
THE STATUS OF STREET TRADING IN THE BOROUGH OF DARLINGTON

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SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to invite Members to consider the status of street trading within the Borough of Darlington and consider some modifications to the Council's current policy.

Summary

2. This report provides information on the current status of street trading, options for Members in relation to improving Town Centre Street Trading provision and proposes changes to policy in relation to the determination of applications and criteria for issuing consents.

Recommendation

3. It is recommended that:
 - (a) Street trading, through the issue of consents, be retained throughout the Borough of Darlington.
 - (b) The revised policy and standard conditions as detailed in **Appendix 2** to the attached report be approved.
 - (c) The approval of uncontested applications and enforcement of the legislation pertaining to street trading be delegated to the Director of Corporate Services
 - (d) All contested applications and potential revocations of existing consents be referred to the Licensing Committee for determination.

Reasons

4. The recommendations are supported to ensure the most appropriate retail provision is made in relation to street trading for the public of Darlington.

Background Papers

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

The Works and Health Committee minutes, November 1991

The Community Protection Committee minutes, March 2000

Appendices

- 1 The Council's current policy relating to street trading
- 2 The proposed street trading policy
- 3 Current street trading fees

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| S17 Crime and Disorder | This report has no implications for crime and disorder |
| Health and Wellbeing | There are no issues which this report needs to address |
| Sustainability | There are no issues which this report needs to address |
| Diversity | There are no issues which this report needs to address |
| Wards Affected | The proposals affect all wards |
| Groups Affected | The proposals affect all communities |
| Budget and Policy Framework | This report represents a change to Council policy |
| Key Decision | The proposals represent a key decision as they impact on all wards in the Borough |
| Urgent Decision | This is not an urgent decision |
| One Darlington: Perfectly Placed | Improved street trading provision may attract new and diverse business to the Town Centre |

MAIN REPORT

Background

5. Street Trading is governed by the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. This legislation enables Local Authorities to control street trading by designating areas as consent streets, licence streets and prohibited streets. Street Trading relates to the selling or of any article (including a living thing) in a street. Sales by pedlars or as part of a market or in trunk road picnic areas do not constitute street trading.
6. Current policy is based on decisions made by Members in 1991 and 2000. In November 1991 the Council's Works and Health Committee adopted the provisions of the 1982 Act in relation to street trading and created consent streets and prohibited streets. In June 1993 the same Committee set a policy for street trading which encompassed both daytime and nighttime sales of food from a fixed position, and also sales of items from vehicles that travel through the Borough such as ice cream vans. The sales of newspapers and periodicals in the street were also regulated. A list of consent and prohibited streets can be accessed on the Council's website at: <http://www.darlington.gov.uk/Legal+Services/Licensing/Licensing.htm>
7. On 13 March 2000 the Community Protection Committee approved a review of street trading and determined the Council's current policy and standard conditions. This is reproduced in full at **Appendix 1**.
8. The Council has elected to regulate street trading by means of consents rather than licences. This provides greater flexibility for the Council in terms of approving and removing street traders and is less onerous than the requirements for the issue of licences.

Information and Analysis

9. There is currently one approved street trader within the town centre, who sells batteries, watch straps etc. He has traded for approximately five years, initially on High Row, however, following the completion of the Pedestrian Heart he has been relocated to Northgate. He currently trades for a maximum four days per week and renews his Street Trading Consent on a weekly basis.
10. There are currently no nighttime traders but in the last financial year there has been one such trader, selling hot food (burgers etc) in Commercial Street between the hours of 8 pm – 3 am. There are six static daytime street traders selling hot and cold food and drinks primarily in retail and industrial outlets and finally there are five mobile street traders who trade within the Borough of Darlington, selling ice cream, sandwiches and drinks etc.
11. The creation of the Pedestrian Heart within the centre of Darlington has raised issues about the status of street trading both in relation to the locations of some of the town centre sites and the quality of provision. The consultation process has identified that if street trading is to remain within the town centre there is a need to raise standards and ensure that any street trading provision harmonises with the new landscape and increasing market provision.

The Issues

12. Within the town centre the location of street trading units is a key consideration. The major development of the Pedestrian Heart in the town centre and the increasingly diverse range of markets held within this pedestrianised area necessitates a review of town centre street trading.
13. It is unlikely that applicants for Street Trading Consents will wish to be located in areas of light footfall and this may have an impact on the budgetary position should street trading be limited to areas away from the main retail centres.
14. Organisations representing Darlington retailers have raised concerns about street trading within the centre of Darlington in respect of the number, size and location of units, the type of goods available for sale and the appearance of the units. These concerns have been expressed both in respect of current and past street trading provision, including the itinerant Christmas paper stalls, and also in respect of the need for street trading in the future to harmonise with the new town centre. Each of these considerations can be dealt with, however, by way of conditions placed on the issue of any consent. The same concern has not been expressed in respect of street trading in the remainder of the borough.
15. Members are invited to consider whether street trading adds something to the retail provision currently available in Darlington. If Members decide that there is a place for street trading, particularly in the town centre, the nature and type of provision can be addressed through Council policy and conditions.

Consultation

16. The Town Centre Board at its meeting on 5 February 2008 had diverse views and indicated that further consultation should be undertaken prior to the report being considered by Council. Accordingly consultation has been undertaken with the Licensing Committee and the current town centre street trader on the status of street trading. The Licensing Committee at its meeting on 15 April 2008 expressed the following views:
 - (a) That street trading should generally be retained.
 - (b) That consents rather than licences should be issued (consents provide more flexibility to the Council to approve and terminate).
 - (c) That street trading within the Town Centre should be limited to high quality provision, in keeping with the current Town Centre vista and should be well regulated.
 - (d) That contested applications or consents be dealt with by the Licensing Committee.
17. Both the Town Centre Board and Licensing Committee, have expressed concern about the quality of provision and appropriateness of current designated locations within the Town Centre. As detailed in paragraph 14 above, many of the concerns raised can be addressed by criteria for consent, conditions on consents and enforcement activity.
18. The current trader has requested that street trading is retained and has indicated that any change would have a negative impact on his livelihood.

Proposed Changes to Policy

19. Having regard to the new Pedestrian Heart and the outcome of the consultation discussed earlier in the report the following revisions to the Street Trading Policy are proposed:

(a) Town Centre Location

Some of the current town centre sites detailed at **Appendix 1** are no longer suitable for street trading because of pavement furniture, pedestrian flow etc. Officers, in consultation with Highways and the Police have identified revised appropriate sites and these are detailed at **Appendix 2**. The proposed policy will relocate some of the current sites and reduce the number of town centre sites from 14 to 11.

(b) Goods

The current policy restricts the maximum number of lines to be sold to four. The proposed policy permits more flexibility subject to the proviso that only goods that would enhance the retail provision of the town centre would be approved for sale. While it is difficult to encompass all such items they may include seasonal novelty goods eg ice cream, roast chestnuts, continental hot and cold foods etc.

(c) Units

Many vans and similar units are no longer able to access the town centre due to the requirements of the pedestrianised areas. The proposed policy retains the flexibility to require provision of high quality, reasonably sized units and priority will be given to bespoke barrows, stalls etc.

(d) Conditions

The current standard conditions have been revisited and updated as detailed at **Appendix 2**. There are no significant changes between the current conditions and those proposed.

(e) Trading Day

The current requirement for street trading within the town centre is that traders must apply for a minimum of four days trading. This is to prevent traders coming at Christmas time and/or other busy retailing events and enjoying lucrative trading as a “one-off” in competition with other traders. This does, however, create a problem with traders such as buskers who wish to sell CD’s of their own work. It is proposed that more flexibility be given specifically for this type of trader by the issue of consents for less than a four day period.

20. It is proposed that the current scheme of delegation to the Director of Corporate Services (who in turn delegates officers accordingly) be largely retained but that the determination of contested applications (and potential revocations of existing consents) should be referred to the Licensing Committee. This will harmonise street trading applications with those for street pavement displays and pavement café licences, will provide a more transparent process for applicants and ensure that each application is dealt with on its own merits.

21. The current street trader may not meet the new proposed criteria, particularly as detailed at paragraph 19(b) and (c) above. He has been provided with an opportunity to comment on the street trading provision within the town centre and has responded stating that he is “deeply concerned” that a decision may be taken to discontinue street trading and advising that he is in his eighth year of trading, has established a customer base and that any decision to discontinue street trading would impact on his livelihood. He has also expressed the view that street trading does not have a financial cost to the Council but does generate income and in his view is an “attraction”. In the event that this trader could not continue to trade as a street trader, he would, however, be able to trade as part of the regular Darlington market and will be given every opportunity to do so.

The Budgetary Position

22. The street trading income budget for the period ending 31 March 2008 was £14,400. If street trading were not to continue this income would be lost from the Licensing budget. The current fees for Street Trading Consents are reproduced at **Appendix 3**.

CURRENT STREET TRADING POLICY

Town Centre Street Trading Policy (March 2000)

1. There shall be a maximum number of 14 town centre locations permitted during the hours that Town centre shops are open for trade (NB special hours for Skinnergate). The locations are as described below:
 - (a) Northgate
 - (i) Principles/Burtons Menswear
 - (ii) Crown Street corner (North side)
 - (iii) Cornmill Entrance/Clarks Shoes
 - (b) Prospect Place
 - (iv) Northgate/Bondgate Corner
 - (c) High Row
 - (v) Peases Statue - below steps (food or non food)
 - (vi) Barclays Bank
 - (vii) Post House Wynd Corner
 - (viii) Mechanics Yard Entrance
 - (d) Tubwell Row
 - (ix) Golden Cock/Cornmill Entrance
 - (e) Skinnergate
 - (x) Duke Street Corner (10.30 am - 4.00 pm)
 - (xi) Post House Wynd Entrance (10.30 am - 4.00 pm)
 - (xii) Clarks Yard Entrance (10.30 am - 4.00 pm)
 - (xiii) Friends Meeting House (10.30 am - 4.00 pm) (food or non food)
 - (f) Blackwellgate
 - (xiv) Pavement between Houndgate/Blackwellgate (food or non food)
2. The maximum number of associated lines to be sold by any one trader shall in the case of non food items be limited to four.
3. The maximum area of pavement to be utilised by any one trader for each Consent to sell non food items to be 1.5 metres x 1.5 metres with no display to be higher than 2 metres so that goods may be stored and displayed on a stand to a design and appearance to the satisfaction of the Council's Officers. In the case of stands used for the sale of food for immediate consumption the maximum area will be determined by the officers taking into account issues relating to obstruction to pedestrians, road safety and public safety. In the case of day time sales, for the Pease's Statue and Skinnergate sites, purpose designed caravans should not exceed 2.5 metres length and 2.0 metres width.

4. Sales may only be made from an approved purpose designed stand or barrow either supplied by and hired from the Council; or provided by the trader (with the prior approval of the Head of Environmental and Regulatory Services).
5. The design and appearance of the display at the stand or mobile vehicle to be agreed by Authorised Officers, with regard to safety and visual amenity at the time the Consent is granted. There shall be no significant change in the appearance without the prior approval of an authorised officer.
6. **There are three sites available for hot food sales to be permitted during day time hours at the sites identified as Pease's Statue on High Row, Friends Meeting House in Skinnergate, and Blackwellgate.**
7. **There are four sites available for the sale of foods for immediate consumption between the hours of 18:00 - 03:00, at the sites identified as Gladstone Street, Commercial Street, East Row (Market Place), Skinnergate (Friends Meeting House).**
8. A maximum of 10 News Vendor Permits shall be issued in any period of time and that they be allocated fixed sites occupying a space no greater than 1 metre square.
9. The Director of Development and Environment be authorised to sign certificates appointing Officers as authorised officers under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 for the enforcement purposes of Schedule 4 LGMPA.
10. The Director of Development and Environment may grant, refuse, or revoke applications for Street Trading Consent and News Vendor Permits to add or vary conditions attached to any Consent or Permit granted.
11. The Director of Development and Environment shall regularly review the charges for street trading.

STANDARD CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE GRANT OF A STREET TRADING CONSENT

1. Street Trading shall be conducted in such a manner so as not to cause:
 - (a) Obstruction of the street footpaths, pathways, entrance ways or alleyways leading to, from or over the street or danger to any persons using it (the holding of a Street Trading Consent does not preclude the highway authority or the Police from taking action to remove any obstructions on the highway).
 - (b) Nuisance or annoyance or disturbance to any person using the street or the owners or occupiers of neighbouring premises.
2. Traders are prohibited from setting their goods or advertising material outside the curtilage of their allocated site.
3. The Consent is personal to the holder and relates solely to the allocated site and shall not be transferred to any other person.

4. Any stall, barrow, cart, van or other vehicle used or to be used by a Consent holder in a Consent street must first be approved in writing by the Council and the Council's decision on this matter shall be final. Vehicles used for the sale(s) of food shall undergo a check from Environmental Health Officers of this Council and a satisfactory certificate shall be forwarded as proof.
5. No trading shall take place after 9.00 pm and before 8.00 am other than by food traders authorised, by consent, to sell food intended for immediate consumption from specified locations.
6. The Consent holder shall comply with Health and Safety, Food Safety and Consumer Protection Legislation at all times.
7. Artificial lighting provided is subject to prior approval by the Council.
8. The Street Trading Consent may be temporarily suspended at any time to allow for the access of emergency service vehicles or at the request of a Police Officer or any of the Statutory Authorities including the Council to enable them to carry out their statutory duties, who may require the Consent holder to move from his trading position.
9. The Consent holder may be assisted at any time by a maximum of two other persons. These assistants must complete a statutory declaration and be approved by the Council. A badge will be issued to the Consent holder and assistants, and this shall be worn visibly on the breast of the outer clothing whenever the Consent holder is trading.
10. The Consent holder shall ensure that no person other than approved assistants are on the vehicle when trading and in the case of perambulating vehicles they shall not be on the vehicle when moving between trading locations either.
11. The Consent must be produced on demand to a Police Officer or to a duly authorised Officer of the Council.
12. The Consent holder shall immediately notify the Council in writing of any alteration to any of the information provided within the form of application.
13. The Consent holder shall trade only in the goods authorised by the Consent.
14. No person under school leaving age shall be employed without a Certificate of Child Employment issued by the Director of Education for the area where the child resides.
15. The Consent holder shall provide such containers as may be necessary for the depositing of litter and other waste arising from his trade and ensure that the immediate vicinity of his van, cart, barrow, portable stall or other vehicle, is kept free from litter and other waste at all times during which he is trading. The site where he has traded shall be cleared of waste or litter at the end of every working period.
16. Loud speakers, horns, flashing lights or other instruments to attract the attention of customers shall not be used at any time save for the holders of a Consent which relates to the use of a mobile vehicle which is perambulating. In the case of perambulating vehicles:

- (a) Chimes or other audible means of attracting trade should only be sounded between the hours of 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm and during that period only in a way that will not give reasonable cause for complaint by people in that vicinity
- (b) Once the vehicle has stopped no chimes or other audible means of attracting trade should be sounded.
- (c) Chimes or other audible means should not last longer than four seconds at a time and there should be an interval of at least three minutes between each playing.
- (d) The volume of chimes or other audible means should be kept to a minimum so as to confine the sound to the vicinity where the vehicle will next stop.

17. In the case of mobile vehicles the holders of Consent

- (a) shall be engaged in retail sales travelling from place to place, never remaining at one location for more than 20 minutes and not returning within 50 metres to any previous selling position within 2 hours;
- (b) when travelling shall not stop within 200 metres of another stationary vehicle selling similar goods with benefit of a Consent from the Council, if that vehicle is visible; and
- (c) shall display a disc on the inside of the vehicle windscreen. The disc provided by the Council shows the Consent number of the holder, date of expiry of the Consent and the vehicle registration number.

18. No damage shall be caused whether by a wilful act or by negligence, to any part of the material and construction of the street, including any pavement, verge, fencing, sign or adjacent property.

19. The holder of a Consent must at all times, provide the Council with proof of Public and Product Liability Insurance for a minimum sum of £5,000,000.

20. The Consent holder will be held responsible for the actions of his/her assistants.

The Consent may be revoked or suspended by the Council in its absolute discretion at any time following the breach of any of these or specified additional conditions by the Consent holder or his assistants or for any other reason as the Council may consider appropriate.

Standard for Construction, Visual appearance and Maintenance of Stands and Barrows at fixed locations

Any stall, barrow, cart, van or other vehicle proposed to be used for street trading must first be approved in writing by the Council and the Council's decision on this matter shall be final. Loud speakers, horns, flashing lights or other instruments to attract the attention of customers shall not be used at any time save for the holders of a Consent which relates to the use of a mobile vehicle which is perambulating.

Size: Merchandise stored or offered for sale must be contained within a stand 1.5 metres x 1.5 metres x 2 metres high.

Construction: May be a purpose made mobile caravan; or a stand or barrow made of wood and/or metal capable of carrying the weight of merchandise.

Weather Protection/Covers: Fabric or rigid canopy, in a solid colour, or a transparent material, resistant to water.

Stability: Able to withstand wind pressure and remain upright.

Electric Lighting: If generators are used they shall be of low noise type. Lighting shall be of a type appropriate for outdoor use and the lamps shall be securely fixed to the rigid structure.

Outside appearance: Clean and tidy with only merchandise intended for sale on display. Maintained in good repair and free of obvious damage (eg protruding sharp edges, tears, holes or flaking paint. Waste bins provided to collect litter from customers. Decorations, adverts or motifs applied to the cover shall only be allowed by prior approval. The trading name of the business shall be displayed in a position that is conspicuous to customers. The name of the proprietor shall also be displayed upon the stall if different to the trading name.

**PROPOSED STREET TRADING POLICY
(JULY 2008)**

1. There shall be a maximum number of 11 town centre locations where street trading shall be permitted during the hours that Town centre shops are open for trade (NB special hours for Skinnergate). The locations are as described below and are subject to suspension in the event of speciality markets:
 - (c) Northgate - Cornmill Entrance/Clarks Shoes
 - (d) Prospect Place – three sites between Queen Street and Pease’s statue
 - (e) High Row – Pease’s Statue: two sites at the corner of Priestgate and Northgate
 - (d) Skinnergate:
 - (i) Post House Wynd Entrance (10.30 am - 4.00 pm)
 - (ii) Clarks Yard Entrance (10.30 am - 4.00 pm)
 - (iii) Friends Meeting House (10.30 am - 4.00 pm)
 - (f) East Row – Milletts outdoor clothing shop (excluding market days)
 - (g) Duke Street – Mayor’s Charity Shop
2. There shall be a maximum of 4 town centre locations for night time trading as detailed below:
 - (i) Blackwellgate - Pavement between Houndgate/Blackwellgate (night time only)
 - (ii) Commercial Street hammerhead (temporary until new development commences)
 - (iii) East Row – Milletts outdoor clothing shop
 - (iv) Skinnergate - Post House Wynd Entrance
3. Only goods approved by the Council and recorded on the consent shall be made available for sale.
4. The size, design and appearance of any street trading unit shall be agreed with the Licensing Section. The maximum size of any unit shall not exceed 2.5 metres by 2 metres. There shall be no change to an approved unit without the consent of the Council.
5. The duration of any consent shall be at the discretion of the Licensing Section. One day consents will normally be restricted to street musicians.
6. The Director of Corporate Services shall grant applications for Street Trading Consent and News Vendor Permits subject to consultation and add or vary conditions attached to any Consent or Permit granted and may delegate such functions to appropriate officers.

7. The Director of Corporate Services shall appoint Authorised officers to enforce the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, Schedule 4 – Street Trading.
8. The Director of Corporate Services shall regularly review the charges for street trading.
9. A maximum of 10 News Vendor Permits shall be issued in any period of time and be allocated fixed sites occupying a space no greater than 1 metre square.
10. All applications will be subject to consultation with the Police, Highways and Environmental Health Services.
11. All contested applications or potential revocations of consents will be referred to the Licensing Committee

PROPOSED STANDARD CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE GRANT OF A STREET TRADING CONSENT (JULY 2008)

1. Street Trading shall be conducted in such a manner so as not to cause obstruction, nuisance or annoyance or disturbance to any person using the street or the owners or occupiers of neighbouring premises.
2. Traders must not display their goods or advertising material outside the curtilage of their allocated site.
3. The Consent is personal to the holder and cannot be transferred to any other person.
4. Any stall, barrow, cart, van or other vehicle used or to be used by a Consent holder must be approved in writing by the Council
5. The holder of a Consent must at all times hold Public and Product Liability Insurance for a minimum sum of £5,000,000 and provide evidence of such insurance to the Council on request.
6. Units used for the sale of food shall be subject to an inspection by the Council's Environmental Health Section and must be deemed satisfactory to enable trading to commence or continue.
7. No trading shall take place after 9.00 pm and before 8.00 am other than by those food traders who are authorised to sell food intended for immediate consumption from specified locations.
8. The use of artificial lighting shall be subject to prior approval by the Council.
9. The Street Trading Consent may be temporarily suspended at any time to allow for the access of emergency service vehicles or at the request of a Police Officer or any of the Statutory Authorities including the Council to enable them to carry out their statutory duties. This may require the Consent holder to move from his/her allocated site.
10. The Consent holder may be assisted at any time by a maximum of two other persons who must be approved, in writing, by the Council. An identification badge shall be issued to the

Consent holder and assistants and this must be worn visibly on the breast of the outer clothing when trading is taking place. The Consent holder will be held responsible for the actions of his/her assistants

11. The Consent holder shall ensure that no person other than approved assistants are within the unit when trading or in a mobile trading vehicle (e.g. ice cream vans and mobile food vendors) when moving between trading locations
12. The Consent must be produced on demand to a Police Officer or Authorised Officer of the Council.
13. The Consent holder shall notify the Council in writing, within 7 days, of any change to any of the information provided within the form of application.
14. Only goods specified by the Council on the Consent shall be made available for sale.
15. No child under school leaving age shall be employed without a Certificate of Child Employment issued by the Director of Children's Services for the area in which the child resides.
16. The Consent holder shall ensure his/her site is kept free from litter and other waste at all times and shall clear all waste or litter at the end of every trading period. Where appropriate litter receptacles shall be provided by the consent holder for use by customers.
17. Loud speakers, horns, flashing lights or other instruments to attract the attention of customers shall not be used at any time except for ice cream and similar vans, which shall be subject to the following:
 - (a) Chimes or other audible means of attracting trade may only be sounded between the hours of 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm and only in a way that will not give reasonable cause for complaint by people in that vicinity
 - (b) Once the vehicle has stopped no chimes or other audible means of attracting trade must be sounded.
 - (c) Chimes or other audible means must not last longer than four seconds at a time and there should be an interval of at least three minutes between each playing.
 - (d) The volume of chimes or other audible means must be kept to a minimum so as to confine the sound to the vicinity where the vehicle will next stop.
18. **In the case of mobile vehicles the holders of Consent shall, in addition**
 - (a) Travel from place to place, never remain at one location for more than 20 minutes and not return to within 50 metres of any previous selling position within 2 hours.
 - (b) Not locate within 200 metres of another stationary vehicle that is selling similar goods and holds a consent from the Council.
 - (c) Display a disc provided by the Council on the inside of the vehicle windscreen showing the Consent number of the holder, date of expiry of the Consent and the vehicle registration number.

The Consent may be revoked or suspended by the Council in its absolute discretion at any time following the breach of any of these or specified additional conditions by the Consent holder or his assistants or for any other reason as the Council may consider appropriate.

STANDARD FOR CONSTRUCTION, VISUAL APPEARANCE AND MAINTENANCE OF STANDS AND BARROWS AT FIXED LOCATIONS

Any stall, barrow, cart, van or other vehicle proposed to be used for street trading must first be approved in writing by the Council

Construction: May be a purpose made mobile caravan; or a stand or barrow made of wood and/or metal capable of carrying the weight of merchandise.

Weather Protection/Covers: Fabric or rigid canopy, in a solid colour, or a transparent material, resistant to water.

Stability: Able to withstand wind pressure and remain upright.

Electric Lighting: If generators are used they shall be of low noise type. Lighting shall be of a type appropriate for outdoor use and the lamps shall be securely fixed to the rigid structure.

Outside appearance: Clean and tidy with only merchandise intended for sale on display. Maintained in good repair and free of obvious damage (eg protruding sharp edges, tears, holes or flaking paint. Waste bins provided to collect litter from customers. Decorations, adverts or motifs applied to the cover shall only be allowed by prior approval. The trading name of the business shall be displayed in a position that is conspicuous to customers. The name of the proprietor shall also be displayed upon the stall if different to the trading name.

Noise: Noise from any background music played at the stall, or the demonstration of merchandise offered for sale, shall not be heard at a distance of 6 metres (any noise causing complaints from residents or nearby businesses shall be reduced to a level agreed with an officer authorised to deal with street trading).

**CURRENT STREET TRADING FEES
2008-09**

TOWN CENTRE LOCATIONS:

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| Nov/Dec | Full cal month | £850 |
| | Week | £300 |
| | Day (min 4) | £ 60 |
| Jan – Oct | Full cal month | £550 |
| | Week | £220 |
| | Day (min 4) | £ 45 |

Annual Consents (food fixed pos £6300***

***** if paying monthly £560 (£525 + £35 admin fee)**

OTHER LOCATIONS:

Mobile Vehicles (moving or lay-by)£225

NEWS VENDOR PERMITS £30