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Dispersal Order In Semilong

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Police and Councillors in Northampton hope a Dispersal Order on the Semilong estate will be effective in reducing incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour for the benefit of local residents.

The Dispersal Order, which covers a zone bounded by Grafton Street, St Andrew's Road and Barrack Road, will come into force on Friday (Sept 8) and will run for three months until December 8.

Under the terms of the Dispersal Order, officers can ask groups of two or more people to move on and leave the area if they feel their presence is causing or likely to cause anti-social behaviour or harassment. Officers can also ask those people not to return for a period of time up to 24 hours. Failing or refusing to move away when asked is an offence for which they can be arrested.

Additionally, Police can take home anyone under 16 years who is in the Dispersal Zone unsupervised by a responsible person over 18 between 9pm and 6am.

Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers and Special Constables will be carrying out high-visibility patrols in the Semilong area and using the Dispersal Order powers where appropriate.

Sergeant Matt Phillips, of Northampton Police Community Action Team, said: "The Semilong estate has suffered from unacceptable levels of anti-social behaviour and juvenile nuisance, including underage drinking, damage and loud music blaring from cars. We hope the Dispersal Order will help lead to a reduction in incidents for the benefit of local people.

"Anti-social behaviour should not be allowed to dominate the lives of residents and they should not have to tolerate nuisance, noise or crime. We are working closely with our partners and the community to put a stop to this."

Northampton Borough Council's cabinet member for community safety, Cllr David Palethorpe, said: "Residents should not have to put up with the type of anti-social behaviour that's been plaguing the Semilong estate. We are determined to take action and work with the Police to tackle this nuisance. I am confident that the Dispersal Order will make a positive difference to the lives of local people."

Cllr Lee Barron has co-ordinated the multi-agency response to the problem. He said: "The residents' forum, the council, the police and individual residents have pulled together to take action. The games area is meant for

