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## Media Release

### Lindisfarne Close Dispersal Zone Reinstated

A dispersal area, aimed at helping to tackle anti social behaviour (ASB) in Lindisfrane Close, Cosham is to be reinstated following a high volume of ASB reports to Police and Portsmouth City Council Community Wardens.

The area covered by the dispersal zone is from the boundaries of Spur Road to Knowsley Road and from the High Street to Salisbury Road/Mulberry Lane.

The dispersal order will be reinstated on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2010 at 00.01 hours and will remain in place until 23:59 hours on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2011.

A previous dispersal zone in this area last year proved very successful with a significant reduction in ASB incidents.

Sgt Guy Farmer, Safer Neighbourhoods Team for Cosham and Drayton & Farlington said: "Lindisfarne Close has generated a disproportionate number of calls for an area of its size. Residents have suffered anti social behaviour, criminal damage and harassment at the hands of groups of youths from the area.

Our aim is to restore order to the area by working together with partner agencies. We will be looking at a number of options for a long term solution to the problem. The dispersal order is an extra tool that we can use to combat anti social gatherings and return the area to a peaceful and safe place to live, work and play. The use of a dispersal order last year saw a significant reduction in anti social behaviour in the area."

Roy Goulding, the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit manager for Portsmouth City Council said: "Although the previous dispersal order in this area proved successful in reducing the number of ASB incidents, it failed to engage a number of known individuals. There will now

be a clear emphasis on tackling these known individuals in a bid to stop ASB in the Lindisfarne Close area.”

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**Note to editors:**

A dispersal area is one within which police can use powers under the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003. The Act provides officers with the power to disperse groups of two or more people if they are causing or likely to cause anti social behaviour. In the area designated, anti-social behaviour is a significant and persistent problem and members of the public have suffered intimidation, harassment, alarm or distress.

Safer Portsmouth Partnership is a group of statutory and voluntary community agencies that meet regularly and work together to reduce crime, substance misuse and the fear of crime. Their goal is to make Portsmouth a safe place to live, work and visit.

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