

## Report to Licensing Committee

### CITY CENTRE STREET TRADING

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<b>SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS</b>		
<p>This report concerns the proposal to establish a weekly let street trading location in Bonn Square on the same terms as that already operating in Cornmarket Street.</p> <p>The Committee is <b>RECOMMENDED</b> to approve the proposal and the fee of £125 per week as outlined in the report and delegate authority to the Environmental Health Business Manager to issue the street trading consent subject to any additional terms and conditions as appropriate in keeping with the proposal.</p>		

### Introduction

1. This report outlines an amendment to the Council's street trading consent scheme to allow the establishment of a weekly let trading site in Bonn Square.

### Background

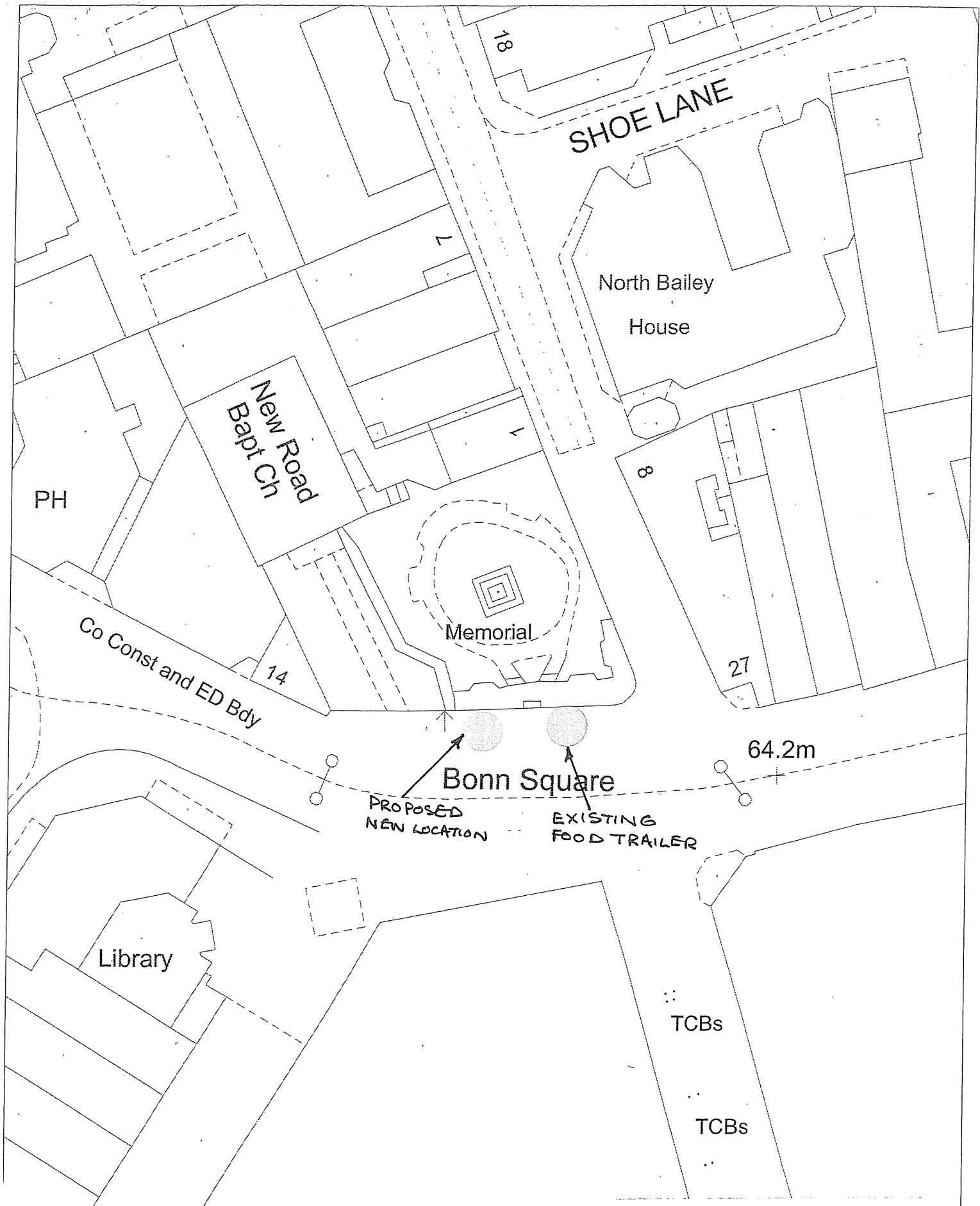
2. For many years Oxford City Council has operated a street trading consent scheme under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. Under the scheme streets within Oxford are classified either as "consent streets" where street trading can take place in certain specified locations, or "prohibited streets" on which there can be no street trading. Bonn Square is a Consent Street in which traders have operated since the introduction of the original scheme in 1986.
3. Oxford City Council, in general, has always encouraged a vibrant street life as one way to enhance the city centre for all users. The Central South and West Area Committee supported the proposal for this location at its meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2005.

4. At their meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2003 Public Entertainment and other matters licensing committee approved the establishment of a weekly let site for street trading in Cornmarket Street. This began operation in 2004 and has proved so successful that there is a waiting list. It has been welcomed by pedestrians, customers, and the traders but continuity is now difficult because of the demand for use by traders.
5. An additional site will allow the promotion of small craft type sales at the Cornmarket Street site.

### **The Site**

6. The specific location of the site is immediately adjacent to the cycle racks on the north side of the square as indicated on the plan in Appendix 1.
7. It is not considered that this proposed use will interfere with the habitual users of this section of Bonn Square nor will it impede access to the use of the cycle racks. The pitch can be discreetly marked to aid enforcement and the consent of the Police and the County Council as Highway Authority has been obtained. The Council when it issues street trading consents attached conditions. As the consents issued for the new site will only last for one week at a time, the conditions will be as already apply to the Cornmarket Street location. The Council will also impose the fee of £125 for each weekly consent issued. That fee will cover the cost of the scheme, and is paid in advance of the trading period.

**THIS REPORT HAS BEEN SEEN AND APPROVED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BUSINESS MANAGER AND THE LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES BUSINESS MANAGER (JF)**



Title: Bonn Square

APPENDIX 1

Scale: 1:500; Map Reference: SP5106SW

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