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Proposed changes to the Street Trading scheme

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FINAL RESPONSE (CONFIDENTIAL)

Submitted by [REDACTED] on 23 Nov 2009 11:37

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 Date 23 Nov 2009 11:37

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Question 1

What do you think of the draft street trading policy?

Please select one option from the list.

Good
 Average [Selected]
 Poor

Question 2

Do you think there should be greater controls in place over the space occupied by individual street trading pitches and the appearance of stalls so that they are of uniform look and quality?

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Yes [Selected]
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 Don't know

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Please select one option from the list.

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Please select one option from the list.

There are too many street traders [Selected]
 There are about the right number of street traders
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Please select one option from the list.

- Yes [Selected]
- No []
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There is a proposal for a new approach to street trading in St Ebbes Street. Do you agree in principal to the refurbishment of St Ebbes Street that includes new street trading pitches of a consistent and attractive appearance?

Please select one option from the list.

- Yes [Selected]
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[Rubbish can be left and waste tipped in to gullies. Some streets could have more traders e.g. Barns Rd/Between Towns Rd. Tables and chairs should be to a set standard.]

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[According to Appendix 1, there are no licences for trading in Cornmarket. Please enforce it. There is no point in having a policy if it is not enforced. Roadside vans must not obstruct buses or bus stops. In an attempt to encourage healthier eating, the hot food stalls should be banned.]

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PROPOSALS FOR STREET TRADING SCHEME CHANGES
Deb 2009

First of all, I would like to give a warm welcome to the Oxford City Council's offer of this opportunity to comment on the proposals for the street trading scheme changes. It is the first time we have had such an opportunity to give our opinions as well as to be involved in Oxford City Council's plans for street trading since September 2007 when I started my street trading. Like other traders, I have been carefully thinking about the proposals and opinions. These thoughts and ideas might not be perfect or refined but I trust my voice might help the officers of Oxford City Council in their decision making for 2010's changes.

During this two years trading in Cornmarket Street and Bonn Square, I have learnt a lot of things about trading and I am giving my comments and suggestions under the following headings:

- WHAT IS STREET TRADING FOR?
- WHO SHOULD TRADE?
- WHAT TO SELL?
- WHERE?
- WHAT ARE THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL STREET TRADING OPERATION?

QUESTION 1 – WHAT IS STREET TRADING FOR

It is obvious we must consider the purpose of having street trading in Oxford before we start to discuss anything further. Everybody who is involved in this discussion would agree that having well organized street trading in Oxford can be greatly beneficial to residents and visitors and to Oxford's reputation.

Because of the limited number of shops and premises available in Oxford city centre, most of those shops are operated and controlled by big companies who sell the same or similar products. From the number of customers I have had every day in my trading in Cornmarket Street and Bonn Square, I believe local residents and tourists would welcome more street trading products and services. Oxford City Council has limited funds for developing Oxford. To expand the possibilities of gathering more money for development, a good way is **to create more street trading but not less**. It will not only bring in more visitors with the consequent financial benefits to the city but will allow more residents in Oxford to have jobs and work for themselves. I am one of the examples. After I quit my job working in Honda Motor Europe Ltd (in Slough) I started street trading in Oxford. I never needed to claim for unemployed benefits. I am happily self-employed in making money to support myself as well as my family.

Currently, in Oxford city centre, there are 11 pavement locations for street trading. However, within those 11 permitted locations only two of them (Cornmarket Street, Bonn Square) are actively in use, rotated by about 12 regular traders. The rest of the spots either were annually taken or reserved for no trading use (because of roads contraction work, the lack of interests by traders etc). Compared with the stall trading market located in the centre of Cambridge centre, the market in Cambridge is daily based, but also has about 60 – 80 stalls through the year. In addition to the main market, there are other weekly markets in the centre for locals as well as for visitors. By visiting Cambridge many times, I have no wonder why Cambridge does not have similar problems like Oxford – the illegal peddler traders are not found much in Cambridge but often in Oxford. There are not enough legal trading spots in Oxford, not enough controlling power from Oxford City Council in street trading; the existing street trading in Oxford does not generate enough income for Oxford City Council to consider any further development – which has led Oxford into being a high priced town with less rich products for shoppers and visitors than, say, Cambridge.

Taking Stratford upon Avon as an example, they allow traders to apply for street trading in the city centre. They have regular trading group organized by a private company along the river side, plus they allow other individual traders to trade in the city centre as long they meet the standard trading criteria. Compared with them, Oxford only has its Wednesday and Thursday Gloucester Green market, and the Covered Market (which has not many space available to public traders to apply), occasionally the French market appears here and there. No more positive signs of street trading development in Oxford could be found unfortunately for a long time (since I moved to oxford in 1999). This is another reason from a resident's point view, I believe this time Oxford city council is reviewing its street trading policy in Oxford is more than welcome and necessary.

Nobody would argue the importance to have a well organized and well controlled street trading market in the city centre of Oxford. To have 11 pavement street location spread in the city centre here and then. It would be less easy for control and for organizing. Furthermore, while 9 out of 11 stall spots are separated in different corners in the centre; it was more designed to benefit tourists, but little for the locals. Only the stalls in Born Square & Cornmarket Street are more residential purpose located. For those reasons, **a new street trading market in the centre of Oxford would have to consider three main parties: Oxford city council, the traders, the locals and tourists for the new developmental plans.** I trust the new proposal of having all the stall spots together to form a small daily market in the city centre will have to offer significant improvements to the city development in addition to benefiting the locals and tourists.

QUESTION 2 – WHO SHOULD TRADE

What kind of traders does Oxford need? Street trading might sound a short term business but it is truly long term. For Oxford to have a strong healthy scene in trading it must be selective in taking suitable traders. To leave a local unemployed person out but to offer a trading space for those who are in Oxford on any short term based stay – that is not going to work. To reject applications for those who have been living and paying council tax for more than ten years, but take somebody who has just arrived at Oxford for 3 or 6 months or even a year or so is wrong. A long term committed trader is likely to contribute to Oxford more, they would care more for their business as well as the service they provide in Oxford. They would try their best to think about the products, prices and the customer services they provide. In short **a long term committed trader should be given more priority than a short term trader.**

For the nature of trading business, I think it is necessary to have somebody who knows Oxford, who is in Oxford long enough to be a part of it. Because selecting products to suit Oxford residents and tourists as well as creating the right image of Oxford, requires a lot of thought.

Within the subject of who should to trade, I wonder whether it is better to keep a good balance between all the traders and traders represented products. At the moment, we mainly have products from China, India, Pakistan and the Middle East. Are there any products from, say, South American or African countries? Considering the products traders bring in, are they mainly handmade unique artistic products or are they just cheap commercial products? Is there any special service the traders can provide beyond the products they sell? Do the traders have other contributions they can make rather than taking money from customers?

I understand that to judge a trader and to find a good reputable trader is not easy. However, while Oxford City Council is selecting suitable potential traders, I believe they need **to look into aspects such as the trading history of traders, to have references from previous employers or other relevant sources, to check out carefully their business plan, how unique their products are, to consider the possibility of how long they will be able to trade in Oxford (short term or long term), to specify the products each trader sells and keep eyes on their promises.** It is a must that the trader has public insurance or a trading licence in UK or in EU. If traders are from outside EU, their working visa must be checked before their application is granted. The traders should show their records, supplying references. Oxford city council will have to make sure these things happen and would be well checked. It definitely needs more than ONE or TWO OFFICERS to be involved, to decide an application. It should have a unit of people, for example, one city council officer, one from the existing well experienced traders, one person who has no direct involvement with trading business. Existing traders should be given rights to give opinions and make suggestions in taking new traders or toward existing traders. It would be good indeed **to involve street traders in the policy and decision making about street trading so that it is not only a one way communication from the Oxford council to the traders.** It is very important to pay attention to traders and keep a good balance.

QUESTION 3 – WHAT TO SELL

I believe that the principle governing what goods the street traders offer should be that **the selected traders could provide unique products which are different from those sold in the local shops or stalls.** This would protect the local shops and other traders such as the ones in the Covered Market. A trading business who is only able to provide the similar products like other shops will stand less chance to last long term.

Further, among the street traders, **it would not be sensible at all to have different traders selling similar products in the same trading spots.** Two traders selling the same products in the same range will not only cause confusion among customers but is also against the principle of traders being selective. Only the strongest trader would survive. At the end of the day, Oxford City Council does not want to see every street trader in the city centre selling the same or similar products – that would certainly not show the quality of Oxford, nor be able to provide more choices for its locals and visitors.

In 2009, I personally experienced the problem over selling the same products in Cornmarket Street against another Chinese trader. I made a complaint about this in writing. Unfortunately I was told this was not the issue. However, when I started this business two years ago, I was

told that I had to provide unique products for the stall business as the first condition. I did finally find the products unique and different from the local shops, also different from other traders to enter the street trading business. So things seem to have changed within 12 months. This is not a good way to keep the consistency of Oxford City Council's policy. Although different officers have their own views and opinions on street trading policy, however **the policy for street trading must to be consistent rather than changeable**. To fight against another trader from the same background as myself, I wasted a lot of time to think, to worry, not to mention the stress and tension that arose between myself and that Chinese trader which will not ease off for a long time. From the customer's point of view, it is a waste of space to have two traders selling the same products at different weeks. It would be much better to see different products provided by different traders rather to have to buy the same things all the time.

I strongly believe that the principle I have outlined above, and which I was told existed when I started is the right one. The customer is given choice and the trader is given security. While Oxford City Council are selecting suitable potential traders, I believe they need **to look into more aspects such as trading history of traders, necessary to have references from their previous employers or other relevant resources, to check out carefully their business plan, how unique their products they sell, to consider the possibility of how long they will be able to trade in Oxford (Short term or long term), to specify the products they apply and keep eyes on what they promised to sell at the stall**. Where the trader has public insurance or trading licence in UK or in EU, if it is outside EU, how long their visa could last? The traders should show their record or import business but not stolen items. To make sure these things happen requires more check up work by Oxford City Council.

It definitely needs more than ONE or TWO OFFICERS to be involved, to decide. It must have a unit of people, for example, one from city council officer, one from the existing well experienced traders, one governor who has no directly involvement with trading business or might be one more person from volunteer customers. Existing traders should be given rights in giving opinions and possible suggestions in taking new traders or toward exiting traders. It would be good indeed **to make street trading a small local community to be involved in this trading business as well as Oxford City Council policy and decision making not a one way communication from Oxford Council to the traders**. After all, traders work hard on the street, to make money to contribute to the local government, Oxford City Council as the governors must pay attention to traders, and their needs and their requests. It needs more two sided conversations like this opportunity, because traders, oxford city council, the local residents with the visitors are the three parties in this business. Without consider all parties and keep a good balance. Trading in Oxford will not bloom or not bloom as much as we would like to see if this is not done.

QUESTION 4 – WHERE TO TRADE

As a trader I appreciate and welcome the idea to create a specific daily based area for traders. However we must learn something from Oxford Castle market, which was too hidden away, with little public traffic. Such a location will never be suitable for a flourishing trading business. It is almost impossible for Oxford to have a daily trading market located in Cornmarket Street. The trading location will have to consist of more than 10 stalls otherwise it is not worth getting rid of the existing 10 stalls spots in Oxford city centre. What is the ideal location for a long term trading location? I believe it needs to have the followings:

From Oxford city council point of view:

1. A location for all stalls to be left over night; no need to set up and to take down every day.
2. A location that will not stop local commuters.
3. A location that benefit locals and equally visitors (very important for the market to be known to visitors).
4. A place in the city centre, not hidden away, not far from the main shops and main streets.
5. A place not to interfere with local residents or to be a source of complaints from colleges, shops and local residents.

From the traders' point of view:

1. A place having lots of pedestrian traffic (of both locals and visitors).
2. Not a dead end – this would not have enough passers-by nor easily attract visitors.
3. Wider and spacious enough for stalls and customers.
4. A place that will not get into conflict with local shop owners and other public premises but benefit the local shops and the firms.
5. A place easy for unloading and packing up, a place for 10 or more than 10 traders to be able to drive in and out with their goods every day. Not an area difficult to access or having access time registration after 10am or before 6pm. This is very important point because traders might have to give up trading in a very bad weather conditions. St Ebbes might be difficult in this respect.
6. A place reasonably close to public conveniences.
7. A place good for adding to the image of Oxford as a reputable tourist city
8. A place where traders can have enough time for packing and loading outside their trading hours.

From the public's (local and visitors) view:

1. A place easy to access for pedestrians.
2. A location easy for visitors to find and visit
3. Not a place narrow and jammed up – this would become a problem for offices and public access.
4. A location linked to other shops or other shopping areas - not in the middle of nowhere
5. A location that is clean, safe and reputable - not a place for worrying about such things as drug dealers.

I have to admit it is very difficult to find a suitable place in Oxford to meet above all needs. St. Ebbe's Street might be a place to consider, however, I personally do not think it would be an ideal location for local offices and people who work in those offices. They would face the fact of having more than 10 large vehicles in and out every day during the rush hours, loading goods and packing away within such narrow road. With few pedestrians pass-by, the business there would be no good for tourists nor for visitors. Most of all, if traders are not making money, in the end the market will not survive, just like Oxford castle's market. If we look at other trading markets in both Cambridge and Stratford, none of their trading markets are located in a small street.

As to Oxford, I believe there are places better than St Ebbe,s. Following this line, I believe that other locations such as Broad Street, Market Street (off Corn Market), Ship Street, New

Inn Hall Street (opposite of St Ebbe Street) could be a better choice for the street trading location proposed. The reasons are:

Broad Street:-

The widest street in Oxford city centre with a lot of space, It joins local shops and university colleges, a place for all outside visitors, and so enough passers-by and locals.

No problem with car parking or picking up and unloading. In the city centre, but will not be an obstruction.

Market Street:-

Although it is narrow comparing with Board Street, however it does not involve many offices and local commuters. Off Cornmarket Street, it is easy for locals and visitors to walk in.

Linking to the Covered Market, it will bring more people to do shopping in the Covered Market. It has no time restrictions. Broad Street car parking will be able provide temporary parking space and could be a good place to keep stalls overnight. No big company or nor many offices are involved which means less trouble and complaints.

Ship Street or St Michaels Street:-

The corner of Ship Street and Cornmarket Street is already a well known trading corner. Ship Street is narrow and might not be suitable for a two line stall setting up, but it would be ideal for one line of stalls. Or even St Michael Street (opposite of Sheep Street) could be a better place than St Ebbe'st, mainly because these streets are off Cornmarket Street – the main shopping street in Oxford City centre. Those streets are easy to access with no time restriction, yet have reasonable space to park and unload. Street stalls will only add the benefit for those existing shops.

New Inn Hall Street /off Bonn Square):-

It might not be seen as an ideal location to put a daily trading spot. However, Bonn Square certainly has many visitors and local pedestrians. It is still a good place for trading, easy to access too.

Personally, my best choice would be Market Street and Ship Street., then Broad Street and New Inn Hall Street. We all know a good location is essential for the success of trading business. If Oxford city council really mean to improve street trading business in the city centre, surely to choose a good location is essential. Otherwise, there is no point to put 11 stalls together to wait for the market to fail. If Cambridge and Stratford could put a daily street trading market in the city centre then why Oxford can't?

QUESTION 5 – ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL TRADING

As a trader I have experienced the hardest street trading moments – running a business outdoor in open air. We have to take hours to do the display every day, packing, loading. Forgetting how much money we make from one item we buy until one item we sell in the stall, we just have to put up with all the difficulties, especially to face typical rainy, windy, snowy English weather. To carry out the stall business in an elegant way might be a reasonable desire from Oxford City Council's point of view but I do wonder how much sympathy we would be given from those who have never tried street trading themselves. Without experience of physical stall business, some decisions and the requests from local council to street traders could easily become unreasonable. While Oxford City Council wants

a successful trading market then it is necessary to think carefully and consider all points of view from the public, the traders, as well as the local council themselves.

What public would like to see:-

1. A market where they can find products of good quality, unique and interesting at a reasonable price; products that present a good image of Oxford.
2. A wide choice of products.
3. Stalls in a convenient location
4. The ability to get refunds and/or exchange for the products with which they are not satisfied.
5. The ability to make suggestions or complaints to the City Council about any aspect of the market.
6. A market that is there for the long term.

What traders like to have:-

1. Full support and commitment from Oxford City Council
2. Carefully selected potential applications to make a trading union or a small trading organization, to support the Oxford trading officer to run the market on a daily basis.
3. Authority from the Oxford City council and allow them to have more involvement in making decisions and policy and have the Council listen more to traders needs and requests and understand what are the traders problems and difficulties in practice as well as providing more service in the trading premises such as stalls, electricity, local advertisements
4. Good protection for the products they sell, able to reserve the rights they have already traded in the market. Giving reasonable rights in controlling new traders selling the same and similar products
5. A well organized street trading community under Oxford City Council street trading officer's leadership, to gather all the traders together for any discussions and plans, any difficulties and problems
6. All street trader names and their business introduced and displayed on websites of Oxford City Council – this will not only enable the public in Oxford to learn and know who does what, but also enable them to make reports or complain to the authority, to give the feedback to Oxford City Council and to make it clear that their business is well supervised and authorised.
7. A standing order system to pay the rental on the dates required.
8. A one year contract for traders to make their business plan. It is not good to have less than 6 months to trader in a daily based market. A one or two month notice for any rejection to trade more in the market and to be given good reasons in writing for disqualification.
9. Regular reviews for traders and invited local customers in Oxford to give views and opinions on the service traders provided

What Oxford City Council might have to do:-

1. Make sure they have the commitment from traders with payment made in advance
2. Work out what is the proper rate for stalls per month, per year. Charge enough for the work load to be carried out by officers. The current rate in Cornmarket Street is £142 per week – which is a lower daily rate compared with Gloucester Green Wednesday and Thursday's rates. If Oxford City Council is considering carrying on the stall in Ship and Cornmarket streets – then increase the rate if necessary.

3. As the controller, the Council needs to be aware of the problems of having a daily based street trading spot. More organization is involved and more roles and principles are required. To make firm trading terms and conditions is very important – that could avoid any discontinuations and problematic changes in principles in terms and conditions for trading business
4. It is sensible to discuss the plans with traders, look at the possibilities and potential problems in advance before remove the current marketing locations into one place. Take enough time to plan well before rushing into a decision. Identify existing problems and difficulties with current traders, solve the problems by having a in-person meeting for current traders
5. Invite current traders to decision making. No only giving traders the rights to offer their opinions but also invite their involvements in the new plan.
6. Discuss with traders about the possible locations.
7. To have more flexibility in trader's cancellation. It should make a charge for short notice cancellations and be able to allocate new traders to take the cancelled periods.
8. Make public the trader's details and trading dates – say on the Oxford City Council website – in order to have the public's feedbacks
9. Provide standard stalls for traders but charge enough to keep the organization running and operational.

There are many details involved in improving Oxford city street trading. There will be even more detail to discuss if Oxford City Council is going to put all the street trading spots into one organized street. I personally do not believe it is an easy subject to put in to practice, as it involves the Oxford County Council's plan, the Oxford City Council's plan, all the traders and, most of all, the public, the local shops, residents, and the people coming to live and visit Oxford in the short or long term.

SUMMARY

The suggestions above are only a personal view. It would be best to have more traders involved as well as local governors for a good discussion. In that way, more ideas and problems could be foreseen. More communications would provide a better plan for Oxford development.

Finally, I would like to ask the Oxford City Council to take enough time to discuss the plan in full detail. Do not rush into a decision before understanding what we all want - as the local government, as the traders, as the locals and visitors. It would be sensible to see people from the trading industry, especially local traders involved, for example, the persons responsible for the Covered Market, the Gloucester Green Market (both Wed and Thu), and a marketing trading specialist (for example a professional from the national trading organization), or go to visit Cambridge and Stratford and other cities to find out the way they run and organize their street trading. By having and sharing the knowledge and experience of others, from other cities and councils, doing more research and studies during this review, keeping an open mind and welcoming useful thoughts and ideas, surely Oxford would be a better place to go shopping. It will also add a good reputation to Oxford's name.

From what I have written you can, I hope, feel that I a trader who is loyal to Oxford, as a resident I sincerely welcome good Oxford City changes; I would like offer my time and my knowledge in this change. I would love to see a good real change which indeed benefits

Oxford locals, visitors, all the traders, and the Oxford City Council in a long term, but not just for a quick simple review.

PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR MORTON

To whom it may concern,

As the Councillor for St Mary's Ward I have been asked to look into opening up street trading sites in the lower end of Cowley Rd. Dawson St and Circus St are the obvious first choices, with Dawson St being reclassified as a permitted Street and there being a potential for Circus St to follow. The informal group called 'Plain Traders' has given me a list of local businesses that support street trading in Dawson St, with a weekend market becoming established year round. They believe this would help draw passing trade to the area and protect against the collapse of the local economy:

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, RJ 21, BALLROOM, SAREE, MUSIC BOX, MELE,
TARMED,
MAROC DELI, HILO, DOOR 74, G &D'S, ANGLE AND GREYHOUND,
HALFMOON,
CUCINA, NEWSAGENT, BLACKHORSE

Please take this into consideration when going over the street trading consultation. My suggestion would be that permanent trading plots are measured up for Dawson St and a means of booking such plots are negotiated. A locally constituted group could be involved in the management of such a 'market'. The number of plots will be limited, between 5 and 8, I imagine, though further consultation with interested parties, particularly CoCo's and Kasba, as well as those affiliated with Plain Traders, would be needed to come to final figures.

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Date 04 Jan 2010 11:40

Private Profile

Question 1

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Please select one option from the list.

Good	[Selected]
Average	[]
Poor	[]

Question 2

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Please select one option from the list.

Yes	[Selected]
No	[]
Don't know	[]

Question 3

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Yes	[Selected]
No	[]
Don't know	[]

Question 4

Please tick the statement that you most agree with about the number of street traders in Oxford.

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There are too many street traders	[]
There are about the right number of street traders	[Selected]
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Question 6

There is a proposal for a new approach to street trading in St Ebbes Street. Do you agree in principal to the refurbishment of St Ebbes Street that includes new street trading pitches of a consistent and attractive appearance?

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Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

Question 7

Is there anything else you would like to add about street trading in Oxford?

[Fewer food outlets in the street trading mix would be better and review of location. Current locations cause noise, litter and general antisocial behaviour issues into the early hours for nearby residents and have a negative aesthetic impact detrimental to the City's tourist appeal; it would be more appropriate to locate food vans nearer the venues whose clients are drawn to them - around the clubs of Park End St - or near the bus and railway station.]

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FINAL RESPONSE (PUBLIC)

Submitted by Edward Duller on 20 Dec 2009 18:51

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Name Edward Duller
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Date 20 Dec 2009 18:51

Private Profile

Question 1

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Good
Average [Selected]
Poor

Question 2

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Question 7

Is there anything else you would like to add about street trading in Oxford?

[Regular polling to avoid sale of counterfeit and stolen goods.]

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FINAL RESPONSE (PUBLIC)

Submitted by [emma cherowbrier](#) on 02 Dec 2009 21:14

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Date 02 Dec 2009 21:14

Private Profile

Question 1

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Average	<input type="checkbox"/> []
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Question 7

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[I would like to see street trading times starting earlier than proposed, starting at 8 or 9.]

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Issue

1. Draft Street Trading Policy

Your Comments

Dear Sirs,

I would like to take this opportunity to make an offer regarding street trading in Commarket Street.

I have been trading in Commarket Street for years on a weekly basis and it is my main source of income. I assume that the rota is shared between 12 to 14 traders. My offer to you is to pay the council £8000 in rent for an annual consent for street trading in Commarket Street. That would allow the council to deal with one trader rather than 12-14 and also I would like you to know that I am happy to pay the rent in two 6 monthly installments as oppose to 52 weekly payments that you would have to collect from all the traders. I am also happy to be taken off the other rota on the other Commarket trading site so that would give the other traders my 10-12 weeks allowance for the year to be shared between them.

I would also like to make a point that I have invested several hundred pounds in my stall as requested by the council a couple of years ago so that it is in compliance with the requirements of the council in size and appearance and is on wheels for Health & Safety reasons. I am also happy to make any alterations to my stall if required by the council.

I would also like you to know that my relationship with the St. Michaels Church is excellent and I would never cause any nuisance to the Church or any other local businesses.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards

Fatosh Kaya

Issue	Your Comments
<p>2. Whether greater controls should be in place over the space occupied by individual street trading pitches and the appearance of stalls so that they are of uniform look and quality.</p>	<p>I certainly agree that greater controls should be in place and a uniform look for the stalls should be adopted so that the stalls look neat and tidy.</p>
<p>3. Whether there is a need for more enforcement of street trading legislation.</p>	<p>Yes I agree that there is a need for more enforcement especially at the weekends when there seem to be more illegal trading and pedaling.</p>
<p>4. Whether there should be more or less street trading in the City</p>	<p>There are more than enough of us trading already. I do not think there is any need for more street trading.</p>
<p>5. The principle of changing the designation of streets in all or part of the City centre to consent streets</p>	<p>As an experienced local Oxford street trader the best location for trading is the Cornmarket Street, so any change or alterations to this spot would effect traders financially in a negative way.</p>
<p>6. The principle of a new approach for street trading in the northern part of St. Ebbes Street</p>	<p>I do not want to be part of St. Ebbes Street scheme. However this could be an option for some of the other traders that sell inexpensive products that are pricewise in line with stores like Primark etc.</p>
<p>Any other comments</p>	<p>Street trading in Oxford is what I do for living. I strongly believe that whatever the outcome of this consultation, the priority should be given the local traders of Oxford. I also believe that street trading (with the right standards) gives Oxford a unique and a colourful identity and it provides us with our livelihood. I would, please, like you to consider my offer mentioned above seriously.</p>

Please continue on another sheet if you wish.

Dear Andy,

With regards to the meeting on the 30/11/09 at the town hall I only have a few comments.

These are (from a personal viewpoint) I like the way things are now in terms of the rota system timescale (i.e. once every 5 weeks), and the two stalls being situated in Cornmarket. St.Ebbes could be a possibility too, but there will obviously be less passing trade there

Other than this I think most things mentioned at the meeting were aimed at the food stalls, and health and safety matters.

You may or not have noticed that I purchased the stall (with blue stripes) from the supplier you recommended. It is much better now. I understand why uniformity of stalls will improve general appearance of all stalls in the town centre.

Many thanks,
Graham Coles

From: Andrew Thomson

Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 5:11 PM

To: grahamcolesuk@hotmail.com

Subject: Proposed changes to the Street Trading scheme.



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Message from Oxford City Council Consultations

You've been selected for the **Proposed changes to the Street Trading scheme** consultation by the consultation manager, Andrew Thomson.

Dear Mr Coles, You have been invited to take part in this consultation as you have a weekly street trading consent. Please read the consultation documents and complete the short questionnaire afterwards. Your comments will help elected members decide how the scheme will be improved and what changes are necessary. Thank you.

Regards

Andy Thomson

Oxford City Council

Street Trading Officer.

See more information about the consultation

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Submitted by Gwilym Hughes on 08 Dec 2009 18:21

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Date 08 Dec 2009 18:21

Private Profile

Question 1

What do you think of the draft street trading policy?

Please select one option from the list.

Good	[Selected]
Average	[]
Poor	[]

Question 2

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Yes	[Selected]
No	[]
Don't know	[]

Question 3

Do you think there is a need for more enforcement of street trading legislation in Oxford?

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Yes	[Selected]
No	[]
Don't know	[]

Question 4

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There are too many street traders	[]
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Don't know	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Selected]

Question 7

Is there anything else you would like to add about street trading in Oxford?

[I propose the move of the trading pitch on New Road to a new location in the Worcester Street Car Park. The pitch on New Road is a grave hazard to vehicles and bicycles coming out and passing the Nuffield College car park, the St Peter's College car park and the Castle site due to the restriction of vision it creates. The proposed pitch would trade well, would disperse crowds better and has CCTV coverage. Initial consultation suggests it would have the support of all stakeholders.]

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FINAL RESPONSE (PUBLIC)

Submitted by Hilary Chapman on 21 Dec 2009 21:57

Public Profile

Name Hilary Chapman
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Date 21 Dec 2009 21:57

Private Profile

Question 1

What do you think of the draft street trading policy?

Please select one option from the list.

Good
Average [Selected]
Poor

Question 2

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Yes
No [Selected]
Don't know

Question 3

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Yes
No [Selected]
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Question 4

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- Yes
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<p>2. Whether greater controls should be in place over the space occupied by individual street trading pitches and the appearance of stalls so that they are of uniform look and quality.</p>	<p>More control is better to be the impose over the street traders to create ^{create} a focal image from street traders in public. This control would be more on H&E, environmental issues, customer service issues.</p>	
<p>3. Whether there is a need for more enforcement of street trading legislation.</p>	<p>In my point of view, there is enough legislation, however more control need to be undertaken over legislations.</p>	
<p>4. Whether there should be more or less street trading in the City</p>	<p>There are too many hot food traders are trading at night already, however for the time, Oxford City Centre still have potential for street trading specially when redevelopment of city centre is finish.</p>	
<p>5. The principle of changing the designation of streets in all or part of the City centre to consent streets</p>	<p>As we don't really know what is the plan to change the image of the city centre, I can't really answer to this question.</p>	
<p>6. The principle of a new approach for street trading in the northern part of St. Ebbe's Street</p>	<p>Some answer? box number 5</p>	
<p>Any other comments</p>	<p>1. To save the environment, would be great if the traders had electric power. This would effect carbon foot print, noise reduction. . . .</p> <p>2. As this document mentioned that the Policy will reviewed every 3 years, so would better if the license issue every 3 years as well since comment</p>	<p>of traders on renovation of license would be helpful.</p>



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FINAL RESPONSE (PUBLIC)

Submitted by **Vernon Porter** on 31 Dec 2009 11:29

Public Profile

Name Vernon Porter
Email info@oxfordcivicsoc.org.uk
Date 31 Dec 2009 11:29

Private Profile

Question 1

What do you think of the draft street trading policy?

Please select one option from the list.

Good	<input checked="" type="radio"/> [Selected]
Average	<input type="radio"/> []
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Question 2

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Don't know	<input type="radio"/> []

Question 3

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Question 4

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Question 7

Is there anything else you would like to add about street trading in Oxford?

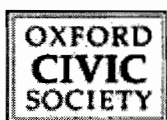
[Most of the current licenses relate to the sale of food for 'on the go eating'. Condition 7 of the Consent requires the Consent Holder to deal properly with the waste they create directly. Applicants should be required to produce plans to minimise the impact the waste created by their customers causes to the environment. The thought they have put into such plans, their likely success and the quality of execution of previous plans should be taken into account in making an award.]

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From: PAYNE Tony [tpayne@oxford.gov.uk]
Sent: 04 January 2010 08:13
To: THOMSON Andrew M.
Subject: FW: Street Trading Policy Consultation

From: Vernon Porter [mailto:info@oxfordcivicsoc.org.uk]
Posted At: 03 January 2010 17:51
Posted To: street_trading@oxford.gov.uk
Conversation: Street Trading Policy Consultation
Subject: Street Trading Policy Consultation



Dear Colleague

You will have seen that I have made a submission using the online consultation website. You may also have seen a separate note suggesting that limiting our comments on the Policy to 500 characters in the on-line survey created difficulties and encouraged one to use the word document instead! As a compromise I'm expanding on what we said in the on-line form in a few more characters below.

We note that condition of consent 7 requires the Consent Holder to do things about disposing of his waste and keeping the vicinity of his stall/vehicle clear of refuse.

It is clear to us, and I think to the Council, that 'on the go eating' is a significant cause of litter and mess in the City. Customers of these stalls /vehicles contribute significantly to that mess. Of course customers of other outlets do so too and we are not seeking to stigmatise any one group of traders because of the actions of their customers.

We are aware that there is no magic wand solution. We think that improvements can be made by consent holders thinking about and making changes to the type of packaging they use, the volume of packaging and ancillary items e.g. napkins they supply, possibly the messages they display and give their customers when serving them.

What we would like to see is that applicants are asked to make proposals on what they will do to effect improvements and that a review of these proposals becomes part of the Licensing Process and decision making outlined in section 5.4 (page 11-12) of your consultation pack.

The DEFRA publication 'Open All Hours' makes various recommendations on a voluntary code which they might offer to adopt. (See Voluntary Code of Practice – Primary Outlets (Mobile Outlets) Page 20. We accept that this is unlikely to be legally enforceable but hope that the prize of continued renewal of an Oxford consent will do something to encourage more than just token support.

If we can encourage consent holders to raise their game, perhaps we can then encourage other outlets to do likewise.

Best Wishes

Vernon

Vernon Porter

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FINAL RESPONSE (PUBLIC)

Submitted by **Jeremy Franklin** on **19 Nov 2009 09:34**

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Name Jeremy Franklin
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Date 19 Nov 2009 09:34

Private Profile

Question 1

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Issue

1. Draft Street Trading Policy

Your Comments

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<p>2. Whether greater controls should be in place over the space occupied by individual street trading pitches and the appearance of stalls so that they are of uniform look and quality.</p>	<p>see letter</p>
<p>3. Whether there is a need for more enforcement of street trading legislation.</p>	<p>No not now the illegal stalls seem to have gone from Cornmarket St.</p>
<p>4. Whether there should be more or less street trading in the City</p>	<p>I feel now the buses are out of corn market there is scope for a few more pitches and also in Queen Street when the buses are removed.</p>
<p>5. The principle of changing the designation of streets in all or part of the City centre to consent streets</p>	<p>Not all streets but yes to some more</p>
<p>6. The principle of a new approach for street trading in the northern part of St. Ebbes Street</p>	<p>see letter</p>
<p>Any other comments</p>	

Please continue on another sheet if you wish.

Mr John Irvin
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Marlow Road
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Oxford City Council
Ramsay House
10 St Ebbes Street
OXFORD

30 November 2009

Dear Sir

RE: STREET TRADING – JOHN'S DISCOUNT CARDS

Firstly I would like to tell something about my history as a street trader. I have trader in Oxford for 27 years, firstly in front of Don Miller's Bakery under the old council offices for 5 years, secondly, for a further 3 years in front of Bond square when the council bought in the Street Trader Policy. I then moved across the road to where I am situated now for the past 19 years.

I have seen a lot of changes some for the better and some for the worse, but the latest 'Transform Oxford' has my full backing. I agree with most of the changes such as taking the buses out of Queen Street. One thing I cannot agree with is the row of uniform pitches such as the ones in the Castle which are always empty. Why you ask yourselves? The answer to this it's because they are not viable in a commercial way to make a living. Yes, they would all look lovely with their blue striped tarpaulins but then why not put a row of shops in Queen Street in a uniformity way. Not everyone wants the same or needs the same, what suits one does not suit another.

The reason I have been trading in Oxford successfully for the past 27 years is because I have been allowed to by Oxford City Council in the format that I have been. I know, at Christmas, I stretch the boundaries of my size, but then again it's no different than I have in the past, apart from this year where I have removed over 30% of my stand to accommodate what has been asked of me.

If you walk around Oxford, why are all the small independent traders vanishing, is it because of high overheads or is it in your interest to only have big traders in Oxford.

I have always tried to co-operate with the council in the past I hope I can carry on doing so. We are a family run business, with my son and daughter working alongside of me for a number of years and I hope this continues in the future. Over the number of years I have built up a loyal and friendly cliental and I would like to stay in Oxford Trading as I do now and be involved in Oxford moving forward.

I hope this has been of use to those whom it involves.

If you need any further information or correspondence from me, please do no hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN IRVIN



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FINAL RESPONSE (PUBLIC)

Submitted by **karen crossan** on 20 Nov 2009 09:35

Public Profile

Name karen crossan
Email kcrossan@oxford.gov.uk
Date 20 Nov 2009 09:35

Private Profile

Question 1

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Please select one option from the list.

Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Selected]
Average	<input type="checkbox"/> []
Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> []

Question 2

Do you think there should be greater controls in place over the space occupied by individual street trading pitches and the appearance of stalls so that they are of uniform look and quality?

Please select one option from the list.

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Selected]
No	<input type="checkbox"/> []
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> []

Question 3

Do you think there is a need for more enforcement of street trading legislation in Oxford?

Please select one option from the list.

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Selected]
No	<input type="checkbox"/> []
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> []

Question 4

Please tick the statement that you most agree with about the number of street traders in Oxford.

Please select one option from the list.

There are too many street traders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Selected]
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Question 5

Oxford controls where street trading can take place by designating streets as CONSENT STREETS or PROHIBITED STREETS. Because of the changes that have taken place due to roadworks as part of the 'Transform Oxford' scheme do you think it is appropriate to change the designation of streets in all or part of the City centre?

Please select one option from the list.

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Selected]
No	<input type="checkbox"/> []
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> []

Question 6

There is a proposal for a new approach to street trading in St Ebbes Street. Do you agree in principal to the refurbishment of St Ebbes Street that includes new street trading pitches of a consistent and attractive appearance?

Please select one option from the list.

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> []
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Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> []

Question 7

Is there anything else you would like to add about street trading in Oxford?

[More consultation for individual pitches between police and Nightsafe Manager re violence hotspots and cctv coverage]

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4 JAN 2010

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1. Draft Street Trading Policy

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A COMMONSENSE APPROACH TO STANDARDISING A COMPLICATED SYSTEM.
NO PROBLEMS WITH THIS.

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<p>2. Whether greater controls should be in place over the space occupied by individual street trading pitches and the appearance of stalls so that they are of uniform look and quality.</p>	<p>YES. THIS COULD BE MADE EASIER BY USING MARKED BAYS FOR ALL TYPES OF STREET TRADING INCL. WEEKLY STALLS. NO PROBLEM WITH UNIFORM STALLS OF SIZE AND COLOUR. N.B. AT LEAST 3 WEEKLY STALLS HAVE HAD MADE 2MX1M STALLS AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED BY COUNCIL. THESE COULD BE PAINTED & DESIGNATED COLOUR AND NEW ROAD COVERS OF DESIGNATED DESIGN USED. I THINK THE "GAZEBO" TENTS WHICH HAVE RECENTLY STARTED TO BE USED SHOULD BE BANNED.</p>
<p>3. Whether there is a need for more enforcement of street trading legislation.</p>	<p>IF THE RULES ARE CLEARER THEY WILL BE EASIER TO FOLLOW AND ENFORCE.</p>
<p>4. Whether there should be more or less street trading in the City</p>	<p>IT IS AT A REASONABLE LEVEL AT PRESENT. BUT IF REDUCED SHOULD BE GIVEN TO LOCAL TRADERS FIRST. STREET TRADERS IN COMMAMKET AND QUEEN ST. THE 2 PRINCIPLE SHOPPING STREETS OFFER A WELCOME CHANGE FOR TOURISTS AND LOCALS ALIKE FROM THE CHAIN STORES AND MOBILE PHONE SHOPS WHICH DOMINATE OXFORDS MAIN SHOPPING AREAS.</p>
<p>5. The principle of changing the designation of streets in all or part of the City centre to consent streets</p>	<p>NO COMMENT</p>
<p>6. The principle of a new approach for street trading in the northern part of St. Ebbes Street</p>	<p>IT WOULD CREATE ANOTHER "MINI" MARKET LIKE THE CASTLE DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS NOT NECESSARY. THE WHOLE POINT OF A STREET TRADER'S IS TO BE WHERE THE CUSTOMER IS. IT IS A "POINT OF SALE" PURCHASE NOT A "DESTINATION STORE" SO SHOULD BE LOCATED WHERE THERE IS HIGH FOOT FALL FOR COMMAMKET.</p>
<p>Any other comments</p>	<p>THERE ARE SOME LOCAL BUSINESS PEOPLE WHO RELY ON STREET TRADING FOR A LIVING, AND IN THIS DIFFICULT ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT THEIR LIVELIHOODS SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY THEIR LOCAL COUNCIL. THEY OFFER A "BIT OF COLOUR" IN A RATHER DULL RETAIL ENVIRONMENT OF MOBILE PHONE, FOOD CHAIN STORES, AND FEW INDEPENDENTLY OWNED SHOPS.</p>

Please continue on another sheet if you wish.

Cheers Andy,

I'll have a look into it and let you know.

Matt

Matt Bullivant
City Centre Inspector
Oxford City LPA
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Treating everyone with dignity and respect.*

-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew Thomson [mailto:amthomson@oxford.gov.uk]

Sent: 17 November 2009 15:01

To: Bullivant Matthew

Subject: Proposed changes to the Street Trading Scheme for Oxford



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Message from Oxford City Council Consultations

You've been selected for the **Proposed changes to the Street Trading scheme** consultation by the consultation manager, Andrew Thomson.

Matt, This is a consultation being carried out as part of a review into the whole subject of street trading and how it operates in Oxford. I would welcome your comments. Regards Andy Thomson

See more information about the consultation

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**THIS IS AN EMAIL RECEIVED FROM MAURICE HOLT ABOUT STREET TRADING
CONSULTATION**

Dear Andrew

Very good of you to write in acknowledgement. I thought afterwards that I'd gone too far in writing about Pembroke Street etc - it all looks a bit too strong and of course I'm aware that it's the county council (worse luck) that controls traffic flow and appears to be no friend of cyclists. (I also belong to the Pedestrians Association.) Still, one has to start somewhere, and a nudge here and there can sometimes bring results in due course.

Best, Maurice

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> Dear Mr Holt

> I just wanted to add these comments to my reply. I'm grateful you have taken the time and trouble to respond to this consultation. The more people who put forward constructive proposals like this, the more chance we have of making real improvements that will benefit everyone who uses Oxford. Thanks again.

> Andy Thomson.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: THOMSON Andrew M.

> Sent: 04 January 2010 11:31

> To: PAYNE Tony

> Subject: RE: comment on draft policy

>

> Dear Mr Holt

>

> Thank you for your comments. They will be submitted to elected members with the other responses.

> Happy New Year

>

> Andy Thomson

> Street Trading Officer

> Oxford City Council

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: PAYNE Tony

> Sent: 04 January 2010 08:12

> To: THOMSON Andrew M.

> Subject: FW: comment on draft policy

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Maurice Holt [<mailto:mjh@fixedpoint.org>] Posted At: 31 December 2009 09:05 Posted To: street_trading@oxford.gov.uk

> Conversation: comment on draft policy

> Subject: comment on draft policy
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>
> In principle this revision of the council's street trading policy
> makes good sense.
>
> But the proposal to introduce stalls into the top (north end) of St
> Ebbes is flawed. St Ebbes is the principal permitted route for
> cyclists travelling to the city centre from the extensive residential
> area south of Thames Street and extending to Grandpont. (The cycle
> track up St Aldates is often blocked by parked vehicles and in any
> case offers only limited access, since cycling in Queen Street and
> Cornmarket is severely limited to a few inconvenient hours daily).
>
> In practice, this part of St Ebbes is currently crowded by
pedestrians
> wandering across the (badly marked) cycle track and obstructed by
> taxis and delivery vehicles parked on the track. If the centre of the
> road is to be occupied by stalls, as proposed in this policy
document,
> it is hard to see how there will be enough room for pedestrian and
> cycle paths in both directions. (As it is, the huge balloon stall at
> the top is a major obstruction).
>
> And I doubt whether the addition of stalls in this location will do
> much to revive St Ebbes, either for commerce or leisure. St Ebbes
> cannot be considered in isolation: cars using Pembroke Street come up
> St Ebbes and make it unattractive to visitors. The solution is to
> close both St Ebbes and Pembroke Street to vehicular traffic, except
> for deliveries before 8am and after 8pm. Both streets should be two-
way for cyclists.
> (deliveries to the rear of Marks and Spencers would thus be
permitted,
> also limited access by official M&S vans delivering goods to
customers.
> Pick-up by private cars would be discontinued - a highly inconvenient
> privilege not allowed to other city centre traders.)
>
> It would then be possible to use the disabled parking in St Ebbes,
> just before Pembroke Street, for street traders. This would certainly
> attract people down St Ebbes and bring it to life again.
>
> More stalls could be placed down Turn Again Lane, in the space
between
> Sainsburys exit and the side of the church. It would mean removing
the
> peculiar wall at the back of Sainsburys so as to make the currently
> untidy space into something approaching a square. It already has a
> lovely tree, but the whole space needs to be remodelled.
>
> Maurice Holt
> 5 Dale Close
> 31.12.09
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DRAFT RESPONSE

Submitted by Neil Monaghan on 17 Dec 2009 16:29

Public Profile

Name Neil Monaghan
Email neil.monaghan@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Date 17 Dec 2009 16:29

Private Profile

Question 1

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Please select one option from the list.

Good	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Poor	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

Question 3

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Question 4

Please tick the statement that you most agree with about the number of street traders in Oxford.

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Question 6

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Please select one option from the list.

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No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

Question 7

Is there anything else you would like to add about street trading in Oxford?

[Although I have answered yes to question 7 I support the refurbishment of the street but would prefer there to be no stalls. It is a busy route for pedestrians and cyclists and will have greater prominence from the welcome changes to Modern Art Oxford.]

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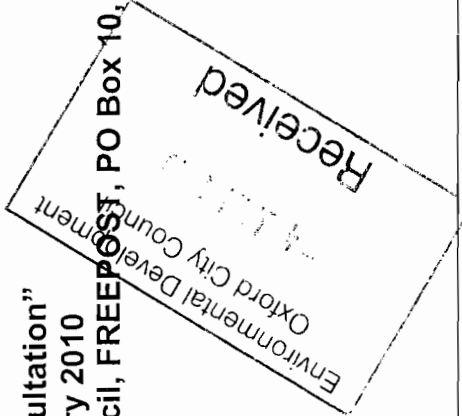
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BOSS KEBRB VAN.

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<p>2. Whether greater controls should be in place over the space occupied by individual street trading pitches and the appearance of stalls so that they are of uniform look and quality.</p>	<p>The space where we park our street trading van, there are usually vehicles parked when we get there, we have to wait for people to move their vehicles which then we lay our business open hours.</p>
<p>3. Whether there is a need for more enforcement of street trading legislation.</p>	<p>Happy the way it is,</p>
<p>4. Whether there should be more or less street trading in the City</p>	<p>I first think there is fair amount of street trading vans at the moment.</p>
<p>5. The principle of changing the designation of streets in all or part of the City centre to consent streets</p>	
<p>6. The principle of a new approach for street trading in the northern part of St. Ebbs Street</p>	
<p>Any other comments</p>	

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FINAL RESPONSE (PUBLIC)

Submitted by Peter Strakos on 15 Dec 2009 17:11

Public Profile

Name Peter Strakos
Email peterstrakosmusic@gmail.com
Date 15 Dec 2009 17:11

Private Profile

Question 1

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Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Selected]
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Question 7

Is there anything else you would like to add about street trading in Oxford?

[I'd like to propose a new, special consent for buskers, to enable them to sell their CD's while busking.]

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FINAL RESPONSE (CONFIDENTIAL)

Submitted by [redacted] on 18 Dec 2009 19:04

Public Profile

Name [redacted]
Email [redacted]
Date 18 Dec 2009 19:04

Private Profile ✕

Question 1

What do you think of the draft street trading policy?

Please select one option from the list.

Good
Average
Poor [Selected]

Question 2

Do you think there should be greater controls in place over the space occupied by individual street trading pitches and the appearance of stalls so that they are of uniform look and quality?

Please select one option from the list.

Yes [Selected]
No
Don't know

Question 3

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Yes [Selected]
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Is there anything else you would like to add about street trading in Oxford?

[1. There are street trading in streets of great beauty and historical and environmental importance, which should be forbidden. I have in mind the High Steet, St Giles', and Broad Street. This gives a bad impression to visitors who comment on our lack of care.

2. Hot food vans give off unpleasant odours. Many feel physically sick when passing. Such trading should be forbidden - many restaurants (which have to submit to rigorous standards) are open late. Cold food only.]



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FINAL RESPONSE (PUBLIC)

Submitted by Mr R Navarrete on 24 Nov 2009 15:58

Public Profile

Name Mr R Navarrete
Email r.navarrete@btinternet.com
Date 24 Nov 2009 15:58

Private Profile

Question 1

What do you think of the draft street trading policy?

Please select one option from the list.

Good [Selected]
Average
Poor

Question 2

Do you think there should be greater controls in place over the space occupied by individual street trading pitches and the appearance of stalls so that they are of uniform look and quality?

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Yes [Selected]
No
Don't know

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[We feel that a larger variety of traders should be granted permission. I feel that temporary permissions should be granted, say for 1 year and keep checks which can then be used to extend permissions.]

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Dear Andy,

I am very sorry that I was not able to attend the meeting today. I was taken to hospital on Sunday with a heart problem. I was not discharged until 8pm today and I could not get in touch with you.

I am better now and I will talk to you soon.

Saeid Keshmiri

From: Andrew Thomson <amthomson@oxford.gov.uk>
To: saeidkeshmiri140@btinternet.com
Sent: Tuesday, 17 November, 2009 15:31:21
Subject: Proposed changes to the Street Trading scheme.



Message from Oxford City Council Consultations

You've been selected for the **Proposed changes to the Street Trading scheme** consultation by the consultation manager, Andrew Thomson.

Dear Mr Keshmiri

You have been invited to take part in this consultation as you have a street trading consent.

Regards

Andy Thomson
Oxford City Council
Street Trading Officer.

See more information about the consultation

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FINAL RESPONSE (PUBLIC)

Submitted by **simon casey** on **19 Dec 2009 23:03**

Public Profile

Name simon casey
Email simonjamescasey@yahoo.co.uk
Date 19 Dec 2009 23:03

Private Profile

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Please select one option from the list.

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Average [Selected]
Poor

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Is there anything else you would like to add about street trading in Oxford?

[Need more room for a response here, but street trading is cultural e.g. M&S origins, beneficial to public - variety/prices and 2 those who sell. should be encouraged,& low cost 4 entrepreneurs]

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Submitted by **steven sprason** on **25 Nov 2009 13:17**

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Question 1

What do you think of the draft street trading policy?

Please select one option from the list.

Good	<input type="checkbox"/>
Average	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Poor	<input type="checkbox"/>

Question 2

Do you think there should be greater controls in place over the space occupied by individual street trading pitches and the appearance of stalls so that they are of uniform look and quality?

Please select one option from the list.

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

Question 3

Do you think there is a need for more enforcement of street trading legislation in Oxford?

Please select one option from the list.

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

Question 4

Please tick the statement that you most agree with about the number of street traders in Oxford.

Please select one option from the list.

There are too many street traders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
There are about the right number of street traders	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are not enough street traders in Oxford	<input type="checkbox"/>

Question 5

Oxford controls where street trading can take place by designating streets as CONSENT STREETS or PROHIBITED STREETS. Because of the changes that have taken place due to roadworks as part of the 'Transform Oxford' scheme do you think it is appropriate to change the designation of streets in all or part of the City centre?

Please select one option from the list.

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Selected]
No	<input type="checkbox"/> []
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> []

Question 6

There is a proposal for a new approach to street trading in St Ebbes Street. Do you agree in principal to the refurbishment of St Ebbes Street that includes new street trading pitches of a consistent and attractive appearance?

Please select one option from the list.

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [Selected]
No	<input type="checkbox"/> []
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> []

Question 7

Is there anything else you would like to add about street trading in Oxford?

[fast food/evening traders appear to contribute significantly to litter problems in the city centre. Management of pitches needs to take place in the context of the councils broader commercial property interests in the city centre. Detrimental impact on other businesses particularly, covered market traders, needs to be a primary consideration in determining both the location and types of traders. The council must ensure full cost recovery in relation to these activities.]

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Mr Andrew Thomson
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Oxford City Council

Dear Andrew

Please find our response to your consultation document.

1. Draft Street Trading policy

As a company we have been trading in and around Bonn Square since 1983. We were involved in a consultation in 1986, and a number of our original Ice Cream trading sites are the ones used by street traders today.

We now only operate one street trading site in Oxford, selling freshly made crepes; this was in Bonn Square until the redevelopment. We now trade outside New Look.

Street trading is a very important part of our business. We are as committed to street trading today as we were when we first started in 1983.

2. Whether greater controls should be in place over the space occupied by individual street trading pitches and the appearance of stalls so that they are of uniform look and quality.

Street trading consists of two main types of trading, catering and non food stalls. Both have different needs.

Catering. To run a professional catering operation sites need access to water and mains electricity. This immediately raises the standard to which catering trailers/kiosks can be manufactured and enhances safety and environmentally friendly operation within the city centre. When the original street trading policy was introduced the size of the pavement pitches was based on the size of an Ice Cream tricycle, that we used to operate. Caterers trading from pavement locations struggle to operate within a 2x1 metre space due to the equipment needed to meet current hygiene and food handling legislation. Over recent years there has been some flexibility given to operators to accommodate this. Both Michel's and AMT operate from slightly larger units.

Non food stalls. Over the last few years more illegal traders have come to Oxford to chance their luck, especially over the weekends. It may aid the enforcement of Street trading if stalls had a certain uniform style perhaps with a

highly visible sign. This would then aid easy identification of those trading illegally.

3. Whether there is a need for more enforcement of street trading legislation

As we commented above, a number of illegal operators still try and trade at the weekends, especially in Cornmarket Street. We fully support any action to control illegal trading.

4. Whether there should be more or less street trading in the City

Yes, in principal, there should be more street trading, but only if space is available and is in keeping with the local area. I strongly believe priority for street trading should go to traders who live close to Oxford and/or local businesses.

5. The principle of changing the designation of streets in all or part of the City centre to consent streets

No, not all streets should be consent streets; historic locations should be protected. As more streets become pedestrianised this might provide additional street trading opportunities.

6. The principle of a new approach for street trading in the northern part of St. Ebbes Street

While we are happy to continue to trade from our current location (especially if we could get mains electricity) we would seriously consider the opportunity to trade from the northern end of St. Ebbes street. As a small company we would be interested in investing in a catering unit which could accommodate us and AMT and be located at the top of St. Ebbes. We would welcome the security of a longer license so we can continue our business. Currently we have been working on a yearly license and have had to move locations around the Westgate due to the Bonn Square redevelopment. This has made investing in a new catering unit problematic, especially in the current climate. Banks require a solid business plan before they are prepared to lend thousands of pounds to small companies. This new catering unit could supply mains electricity and water to both companies and could potentially include renewable features e.g. solar tiles/panels. This opportunity could incorporate fixed seating in St. Ebbes street, which could be used by our customers and public alike. We would be happy under our license to be responsible for monitoring the seating area and keeping it litter free.

An open air café street scene would help attract locals and tourists to this area. Once established there could indeed be enough foot fall to make street trading with craft stalls viable lower down St. Ebbes street.

The concept of an open air café culture would enhance the appearance and rejuvenate St. Ebbes street.

Dear Mr Thomson and other members of the committee,

We are writing to say thank you that Oxford City Council asks our opinion to solve the problem that appeared about street trading in Oxford Town Centre.

We hope that our opinion and ideas will be taken into consideration when you will make your decision about the changes to the Street Trading Scheme.

We think there is a need for more enforcement of street trading legislation. All the traders should comply with the size of the stall for example. We can see that the beautiful Cornmarket Street with its historic buildings for some time past getting look like a market, because of some traders have a car boot sale style stall: nylon cover, scarves hanging on the fence, umbrellas around the market gazebo, flower buckets spread out the street. It is not depend on the number but the quality of the stalls. Furthermore almost all the traders sell jewellery or scarves except the flowers and the handmade puppets.

With this end in view years ago with decided to make a wooden Victorian style stall and we sell our handmade products in Victorian costume. We spent more thousand pounds to achieve this high quality appearance of our stall. By now our stall became an attraction in Oxford. Many local and foreign customers feedback certify it. Many tourists take photos of our stall.

We are waiting for your decision in the hope that you considering above and give us the opportunity to trade at Cornmarket Street in the future as well even more frequently.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Aniko Veres

Artichoke Wooden Toy

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Artichoke Wooden Toy

Issue	Your Comments
1. Draft Street Trading Policy	About the dispose of waste: we do not produce any waste, because our products don't have any packages and we reuse those few boxes we have. There is no use to make a contract with a licensed waste carrier in our case.
2. Whether greater controls should be in place over the space occupied by individual street trading pitches and the appearance of stalls so that they are of uniform look and quality.	Yes. At Cornmarket Street pitches only those stallholders should get the opportunity to trade whose stall has a smart appearance with quality products.
3. Whether there is a need for more enforcement of street trading legislation.	Yes
4. Whether there should be more or less street trading in the City	With quality appearance it can be more.
5. The principle of changing the designation of streets in all or part of the City centre to consent streets	
6. The principle of a new approach for street trading in the northern part of St. Ebbes Street	I think in that case St. Ebbes Street would look like a marketplace. Already there are two markets in the town centre. I do not think it would attract a lot of customers especially not the tourists.
Any other comments	

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From: [Rossington, Craig - Environment & Economy, Transport Planning](#)
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Subject: RE: County Council Environment & Economy response to Street Trading consultation
Date: 04 January 2010 17:28:25

Thanks – Happy New Year to you too

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Craig
Thank you for your comments. They will be submitted to elected members with the other responses.
Happy New Year

Andy Thomson
Street Trading Officer
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From: PAYNE Tony
Sent: 04 January 2010 08:11
To: THOMSON Andrew M.
Subject: FW: County Council Environment & Economy response to Street Trading consultation

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Posted To: street_trading@oxford.gov.uk
Conversation: County Council Environment & Economy response to Street Trading consultation
Subject: County Council Environment & Economy response to Street Trading consultation

Dear Tony and Andy

I've been asked by Huw Jones to draw together as best I can all the relevant

comments from county Environment & Economy officers on the current city council consultation on the changes to street trading scheme and draft street trading policy. This is something that I have had to pull together at quite short notice and so please excuse that fact that the comments below may appear somewhat disjointed. I know of at least one E&E officer (Ashley Prior) who responded before I was asked to coordinate and I haven't yet had Katherine Powely's comments so I assume she will respond separately (I've copied her in). I hope the following comments are helpful and am happy to clarify anything in due course.

Please get in touch if you need me to clarify anything.

With very best wishes

Craig

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There appears to be no linkage with the need for site specific special cleansing of street trading sites. This appears to be needed – the pavement at the entrance to the Clarendon Centre for example is noticeably dirtier than elsewhere on the street.

Indeed, we wonder whether street trading pitches might not be allowed in areas where enhanced materials have been used e.g. Queen Street or High Street, unless it can be demonstrated that these sites will be specially cleansed to retain their enhanced appearance and that repeated soiling and cleansing will absolutely not compromise the appearance and durability of the enhanced materials. Related to this, where an application is made for a license, the Environmental Credentials (g) on page 10 ought to include impact on the street surfaces and materials i.e. applicants should be required to demonstrate how they will minimise impact of generator oil/fuel damage on surfaces as well as the usual food mess that is created on pavements in particular.

It would seem to be sensible to make it clear in (h) on page 10 that all members of staff operating food pitches demonstrate that they have the relevant food hygiene

qualifications – not just the applicant as it seems to imply in the current wording.

Under (d) on page 10, there is a notable example of where this is not being enforced/checked properly at present – the flag man at the top of St Ebbe's is clearly significantly exceeding the 2m x 2m pitch size and arguably the appearance is not smart. Its very large size significantly detracts from the street scene and in particular from the views of the improved Bonn Square when viewed from St Ebbe's Street. We are confused as to why this is not already enforced properly and wonder whether this is an indication of how effective the revised policy will be enforced in the future.

On page 10, we feel that the following should be added :

(i) Highway

The location of and operating times will be such that the highway can be maintained in accordance with the county council's requirements and that there are no dangers to those who have a right to use the highway and no obstruction for emergency access.

Under 9.2 (b) on page 12 this does not appear to be adequately enforced at the present time – the pitches in New Road/Bonn Square certainly operate (as opposed to set up) well before 10am!

More broadly, the consultation document doesn't appear to recognise that some city centre streets are simply too busy with buses and other vehicles for on-street trading to take place at all. There are significant flows of buses during the evening on many roads, and some of the current on-street pitches represent an unnecessary blockage to traffic flow, especially where there are locations (sometimes on side streets nearby), the use of which would be preferable from a traffic/bus flow perspective.

Arguably all streets with high flows of buses should be designated as 'Prohibited Streets'. These would include: (from Annex 1)

Cowley Road, Magdalen Bridge, High Street, St Aldate's, Castle Street, New Road, George Street

Certain streets on the 'Prohibited Streets' list could be redesignated as 'Consent Streets', to accommodate traders removed from main thoroughfares:

For example, Gloucester Street (especially the section nearest to George Street).

Queens Lane (section nearest High Street).

Pembroke Street

As far as specific evening sites are concerned, the following sites are in our view unacceptable from a bus and/or traffic flow perspective:

9. George Street Causes disruption to bus/taxi flow and bus stops.

Suggest relocate to Gloucester Street.

10. High Street, outside Lincoln College Causes disruption to bus stop L1, now much more intensively used since Transform Oxford. Possible relocation to King Edward Street?

11. High Street, outside University College. Although the street is wider here, this still causes friction with bus flow. Possible relocation to Catte Street

15. St Aldates, outside Christchurch Causes severe conflict with buses at stop H5. Bus layby has been lengthened to improve operation of bus stops. Suggest Pembroke Square (opposite side to McCoys), or Pembroke Street.

17,18 St Giles, outside Taylorian Although currently no evening buses from bus stops outside Taylorian, this space could be better used to relocate certain 'country' bus services, such as those towards Bicester, which do have an evening service. Also these sites are identified for possible intensification of bus stopping activity under 'Transform Oxford' proposals

19. Woodstock Road This location needs to be checked, for proximity to bus stops.

7. Castle Street, east side layby. Can you clarify that this is no longer used as a Street Trading pitch since the Transform Queen Street changes.

Hours of operation

The evening site starting time of 1830 is too early in our view, when peak bus frequencies often continue after 1900, and this is the time when the High Street and St Aldate's are at their busiest, in the hour after the High Street bus gate restriction is relaxed. Traders are often seen setting up their stalls before 1830.

Daily trading hours of 2000 to 0400 would fit better with traffic and pedestrian flows, than the current arrangement. Daytime cafes tend to stay open later these days – arguably 2000 would make a sensible transition point between the daytime and night-time economies.

If the daytime locations were also changed to finish at 2000, then this could result in more efficient use of certain sites – for example, the Pembroke Square and St Ebbe's sites could support both a daytime and a night-time trader. (Why does the Pembroke Square daytime site trader actually locate the stall in St Aldate's, next to a bus stop? This does cause conflict with pedestrian flows and those waiting for a bus particularly since the Transform changes).

Regarding daytime trading sites, some of these are located on pavements with a very high pedestrian flow. The Bonn Square and existing St Ebbe's pitch locations certainly impede pedestrians and the High Street pitches are located on narrow pavements.

As regards the proposal a new approach to the northern end of St Ebbe's Street,

we certainly accept that there is a need to consider relocating certain pitches (daytime and night time) in that vicinity e.g. top of St Ebbe's and in Bonn Square. Side streets would obviously potentially provide alternative locations although we are sceptical about the idea of market stalls in St Ebbe's in the way suggested. We believe that there is a need for the city council to demonstrate the case for placing market stalls in St Ebbe's, in particular relating to the number of stalls and that the street can cope with that activity. The street is a key pedestrian and cycle route to and from the city centre and market stall activity could easily have a negative impact on this. You will be aware that as part of the West End partnership work, improvements to the street scene in St Ebbe's are being considered and any possible market stall activity will need to be planned in at the very earliest stage to ensure it doesn't have a negative impact. We are certainly very concerned at the mention of 10 market stalls. This would appear to be far too much for the street bearing in mind some of the factors already mentioned.

From a transport development control point of view, we would ask that all future suggestions for new street trading activity are sent through to us to check on issues such as regular and emergency access.

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Issue	Your Comments
1. Draft Street Trading Policy	

Consultation on Changes to the Street Trading Scheme and Draft Street Trading Policy

Issue	Your Comments
2. Whether greater controls should be in place over the space occupied by individual street trading pitches and the appearance of stalls so that they are of uniform look and quality.	No, they should not be in uniform look to the stalls but individual look to attract customers.
3. Whether there is a need for more enforcement of street trading legislation.	
4. Whether there should be more or less street trading in the City	
5. The principle of changing the designation of streets in all or part of the City centre to consent streets	
6. The principle of a new approach for street trading in the northern part of St. Ebbes Street	I agree with approach, if there are different stalls selling hot food not just fast food but traditional, English, Caribbean, Indian and Chinese, etc.
Any other comments	Presently, most if not all the food available in the evenings is fast food, which is unfair and does not offer people choice - especially healthy options. Maybe there should be a restriction on the amount of stalls offering this type of food.

Please continue on another sheet if you wish.

heth January 20010

Simba Tulla (ms)

ABEVA SIMBA-TULLA

I find it deeply depressing that we have 30 patches in the city centre, adjacent to some of the most beautiful & majestic buildings (Taylorian, 11, Pembroke Sq, High St) and some of the most beautiful (Pennyfarthing Place, Queen St) - if we want to attract visitors we should think long and hard about the not only the visual, but also the level of quality on offer. At all of our town centre "retail & pedestrian" experience. It is improving, but it still falls short.

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Issue	Your Comments
1. Draft Street Trading Policy	<p>The draft makes clear the Council "aims to regulate the location and number of street traders," and if this happens/ is passed it would be a positive step. At the moment, whilst trading appears to be confined to specific streets, and locations, the number of licensed (and perhaps unlicensed) traders seem to be proliferating and causing obstruction</p>

to pedestrians. I do not share the Council's view that licensed street trading ^{as we know it now} adds character to our community or provides consumers with goods that they cannot find elsewhere in the city centre. The quality of non-food goods ranges from mediocre to abysmal, while the food is generally "fodder", loaded with fats - all at odds with the concept of healthy eating our local/national government are trying to promote. The food van also provide containers that end up as litter (as does the food itself) on our footpaths

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Issue	Your Comments
2. Whether greater controls should be in place over the space occupied by individual street trading pitches and the appearance of stalls so that they are of uniform look and quality.	Greater controls over the number of pitches - far fewer - and more rigorously policed re: pedestrian obstruction. We do not need to be encouraged to buy
3. Whether there is a need for more enforcement of street trading legislation.	more "tat" and cheaply produced throwaway scarves, sunglasses etc. YES to more positive enforcement of trading legislation.
4. Whether there should be more or less street trading in the City	less - or if not less of a higher quality - geared to
5. The principle of changing the designation of streets in all or part of the City centre to consent streets	promoting the work of local artisans and craft people as well as stalls that might also teach us consumers a new skill (ie needlework, gardening
6. The principle of a new approach for street trading in the northern part of St. Ebbes Street	making things from recycled materials to name a few. Sounds interesting in theory but why not try attracting Real and interesting shops there. Putting all the surrounding stalls in St. Ebbes will improve the
Any other comments	the vista of the Bonn Sq area seen from outside New Lock, but it will not improve the vista of Bonn Square from St. Ebbes & if I was a shop in St Ebbes I would not want to have a proliferation of stalls outside the front door.

Please continue on another sheet if you wish.

2) The idea of uniform appearance stall is superficially attractive, but at the heart of this, it is the quality & the uniqueness of the goods on offer that makes for a vibrant "street trading/market atmosphere." Why not up grade the facilities in our "open market" ^(Gloves Green) and run them Wed-Sat. ? Encourage artisan/craftsmen to offer their wares & raise standards in accordance with the status of this city (which is unique and has so much potential).

3) Please discourage shops from proliferation "sandwich board" advertising on the public highways (Act of 1980, c. 66 part IX section 148-149)
 Give the pedestrian a breathe!!!

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Issue	Comments
1. Draft Street Trading Policy	<p>We are totally against Street Trading in its current or proposed format as the costs involved and the revenue that it attracts does not make it viable for the following reasons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The principle of Street Trading is to enable people in the local vicinity to begin a business at minimal cost. This has not been the practice as many of the traders have been allowed to renew their permits year on year thus not allowing other 'new people' the opportunity to 'start a new business'. This system has obviously been allowed to continue due to the costs of changing traders!2. The lack of resources to enforce the permits ie several different people running stalls on different days of the week - not really viable for enforcement.3. The effects it has on the local traders who are subject to far stringent health and safety conditions, higher rents and rates and employ local people.4. Oxford already has several Markets ie The Covered Market, Gloucester Green Market, The Castle Market, Farmers Markets etc. There is plenty of scope for the principle (1) to be covered.
2. Whether greater controls should be in place over the space occupied by individual street trading pitches and the appearance of stalls so that they are of uniform look and quality	<p>Should street trading continue, there should be greater controls over the look of stalls and where the pitches should be. People come to Oxford to admire the historic buildings not see a lot of tat!</p>
3. Whether there is a need for more enforcement of street trading legislation.	<p>Under equal opportunities, surely there needs to be as much enforcement of street trading as there would be businesses. Health and safety to name but one. If permits are given only the permit holder as Page 20 item 13 should use them but I re-iterate that the enforcement of this type of principle is probably too costly under the revenue received for these street trading permits.</p>
4. Whether there should be more or less street trading in the City.	<p>Certainly should not be any more than we have now. It should be tightly controlled. Annual consents and enforced correctly. Better fee structure in line with the profitable locations.</p>

<p>5. The principle of changing the designation of streets in all or part of the City Centre to consent streets.</p>	<p>As I do not feel we should have any street trading, my opinion of this point is not applicable. However, I think the interpretation of prohibited streets should be clear and definable ie Walkways in the Clarendon Centre, Westgate and Covered Market - what does this mean? These are private walkways, so how can this exemption of Street trading be enforced? And how would street trading be defined?</p>
<p>6. The principle of a new approach for street trading in the northern part of St. Ebbes Street.</p>	<p>Again, I do not see the need for yet another Market when Oxford is already well covered with 'markets'. Isn't better to see what we have got flourish that deplete that trade with yet more!! The Covered Market is an asset to the City of Oxford and needs to be protected. The owners of the Stalls and the staff that are employed within ie in the region of 120 people plus needs to be protected. They cannot compete with stalls outside in main trading thoroughfares being charged minimal costs - they will not survive.</p>
<p>Any other comments</p>	<p>I sincerely hope that it will be recognised that the need for Street trading is not required. <u>The burden of administration and enforcement is far greater than the income received and therefore should not be allowed to continue.</u></p>

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Conversation: Consultation on street Trading scheme and Draft Street trading Policy.
Subject: Consultation on street Trading scheme and Draft Street trading Policy.

For the attention of Andrew Thompson, Street trading Officer.

Thanks you for your recent communication/consultation on the Street Trading scheme and Draft Street trading Policy. My comments are of a general nature and are as follows.

Greater control over the space occupied by individual street trading pitches- The Fire and Rescue service would request that any pitches do not restrict access to any premises or to any roads off a main road. Nor should a pitch restrict access to a Fire hydrant

Street trading sites –No sites approved for street trading should be such that they would impede the progress/access for Fire appliances in emergency situations.

New Applications and Renewals of consent-The Fire and Rescue Service would appreciate consultation/notification of any such proposals for the reasons detailed above.

Regards,

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Hello Mr Thomson

I'm emailing you with regards to Phils flower stall being located across from our shop. Since moving there our work environment has improved considerably with a reduction in noise from near by buskers, this also results in a better experience for our customers as many of our orders and transactions are arranged over the phone. The reduction in amplified music assists in this. Phil himself has also been very pleasant and has always conducted his business in a friendly, professional manner. Upon his relocation he formally introduced himself and has since developed a strong business relationship with the store as well as a personal one. I would very much like to continue that and hope that his relocation to westgate can be prevented and at the very least delayed.

Many Thanks

Philip Curnick
Oxford Virgin Media Store

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Dear Mr Thomson,

Thank you for your recent invitation to participate in the consultation on "Proposed changes to the Street Trading scheme". We will make every effort to make the opportunity available to our members.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight that from a student perspective December is not a good time to hold a consultation due to academic commitments. This includes exams, coursework and preparations for returning home for the holiday period. Some students have already finished exams and returned home.

We are delighted that you wish to consult Oxford Brookes students about issues that affect them and the City of Oxford. Please bear in mind for this and future consultations a December/January time frame is not a good time to consult students as you will achieve limited engagement.

I hope this is useful.

kind regards,

Matthew Hayes

Vice President: Welfare and Equal Opportunities - Oxford Brookes Students' Union

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Dear Mr Thomson

I am writing this email to let you know of the disappointment upon hearing the news that the flower stall in CornMarket Street outside AMT Coffee will be relocating back to the Westgate Shopping Centre over the last couple of months i have had the pleasure of getting to know the guys that own it and how delightful and pleasant chaps they are.

I myself do not visit Westgate and as a regular shopper to CornMarket Street its delightful to see such a colourful and vast array of fresh flowers on offer at very good prices and ive now become a regular to this stall and will be sorry to see them leave and a number of my friends will also feel the same!

Kindest Regards

Veronica Philpott

View your other email accounts from your Hotmail inbox. [Add them now.](#)

Hi!

I'm forwarding this to the Students Union General Manager for action

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> Oxford City Council Consultations

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> You've been invited to participate in the "Proposed changes to the
> Street Trading scheme" consultation by the consultation manager,
Andrew Thomson.

> Dear Mr Cooper (Student Services Manager), I am the street trading
> officer for Oxford. Due to the large number of students who use the
> kebab vans in Oxford I am inviting you and your students to take part
> in this consultation. Please inform students that elected members
have

> requested officers undertake a review of street trading and how it
> operates in Oxford, with a view to improving the scheme. Please
direct

> students to our website and go to the word Consultation on the front
> page. There they can read through the consultation document and
> complete the short questionnaire afterwards. Your views and those that
> choose to participate will be put to the elected members and will
help

> them decide what changes need to be made to improve the scheme. Kind
> regards Andrew Thomson Street Trading Officer Oxford City Council

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> If you would like to participate, please go to:

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[http://consultation.oxford.gov.uk/inovem/consult.ti/StreetTradingRevie](http://consultation.oxford.gov.uk/inovem/consult.ti/StreetTradingReview/invited?e=khcooper%40brookes%2Eac%2Euk&p=A04D5ABD2009122416)
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> web browser's address bar.)

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Comments sheet

Oxford City Council's "Street Trading Consultation"
Please return your comments by 4 January 2010

to: "Street Trading", Oxford City Council, FREEPOST, PO Box 10, OXFORD OX1 1BR
or email to: street_trading@oxford.gov.uk

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Issue	Your Comments
1. Draft Street Trading Policy	<p>The Draft is pretty self explanatory, I have however certain reserve about n°14 annex 2 about traders having to be physically present at the particular business, it may well be that this person may have several business and use employees, I can't see why it should be a problem of putting a member of your family or an employee to work work at this place. @the end the draft covers everything.</p>

Consultation on Changes to the Street Trading Scheme and Draft Street Trading Policy

Issue	Your Comments
2. Whether greater controls should be in place over the space occupied by individual street trading pitches and the appearance of stalls so that they are of uniform look and quality.	Except if the council provide those uniform stalls to traders otherwise it would be almost impossible to apply the idea, the council could however refuse certain stalls who don't fit the criteria.
3. Whether there is a need for more enforcement of street trading legislation.	A regular control system is compulsory, it keeps people on their toes.
4. Whether there should be more or less street trading in the City	It is not the number of traders but the quality.
5. The principle of changing the designation of streets in all or part of the City centre to consent streets	All the designated spots should be maximised by allowing some of the night spots to be used on day time (Ex Broad Street)
6. The principle of a new approach for street trading in the northern part of St. Ebbes Street	A good idea but will make a lot of efforts to be made applicable.
Any other comments	In regards to my last conversation to Mr Andy Thomson, I would like to reiterate my willingness to get a pitch to sell "Cripes" on St Gullies for a day trade spot or even better on "Cornemarket street" with the equipment mentioned and attached in my last email. The spot on Broad Street would as well be an option I will consider.

Please continue on another sheet if you wish.

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Mr Andrew Thomson
Oxford City Council
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Date 21st January 2010
My ref.
Ask for Lesley Rennie
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Direct dial 01865 252836

Dear Mr Thomson,

STREET TRADING CONSULTATION

I would offer the following comment in relation to Street Trading and in particular the operation of the hot food vans; there needs to be more attention given to raising the standards of food safety as the environment in which food is prepared represents a higher risk than under normal conditions.

I suggest that hot food vans should as a minimum be broadly compliant with food safety legislation to retain a consent to trade. A positive move forward would be a requirement that all staff involved in the preparation of food hold a current Level 2 food safety certificate, that is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, or the Royal Society of Health, or the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lesley Rennie
Team Leader (Food Safety and Control)
Environmental Development
Oxford City Council

Changes to the Street Trading Scheme and Draft Street Trading Policy Comments by the City Centre Manager

Observations on current policy and practice:

- **Lack of clarity of purpose**
Most trading stalls don't appear to be providing a service which cannot or is not being supplied by traditional forms of retailing or by Oxford's markets. There is however, an argument that vans selling hot snack food late at night provide a service which would not otherwise be available. Overall, the Street Trading Policy does not appear to be an integrated element of a wider city centre retail strategy or a business development strategy.
- **Unfair trading from prime pitch retail locations**
The maximum fee of £6410 compares very favourably with much higher occupancy costs of retail premises in adjacent properties. Accordingly there is a strong argument that stalls have an unfair market advantage.
- **Environmental quality**
Many stalls are of poor aesthetic quality and detract from the otherwise improving street scene environment. They also cause additional clutter and obstruction for pedestrians in high footfall areas.

Comments on the Policy:

- Prohibit street trading in the retail prime pitch and other heavy footfall streets. (ie add to the list of Prohibited Streets, Queen Street, Bonn Square and Cornmarket Street)
- Proposals for the grouping of stalls (such as St Ebbe's Street) should be considered in the context of retail policy. Locations for other groupings should be considered in part on their potential to strengthen linkages between commercial areas
- Improve environmental quality by developing high quality uniform stalls and supporting infrastructure

Other comments:

- As the Transform Oxford public realm enhancement programme is rolled out, it should give consideration to the suitability of street trading in specific streets and squares in the programme. Where street trading is deemed appropriate, the works should include the site specific provision of utilities. Otherwise, the street should be added to the prohibited streets list.
- Develop for future consideration, a policy for the provision of trading stalls and pavilions as part of a managed business development and training opportunity.

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