

Cowley Road – Street Trading

The Environmental Health Business Manager reports as follows:-

Cowley Road and many of the adjoining streets are currently designated as “Prohibited Streets” for the purposes of the City Council’s Street Trading Scheme. This designation was made by the former Environmental Protection Committee to prevent trading which had been the source of complaints.

The Prohibited Street designation effectively prohibits any street trading in these streets with a few specific exemptions. The Cowley Road Carnival has been held in recent years by using some of the exemptions. However, the size and nature of the carnival has grown to the extent that this location cannot now support all the intended traders and still remain within the scope of the exemptions previously used.

Council on 24th April 2006 agreed that consultation procedures should commence to designate Cowley Road and Manzil Way as “Consent” rather than “Prohibited” streets. Subject to the outcome of the consultation the Council may grant a consent to the carnival organisers for the day of the carnival (as is the case with the continental markets in Broad Street) and other similar events. It is not intended that the change in designation be used to create permanent street trading pitches on the re-designated streets.

Because of the timescales involved I need to report to a special meeting of the Committee on 31st May upon the outcome of the consultation. Any later would not enable re-designation to take effect before the 2006 carnival.

The Committee is asked:-

- (a) to receive the contents of this note;
- (b) to agree that a special meeting of the Committee be held at 9.30am on Wednesday 31st May 2006 to reach decisions on a report on consultation on re-designation.