

**Note of meeting with Street Traders to discuss Street Trading Consultation  
Town Hall - 30 November 2010**

**Chair:** Councillor Sareva

**Officers:** A Payne, A Thomson, G Eagle

**Traders and representatives:** John Dykes, Stuart Dykes, Allal Lauzini, Haroon Khan, Michael Hall, Arzu Neeves, Allan A. McCallum-Toppin, Mike Carver, Mark Byrom, M Khan, John Irvin, H Kave, Abdul Ali, Mr Hamis, A Kececi, Graham Coles, Hassan El Ouahadi, Paul Tong, Aniko Veses, Fatosh Kaya, Ali Sultani, M Elouath, Ahmet Ozbas, Akum Akkoule.

**Introduction**

The purpose of the consultation was outlined by the Chair. Traders were given a copy of the consultation documents and response sheet. They were advised that a note of the meeting will be taken but they could also submit comments in writing or on-line via the Council's website up until 4 January 2010.

**Comments from the meeting**

1. A weekly trader agreed with the stall design with set dimension, would like to know when any changes will take effect, would like a fixed stall provided by the Council.
2. Michel's Creperie – previously traded with electricity point at Bonn square and now trades without electricity following changes to Bonn Square. Would like electricity point again. Would like to be able to get a consent for longer than a year as it would help with dealings with the bank.
3. A weekly trader would support an additional weekly trading pitch in Cornmarket Street.
4. When will any changes to conditions take effect – cannot be introduced from April 2010 as that would be too early. Would like to have a 3 year consent.
5. Can the morning start time be moved to 8.00 a.m. Vehicles used to set up pitch have to be moved out of city centre to comply with traffic regulations.
6. Agree that all traders should have Level 2 Food Hygiene Certificate, and that they should have refresher training every 3 years.
7. Agree that consent holder should actively run the stall.
8. Agree that greater controls over stall but not to be retrospectively applied to vehicles.
9. More enforcement is needed to prevent illegal street traders and pedlars legislation.
10. With fewer buses in Queen Street, would like more opportunities for weekly let pitches.
11. Do not support the proposed approach for northern part of St Ebbes as there is not enough footfall and might become a market for cheaper goods. Support expansion of trading in Bonn Square and Cornmarket Street.

**MINUTES OF MEETING (EXTRACT)  
COVERED MARKET TRADERS  
Plowman Room, 10.00am - 12 Noon ~ Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009**

**Attendees:**

Steve Sprason, Head of Property & Facilities Management (SS), Dave Huddle (DH), Ruth Whelan (RW), Councillor Colin Cook, Alistair Ferrier (AF)

**Trader Representatives:**

Chris Farren (CF), Malcolm Davis (MD), Sandie Griffith, Colin Bonner, Mike Feller

**Circulation:** John Bellenger (JB), Alistair Ferrier (AF)

1. **Apologies:** John Partington, Craig Muir, Joy Hetherington, Jason Lowe

6. **Review of Street Trading Policy**

Tony Payne, Licensing and Development Manager and Andy Thompson, the Council's Street Trading Enforcement Officer presented the proposals for consultation on the revised Street Trading Consent Policy. TP outlined the history and previous lack of control and went through the draft document briefly highlighting issues in relation to prohibited and consent street arrangements. Advised that in terms of rental income the Council was only able to recover its costs. There was a useful discussion with the view being expressed by Traders that Market Street and Cornmarket should be prohibited streets. Some questioned the need for street traders at all. SS advised that he had already provided comments on the consultation document, also suggesting that Cornmarket and Market Street should be prohibited streets and that commercial impact, not only in relation to the Council's properties and Covered Market, but also more generally should be considered in determining the pitches of street traders.

A specific example was cited of a cut flower salesman being positioned in a prime pitch on Cornmarket whereas there were two to three Covered Market Traders who also sold this line. Many thought that the idea of helping fledgling and start-up businesses through Street Trading was sound in theory but did not follow its way through into practice. TP circulated comment sheets and all were encouraged to complete and return by the due date of 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010. TP advised that the outcome of the consultation would be reported to the General Purposes Licensing Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010. The outcome would be reported back to Traders.

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# CENTRAL SOUTH WEST AREA COMMITTEE (EXTRACT)

Tuesday 8 December 2009

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** Councillor Van Nooijen (Chair), Councillor Brown (Vice-Chair), Councillors Cook, Mills, Price and Pressel.

**COUNTY COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** County Councillors Pressel and Tanner.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Richard Grant (Area Co-ordinator), Murray Hancock (Chief Principal Planner), Inspector Matt Bullivant (Thames Valley Police), David Huddle (Streetscene), Joanna Clegg (Oxfordshire County Council), Roger Pitman (Scientific Officer, Environmental Development) Tony Payne (Licensing and Development Manager) Andy Thomson (Street Trading Officer) Alec Dubberley and Sarah Claridge (Democratic Services)

## 92. REVIEW OF STREET TRADING SCHEME CONSULTATION

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) seeking the Committee's views on the proposed changes to the Street Trading Scheme.

The Licensing and Development Manager explained that the Council was currently consulting on a new policy for Street Trading which would result in a single stand alone document for all Street Trading in the city.

Particular concern was expressed over the re-siting of particular stalls from Westgate onto Cornmarket Street, although the Street Trading Officer said this was only a temporary measure and a permanent site would be identified once the new policy was complete. The Committee asked that protecting cycle routes was given a high priority.

The Committee broadly welcomed the draft policy and what it was trying to achieve and asked that officers ensure a wide ranging consultation is carried out with adequate monitoring and enforcement of the policy once it is complete.

The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 8.30 pm

Between 1 and 15 members of the public were present at the meeting.