchyard, St Mary At Hill,  
London

Churchyard, The Parish Church of St Magnus

The Martyr, Lower Thames Street London

St Dunstan In The East Church Gardens, St  
Dunstan's Hill, London

Public Garden Fish Wharf, London

Open Space At Junction With Byward Street,

Lower Thames Street, London

Fowkes' Buildings, London

Sky Garden Walk, London

Dark House Walk, London

Grant's Quay Wharf, London

Sugar Quay Walk, London

From Dark House Walk To Custom House  
Walk, Old Billingsgate Walk, London

Public Open Space, The Guild Church of St  
Benet Paul's Wharf, Bennet's Hill, London

St Katherine Coleman Churchyard,  
Fenchurch Street, London

From Victoria Embankment To Blackfriars  
Bridge, Paul's Walk, London

From Middle Temple Lane To City Boundary,  
Victoria Embankment, London

Planter Bed South of Unilever House,  
Victoria Embankment, London

Planter Bed South of Unilever House,  
Victoria Embankment, London

Three Cranes Walk, London

Walbrook Wharf, London

Hanseatic Walk, London

Fishmongers' Hall Wharf, London

Passageway Between Fishmongers Hall  
Wharf And Fish Wharf, London

Fish Wharf, London

**Riverside Walk - Grant's Quay Wharf**

**Riverside Walk - Paul's Walk  
Riverside Walk - Sunlight Wharf**

**John Carpenter Street  
Riverside Walk - Broken Wharf**

**Riverside Walk - Bull Wharf Walk**

**Riverside Walk - Three Barrels Walk**

**Riverside Walk - Fruiterers Passage**

**Laurence Pountney Hill  
Laurence Pountney Hill**

**Monument Street  
Three Quays Walk  
Monument Street - Monument**

**Riverside Walk - Paul's Walk  
Riverside Walk - Victoria Embankment**

**Fenchurch Place**

**Riverside Walk - Dark House Walk  
St Olaves Churchyard**

**Whittington Garden  
Open space at Watermark Place**

**Riverside Walk - Walbrook Wharf**

**Lower Thames Street - The Walrus and the Carpenter  
Angel Lane**

**Seething Lane Garden  
Queen Street - Southern Gateway**

**Grant's Quay Wharf, London  
From Millennium Bridge To Sunlight Wharf,  
Paul's Walk, London**

**Sunlight Wharf, London  
From Tallis Street To Victoria Embankment,  
John Carpenter Street, London**

**Broken Wharf, London  
From Queenhithe To Three Barrels Walk,  
Bull Wharf Walk, London**

**Three Barrels Walk, London**

**Fruiterers Passage, London  
Laurence Pountney Hill  
Laurence Pountney Hill  
From Botolph Lane To Lower Thames Street,  
Monument Street, London**

**Three Quays Walk, London  
From Fish Street Hill To Pudding Lane,  
Monument Street, London  
From Blackfriars Bridge To White Lion Hill,  
Paul's Walk, London  
From Temple Avenue To Middle Temple  
Lane, Victoria Embankment, London**

**Open Space In Front Of Fenchurch Street  
Station, London Street, London**

**Dark House Walk, London  
St Olaves Churchyard, Seething Lane, London  
Whittington Garden, Upper Thames Street,  
London**

**Open Space, Hanseatic Walk, London  
Walkway To Cousin Lane, Walbrook Wharf,  
London**

**Open Space In Front of 17 Lower Thames  
Street, London  
Angel Lane, London**

**Open Space, Seething Gardens, Seething  
Lane, London  
From Upper Thames Street To Skinners Lane,  
Queen Street, London**

Riverside Walk - Custom House Walk	Custom House Walk, London From Queen Victoria Street To Paul's Walk And Millennium Bridge, Peter's Hill, London
Peter's Hill - City Walkway	
Seething Lane Garden/ Byward Street	From Byward Street To Muscovy Street, Seething Lane, London
Riverside Walk - Oystergate Walk	Oystergate Walk, London
Queen Street - Southern Gateway	From Upper Thames Street To Skinners Lane, Queen Street, London

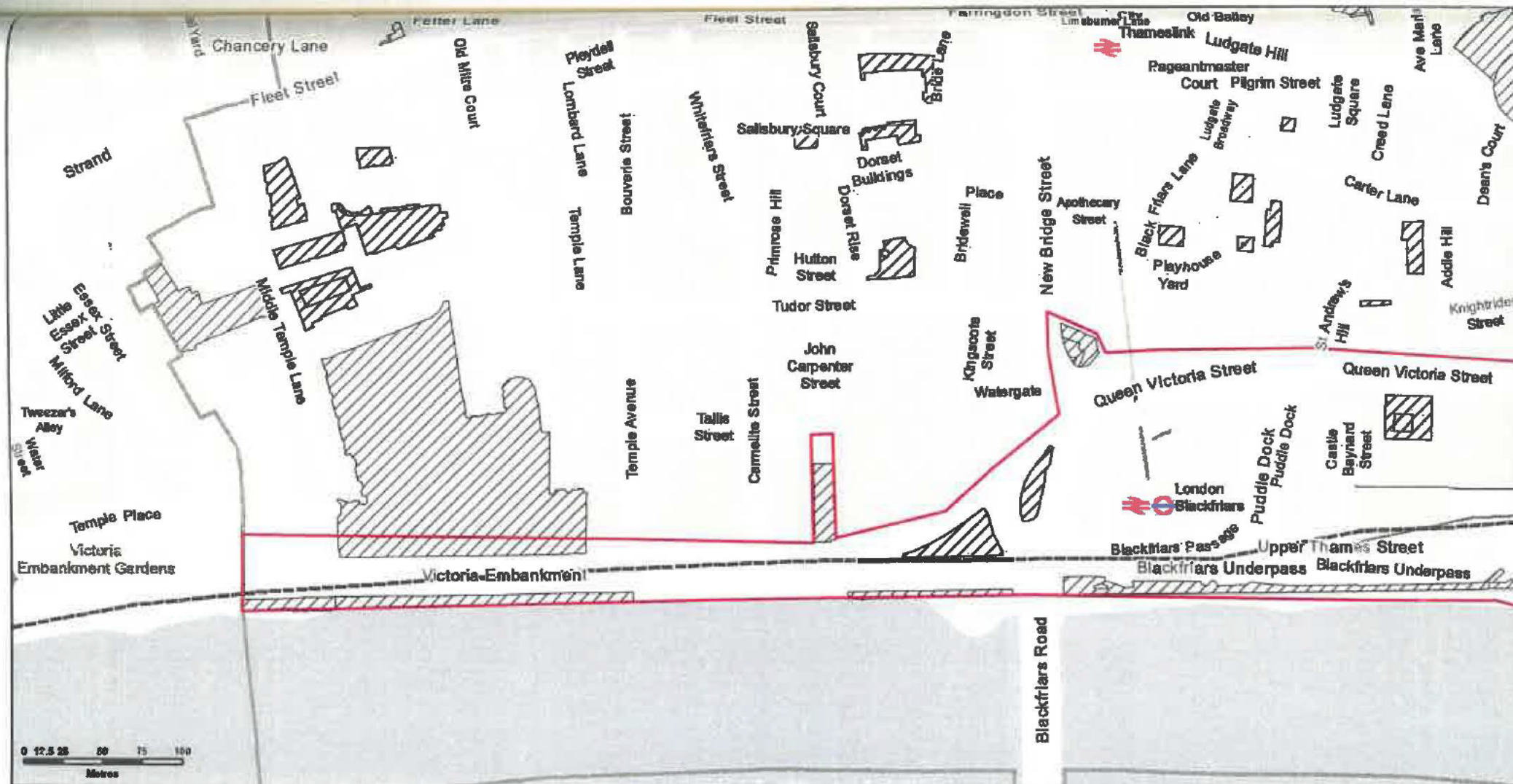
## **EXEMPTIONS**

**Nothing in this Schedule shall apply to :-**

1. Premises authorised by a premises licence to be used for the supply of alcohol;
2. Premises authorised by a club premises certificate to be used by the club for the supply of alcohol;
3. A place within the curtilage of premises within paragraph 1. or 2.;
4. Premises which by virtue of Part 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 may at the relevant be used for the supply of alcohol or which, by virtue of that Part, could have been so used within 30 minutes before that time;
5. A place where facilities or activities relating to the sale or consumption of alcohol are at the relevant time permitted by virtue of a permission granted under section 115 Highways Act 1980 (highway related issues).
6. Council-operated licensed premises or land when the premises or land are being used for the supply of alcohol, or within 30 minutes of the end of the period during which the premises have been used for the supply of alcohol.

**Schedule 2 to the City of London Marathon Public Space Protection Order**

**Map of the designated area**



## London Marathon Route - Section 1 of 4

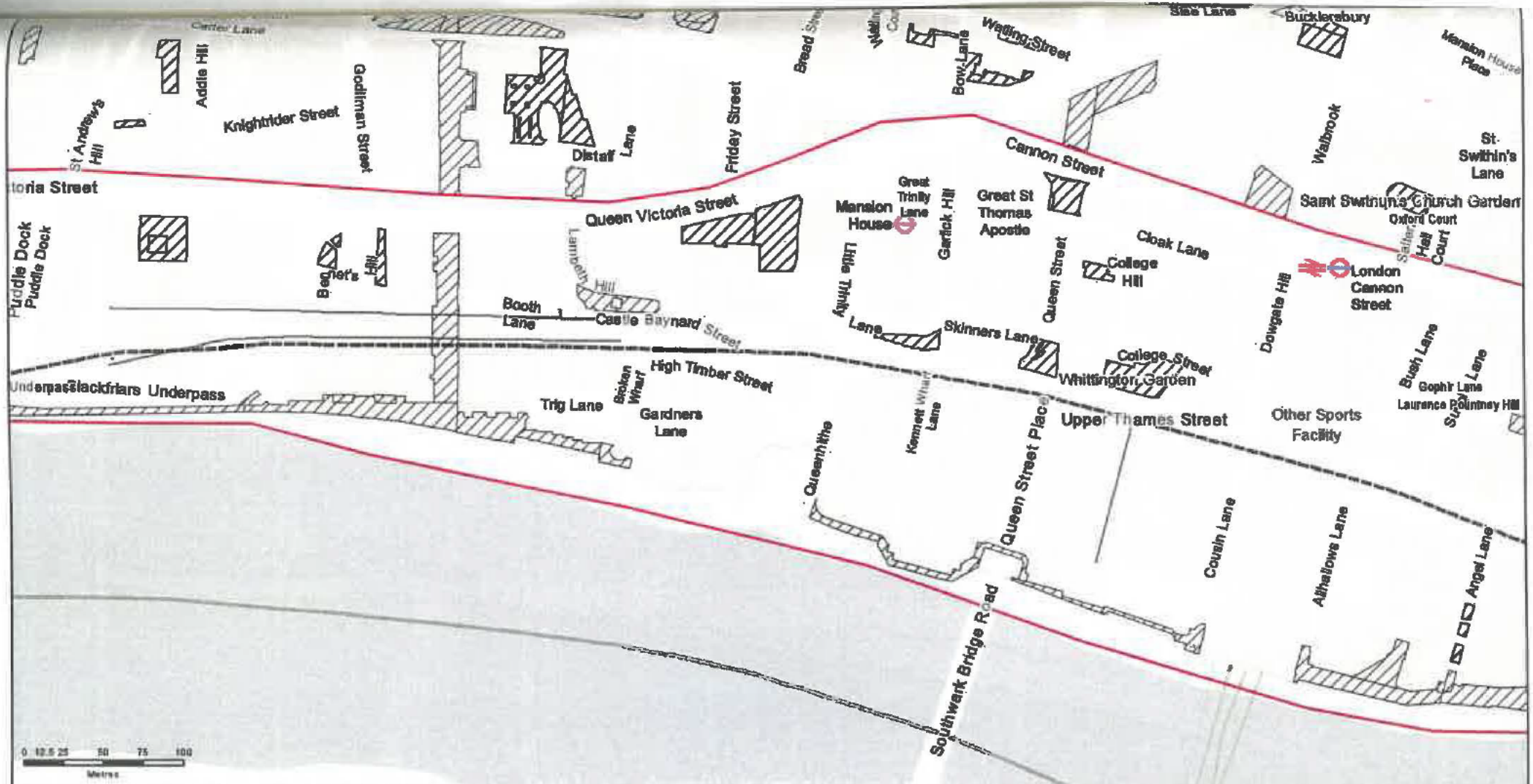
- Marathon Route
- Public Open Spaces
- City of London Boundary
- Public Space Protection Order



Date Created:  
12 Mar 2020

Created by:  
Corporate GIS Team





## London Marathon Route - Section 2 of 4

- Marathon Route
- Public Open Spaces
- City of London Boundary
- Public Space Protection Order

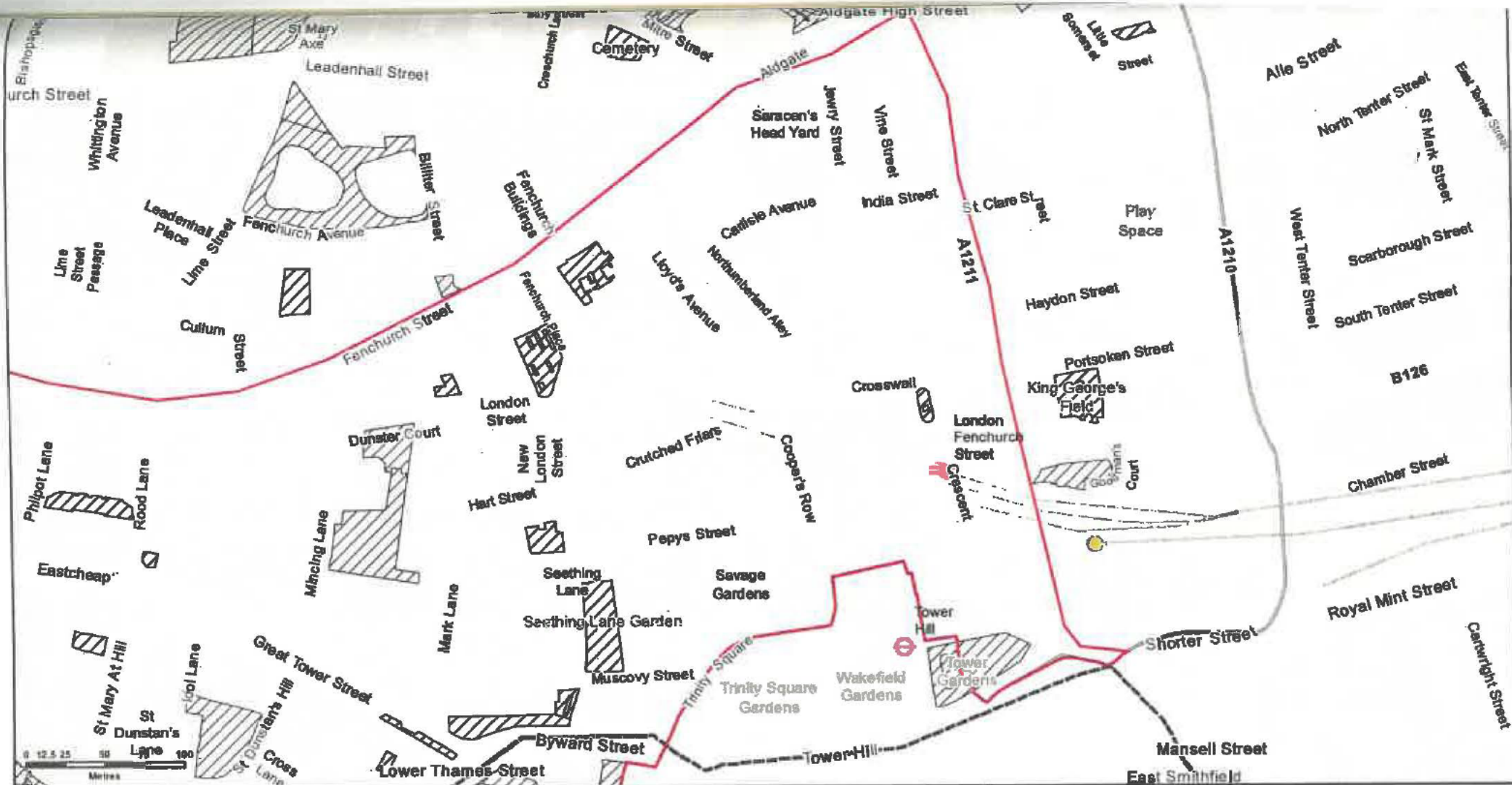
© Crown copyright and database rights 2020 OS 100023243



Date Created:  
12 Mar 2020  
Created by:  
Corporate GIS Team







## London Marathon Route - Section 4 of 4

- Marathon Route
- Public Open Spaces
- City of London Boundary
- Public Space Protection Order



Date Created:  
12 Mar 2020

Created by:  
Corporate GIS Team

© Crown copyright and database rights 2020 OS 100023243



## WITNESS STATEMENT

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

**Statement of** Mitchell Carr  
**Age** Over 18 **Occupation:** Chief Inspector 13366 – City of London Police

This statement (consisting of: 1..... pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it which I do not believe to be true.

Signature: .....

Date: 23/11/22

I am Mitchell Carr, currently serving as a Chief Inspector with City of London Police. I make this statement with regards to the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) which is due for potential renewal in February 2023.

I have some personal experience of the PSPO being used to good effect, in my capacity as Bronze commander for the City of London sector of the London Marathon event on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 and 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022. I am due to undertake this Bronze Commander role again for the next London Marathon scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023. Therefore, in summary I would wholeheartedly support the extension of the PSPO from a policing perspective.

For context, prior to the introduction of the PSPO, there were significant issues of crime and disorder. As an example, at the marathon on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019, there were issues seen with large numbers of people congregating around a live music sound system, consuming alcohol excessively in public leading to incidents of violence and a requirement for additional police reserve units to be deployed to restore public order.

The actual use of PSPO powers has been minimal. To illustrate this, at the October 2022 marathon, there was zero use of any powers under the PSPO. Likewise at the October 2021 marathon, there were a small (less than 10) alcohol seizures and no penalty notices issued. I believe this is a result of good pre-event communications, effective signage and the use of appropriate, sensible discretion on the event day itself by the police officers deployed. This has ensured that the tone of the event – a fun, family, charitable occasion – is maintained and avoids putting police officers in direct confrontation with members of the public who are highly intoxicated.

As Bronze Commander, having the tactical option of the PSPO available is extremely beneficial in my ultimate aims of preventing crime, preventing harm and maintaining the King's peace. The existence of a PSPO forms a part of my graduated response on the day although I would always expect police officers to be deployed to engage in good natured dialogue with any members of the public to inform, persuade or advise prior to resorting to any formal use of police powers. Likewise the PSPO is a part of a whole range of tactical options including a high visibility police presence, use of CCTV and close partnership working with event organisers and stewards. Without a PSPO, I would have little legal framework to prevent excessive street drinking or Anti-Social Behaviour until such a time that it became clear criminality was occurring. The existence of the PSPO enables intervention by the police at an earlier stage to prevent crime / harm from occurring in the first place.

Therefore, for the reasons stated above, I would support the extension of the PSPO for a further 3 years.



## PSPO feedback/debrief London Marathon 2022

### Licensing Team

The marathon appeared successful day which saw almost all the premises we engaged with in the lead up, cooperating with the overall aim of what we wanted to achieve. Generally, a happy and enjoyable day seemed to be had by all with no atmosphere of hostility or aggression witnessed.

On arrival at 10am, Paul Holmes engaged with an illegal Ice Cream Trader who had his van Parked on the pavement adjacent to The Blue Orchid Hotel J/W Minories. In conjunction with Robert Breese from The City of London he moved away into Tower Hamlets area across the street.

Paul Holmes spoke with 4 groups in the Trinity Square and Seething Lane area, concerning possession of alcohol. All of these were non-confrontational and explained that they didn't realise the PSPO was in place. They were informed that they would have passed a number of signs en-route to the area which informed the public of the PSPO. All four consumed the drink they had and were only in possession of a small quantity in any event, so they left the vicinity.

At the request of door security at The Hung Drawn & Quartered Pub Gt Tower Street, Paul Holmes spoke to a small group of couples drinking there as the security didn't want anyone to think they had come out of their pub. The people were understanding and finished their drink and left.

Patson's (Off Licence) were visited on many occasions by COLP, they, like the small off sales premises near the Minories Pub, sold some alcohol, but not in large quantities. They both stated that they were telling people that they weren't allowed to drink in the street and risked having the alcohol removed from them by Police. We did not see the issues at Patson's that occurred in 2019 where they were queuing out of the shop to buy alcohol. This year was similar to last year for Patson's I believe, a very low-key day which passed off without having to be warned further about sales.

Paul Holmes met Matt Beaumont from Cleansing to locate the alcohol waste bin which we found in Seething lane, not exactly where it was shown on the plan, but there was an issue in that the bin was locked. Matt contacted someone to come and unlock it. A better location for this bin would be on Trinity Gardens behind the Liberty Bounds, which is where it was last time.

A bit of confusion was thrown up with the idea of no tables & chairs outside, when All Bar One near Patson's had tables & chairs but they were within the demise of their property and not on the highway. In some ways this added to people's annoyance that they couldn't take alcohol outside when they could see the tables & chairs there. All bar one customers did use them for coffee and soft drinks.

Traitors Gate had an issue with one group going outside, the manager was apologetic and posted a staff member to be at the door for the duration. Insp Hay requested that a member of staff stood on the door to prevent this, as they had no SIA. Paul Holmes has contacted the area manager Simon Gifford to ensure that security is provided on the next occasion.

Insp Hay also engaged with number of group (totalling 25 people) with regards to alcohol. There was one group which nearly lead to a ticket, however with tac coms, this was brought under control. The SOGS were then deployed at the location at about 3pm to monitor alcohol possession as it seemed to be increasing.

#### Report from CPU1 – Inspector SOGS Insp Ives

The below is rough count of the use of PSPO warnings.

A van - 30

B van - 15

C van – 25

Insp 3

Total - 73!

Our tactic was that if members of the public were boisterous then the full ultimatum was given and drinks disposed of. If the person approached was clearly not an anti-social risk (for example one well behaved family where the mother had a small half sized bottle of wine), they were told to finish what they had in their hand and not open any more containers or else they would have to leave the area. This approach maintained a friendly atmosphere and seemed to work, the PSPO gave officers the confidence and legal framework to enforce these tactics.

Having worked previous marathons, this was one of the most successful pieces of intelligent Policing I have come across. The warnings were effective and were used with common sense. The word clearly got around in the crowd that drinking was not tolerated and the pubs and off licences were also supportive and appeared to be conforming. The difficulty of assessing crime prevention work is that you cannot measure what doesn't happen! However I have no doubt that the good natured and successful sector that we had in the City was in no small part down to the PSPO. I would personally say that a PSPO is essential for the next marathon in April if we are to avoid the previous ugly scenes and injuries of marathon days past.

Kevin

Level 1 PSU Inspector – Marathon 2022

**TOTAL WARNINGS GIVEN BY COLP ESTIMATED AT 100**