

## Environmental Development

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# LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982 CERTIFICATE OF STREET TRADING CONSENT

Oxford City Council grant a Street Trading Consent to:

Licence Holder: Mehmet Yilmaz

Consent Number: 13/00740/STREET

Consent Issued: 25th March 2013

Valid From: 1st April 2013

Valid To: 31st March 2014

Fee: £7490

Vehicle/Stall Details: Mobile catering trailer

Area/Site: Warnford Lane, Headington, Oxford (near to junction with Cheney Lane)

Permitted Trading Days and Hours: Trading only between the hours of 07:00 and 23:00  
Monday - Sunday

Articles Sold: Hot food and soft drinks

**This certificate of Street Trading Consent** is issued subject to the standard street trading conditions and any other additional conditions attached to this certificate.

**Possession of this document** does not guarantee that the consent is in force. Its validity may be established by referring to the Councils Licensing Department.

**Conditions of Consent** are attached to this certificate.

Authorised Officer

Head of Environmental Development



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John Copley  
Head of Service

### **General Conditions for Annual Street Trading Consents**

1. No trading to which the attached consent relates shall take place except between the dates of: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.
2. The operational hours shall be:
  - Between the hours of 07:00 and 23:00 on Mondays
  - Between the hours of 07:00 and 23:00 on Tuesdays
  - Between the hours of 07:00 and 23:00 on Wednesdays
  - Between the hours of 07:00 and 23:00 on Thursdays
  - Between the hours of 07:00 and 23:00 on Fridays
  - Between the hours of 07:00 and 23:00 on Saturdays
  - Between the hours of 07:00 and 23:00 on Sundays
3. The street trading consent relates to the following area/site only:  
Warneford Lane, Headington, Oxford (near to junction with Cheney Lane).
4. The street trading consent relates to the following vehicle/stall only: Mobile Catering Trailer
5. Street trading can only be carried out from the stall or vehicle authorised under the conditions of the consent. Any changes to or replacement of the stall or vehicle must be approved by the Head of Environmental Development.
6. The Consent Holder shall comply with all statutes, statutory instruments and byelaws currently in force. Consent Holders must pay particular attention to the requirements of the Health & Safety at Work Act, 1974, the Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) Regulations 1995. Advice on these requirements is available from the Environmental Health Department. The Consent Holder shall not drive or park a vehicle on any part of a footway. (It is an offence to drive other than on a road)
7. The Consent Holder shall not be the cause of any nuisance or annoyance to any other user of the highway, the occupier of any land or building or the Oxford City Council. Consent Holders shall have special regard to and must take positive action to prevent excessive noise.
8. The Environmental Protection Act 1990 places a duty of care on businesses to dispose of waste originating from their trade in a certain manner. The Consent holder shall ensure refuse originating from their trade is disposed of by a licensed waste carrier and shall leave the site clear of refuse at the completion of trading. No water or waste material shall be discharged on to the highway or any adjacent property. The Consent Holder shall ensure that the area in the vicinity of the stall/vehicle is kept clear of all refuse at all times.
9. Consent Holder's vehicle/stall shall be kept in a clean, safe and well maintained condition and be of a presentable appearance. The Street Trading Consent bearing the name of the consent holder shall be

displayed conspicuously on the stall/vehicle so that members of the public can clearly see it during hours of business.

10. The Consent Holder's vehicle shall be maintained in a roadworthy condition, taxed, insured and with a current MOT Certificate.
11. The Consent Holder shall ensure that the stall/vehicle is positioned only in the allocated space (which may be marked on the ground) in the Consent Street for which the Street Trading Consent is issued. All goods shall be displayed on the stall and no freestanding racks or displays are permitted. If a Consent Holder or operator/assistant is requested to move the vehicle/stall by an authorised Council Officer or Police Officer they shall immediately comply with that request.
12. The Consent Holder's stall shall not exceed 2.3 metres in height nor occupy an area greater than 2 metres x 1 metre.
13. The Consent Holder must take adequate precautions to prevent the risk of fire at the stall or vehicle. All hot food vans/trailers are required to comply with current legislation on fire safety. Where gas cylinders are used an annual gas safety certificate is required to ensure the safety of all gas cooking and heating equipment. A serviceable fire blanket and a foam fire extinguisher shall be provided in all vehicles selling hot food.
14. All hot food vans/trailers are required to carry a basic first aid kit. The Consent Holder and others operators should know how to give first aid to treat victims of burns and cuts. All hot food vans should have access to a minimum of one mobile phone that must be serviceable at all times.
15. All staff involved in the preparation of food shall 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.
16. A Street Trading Consent cannot be transferred or sold to another person except that the Consent may be transferred to a member of the Consent Holder's immediate family in the event of the Consent Holder's death or incapacity on payment of a fee. The sub letting of a pitch is prohibited.
17. The Consent Holder must be the principal operator and have day to day control of the stall/vehicle. The Consent Holder may employ any other person to assist in operating the stall/vehicle and shall notify the Head of Environmental Development of the name and address of that person. An administration fee will be payable.
18. Anyone who operates a stall/vehicle other than the Consent Holder must be authorised by the Head of Environmental Development.
19. A Consent Holder may terminate a Street Trading Consent by written notice to the Head of Environmental Development. A refund of the portion of the fee equal to the remaining full months will be payable, less £50 which the Council will retain to cover administrative costs.
20. Consent holders shall ensure that disabled people and wheelchair users can be adequately served. This may involve serving persons from outside the vehicle.

21. A copy of the Consent shall be carried by the operator when trading and must be produced on demand to a Council Officer or Police Officer.
22. Consent Holders shall have and maintain a proper insurance policy against public liability and third party risks. The minimum insurance cover shall be £10,000,000 and shall cover the operator's vehicle, or stall and any additional equipment under their control. If food is sold the insurance, shall specifically include cover against food poisoning to the same amount. The insurance certificate or cover note shall be produced to the City Environmental Health Officer before the Street Trading Consent is issued. Proof of cover must be produced to an officer of Oxford City Council as required.
23. These general conditions, which apply to all Street Trading in Oxford, may be varied, having regard to a particular location. They are termed Special Conditions and listed on the Consent Certificate. These Special Conditions must also be complied with.
24. Instalments are required quarterly, in advance. On or before the following dates; 1st April, 1st July, 1st October and 2nd January. Annual fees may be paid in advance.

**Failure to comply with these conditions**

If a Consent Holder fails to comply with any of the conditions attached to a Street Trading Consent, the Consent may be suspended for an indefinite period or revoked. The Consent Holder may also be prosecuted.

**HOWELL Samantha J.**

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**From:** Suzanna Berry (Prev. Hornblow)  
**Sent:** 16 May 2013 11:14  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Burger Van - Warnford Road Headington Oxon

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Samantha

Please can I make a formal objection on behalf of Cheney School to the location of the Burger Van at Warnford Road.

At Cheney School we work really hard to educate our students on the benefits of healthy eating and providing them with healthy well balanced meals. We feel that to licence the location of a burger van outside a school and children's playground is socially and morally wrong.

We also have a number of parents who have expressed their concern to us. Please can you confirm who they should raise their objections with.

Regards  
Suzanna Berry  
School Business Manager  
Cheney School

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Jolie Kirby  
**Sent:** 16 May 2013 17:14  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Van -catering outside Cheney school

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Ms Howell,

I would like to write to state our deep concern that a fast food van is parked a few metres away from Cheney school, and is serving unhealthy and inappropriate food. As a school we work tirelessly to provide high quality , affordable and healthy food to our school community. We provide a free breakfast to students many of which are from free school meals backgrounds, having this undermined by the provision of fast ,unhealthy food and drinks so near our doorstep is really problematic. I am sure you are aware that there is a strong correlation between poor food and learning and brain development and to have a fast food van operating within a minute walk from the school is contradicting everything we are working for and doing as a school to promote high standards of attainment and health .

We are really deeply concerned to have such a situation right outside our school which will also cause further congestion to an already busy street. Staff could not believe that this had had permission to operate . We know that the City council has set aside funds to support disadvantaged students and their families, and that you are really keen to raise the attainment of students in the city of Oxford. We share this same determination and hope you will help us in our work by considering this letter.

I would ask you to seriously re-consider the operating license. We are a community school who provides education not just to Cheney students but also to other community groups , and therefore is open until after 9pm on most evenings. We therefore are writing on behalf of our facility users who also do not wish to have such a facility operating in such close proximity.

We provide a curriculum which has Jamie Oliver's cooking course for students to promote healthy food and I would very much like to have a school environment where we are not sending contrary messages out by having to put up with this fast food van inconsiderately parked for the convenience solely of commercial interest.

I hope to hear from you shortly , and am more than happy to show you in person how we operate our healthy school's agenda and why this is such an issue for us.

Many thanks for your consideration . I have enjoyed a really positive relationship with the City Council over the last six years and know that the Council will consider carefully our appeal.

Mrs Jolie Kirby  
Head of Cheney school

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Ruth Watson  
**Sent:** 17 May 2013 09:05  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Burger van complaint

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Ms Howell,

I am a teacher working at Cheney School in Oxford. I would like to raise a complaint about the presence of the burger van currently trading on Warneford Road, opposite the Warneford Hospital. The van is very close to both Cheney School and a children's playground and as such is highly inappropriately placed. It is not acceptable that students of Cheney plus users of the playground are tempted to buy this sort of poor quality and unhealthy food. It is not an appropriate location.

Thanks for your help in this matter,

Ruth Watson (Head of Psychology, Cheney School)

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Pat Tope  
**Sent:** 21 May 2013 09:12  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** burger van

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Mr/Ms Howell

I would like to complain about the burger van which is apparently licensed to sell on Warneford Lane just outside Cheney School and near to the children's playground. Given that we are supposed to be promoting healthy eating within schools, it seems wrong to then sanction a burger van just outside of the school gates. It is sending the wrong message to school students.

It is also encroaching on the pavement, making it difficult and actually a little intimidating to walk along the pavement at this point, as it gets very narrow and closed in.

I would oppose any extension of this license.

Best wishes

Pat Tope



## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Fay Nugent  
**Sent:** 29 May 2013 15:46  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Mobile Fast Food Van Warnford Lane

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Hi Samantha

Thank you very much for your help. Perhaps as you are in the process of reviewing the consent now would be a good time for me to put in a formal complaint?

In section 5.4 of the Street Trading Policy published on the internet you state that several factors will be considered before giving consent:-

- (a) Public Safety & Highway. The van is parked in between parked cars on a route many secondary school children take too and from school on a busy road. The location of this van encourages the children to cross the road in between parked cars causing both a danger to themselves, passing cyclists and drivers.
- (b) Needs of the area. I hope the council is aware enough of the public health issues related to teenage obesity, if not I would be happy to provide you with a list of scientific studies for you to peruse? Siting a fast food van within 200m of a secondary school is therefore detrimental to the needs of the area. The area does not need another food outlet with several available within Brookes University, Old Road Campus and the Churchill Hospital.

In ANNEX 2 General conditions for Annual Street Trading Consents section 12 it states that 'The Consent Holder's stall should not exceed 2.3 meters in height nor occupy an area greater than 2 metres x 1 metre. Whilst I haven't taken a tape measure to the van in question it looks to be well in excess of the width and length requirements, I would say approximately 1.5 metres by 3.5 metres, and that doesn't take into account the van that is always sited in front of it.

I am also surprised that Cheney school was not consulted being that the site is so close to their gates. Better practice would be that similar to Leicester City Council Where they apply the presumption against trade in the vicinity of schools and consult Head teachers in decisions. Perhaps now would be the time to review your street trading policy to take this into account?

Perhaps you would pass my comments on to whomever is reviewing the consent? My own preference would be to have this trader shut down as soon as possible.

Kind regards and thank you once again for your swift response to my questions.

Fay Nugent

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Daniel Vujcich  
**Sent:** 29 May 2013 19:39  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Food van near Cheney School

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Ms Howell,

I am concerned to hear that a fast food van has been given consent to trade within 200m of Cheney Secondary School. It is disappointing that the school was not consulted in relation to this decision, given the impact that it could have on students' diets. I hope that the community will be given a chance to express its views on this important matter, given the important role food environments play in contributing to overweight and obesity among youth.

Yours sincerely,  
Daniel Vujcich

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Gill Cowburn  
**Sent:** 29 May 2013 22:19  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Cheyney fast food van

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Samantha

As a public health nutritionist I am appalled to learn that trading consent has been given to the fast food van now operating near Cheyney school. This is totally against the spirit of promoting healthy choices for children and young people and of considerable concern to parents and local residents (of which I am one). Please take action to ensure that trading consent be withdrawn at the earliest possible time.

Yours Sincerely  
Gill Cowburn

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Paul Kelly  
**Sent:** 30 May 2013 09:33  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** FAO: Street Trading Administrator at Oxford City Council

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Mr Howell,

It has been brought to my attention that a fast food van has been given consent to trade within 200m of Cheney Secondary school without consultation of the school.

I am very concerned about the trading of fast food to school children.

I would be grateful for more information about this case.

Sincerely,

Paul Kelly  
BHF HPRG  
Department of Public Health  
University of Oxford

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Heather Millar  
**Sent:** 30 May 2013 14:38  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Cheney School [SILK.QeBo]

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Ms Howell

I was outraged to hear that it is intended that a fast food van has been granted a licence to trade within 200 m of Cheney Secondary School. I understand that the school was not consulted on this. By agreeing to this, the council is not acting to protect its children against one of the greatest public health challenges currently facing adolescents, obesity. This is exactly the kind of decision which sparks national media attention and public derision. I would ask that the decision be reconsidered and the licence withdrawn.

I would be grateful for acknowledgement of receipt of this email and information about what steps are being taken to address it.

Kind regards

Heather

**Heather Millar**

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## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Colin Mitchell  
**Sent:** 06 June 2013 17:15  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Objection to street trade consent Warneford Lane

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Samantha

I would like to raise some concerns about the operating hours and location of a new street trader (hot food) on Warneford Lane. I have been unable to find a record of this consent to trade on the Council website. The trader is currently open throughout the day and I presume this is in accordance with his consent? I would like to raise the following issues:

### 1. Road Safety

The location of this trader in a row of parked cars and inability to see past the van gives rise to serious danger to pedestrians emerging with limited visibility and other road users passing alongside. This is particularly the case for cyclists who are often forced close to the side of the lane by overtaking cars and have greatly reduced visibility and room to react. The danger is heightened by the number of children crossing the road to and from Cheney School, the trader driving an increased number of people crossing, at the same time as reducing their safety

### 2. Location near Cheney School

The close proximity of the van selling fast-food to Cheney School runs counter to efforts to improve children's diets and encourage healthier lifestyles. This is currently the case because the trader is open throughout the school day.

### 3. Street Trading Policy

I note that the Council's Street Trading Policy is now out of date and due, on its own terms, for review. This would be a good opportunity to incorporate health considerations in the policy and set limits for traders near schools, as is the case in other local authority areas. Could you tell me when the review process might take place?

### 4. Flexible power under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

As I am sure you are aware, the power to grant, vary or revoke a consent under this act is very flexible and it is clearly within the Council's power to vary or revoke this consent to limit its adverse impact at any point. It is also clear that considerations that have not been set out in Council policy may be taken into account where relevant- as with the proximity to a school in this case. It could also be argued that not to consider this or consult the school would amount to a failure to consider relevant considerations, and make a reasonable decision.

For these reasons I'd request the council to review the grant of consent in this case and consider varying the hours of operation to evening only or revoke the consent altogether.

Yours

Colin Mitchell

**HOWELL Samantha J.**

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**From:** ajith alagiyawanna  
**Sent:** 10 June 2013 11:48  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** public complain

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Hi Samantha

A fast food van has been given consent to trade on Warneford Lane, within 200m of Cheney School and on a direct route to the school. It has been trading for the last 4 weeks between 7am and 3am.

This is not a good thing in terms of children are at risk of getting into road traffic accidents as well as from public health point of view.

Kindly take action for this.

Thanks

Ajith

Resident

Headinton

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Eileen Pearson-Burton  
**Sent:** 10 June 2013 11:56  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Fast food van Warneford Lane

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

I drive along Warneford Lane on my way to and from work and have noticed a fast food van parked there. Does it have a permit and if so why so near to a school when we are trying to encourage youngsters to eat healthily.

It also takes up space for a couple of cars so less people can park. I know that Oxford does not want cars and is trying to encourage people to take the bus but not all journeys are straight forward. I park at a friend's house and it takes 20 minutes from home to the parking spot. If I take the bus I need to take two with a walk in between and it takes over 1 hour and even longer going home as I have to pick up a bus coming from the city centre which will already be full. I am sure the people who want to park in Warneford Lane have similar stories and parking should not be given to a food van.

Regards

Eileen Pearson-Burton



## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Sue Bellenger  
**Sent:** 10 June 2013 12:21  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** fast food van trading on Warneford lane.

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

My children attended Cheney School, I used to work at Oxford Brookes University. I cannot see any need to attract children to unhealthy food in such close proximity to their school. Brookes staff and students have easy access to caf  s within the complex , so I cannot see a need for this facility and feel it is detrimental to the health of the school children and therefore the licence should not be renewed.

Mrs Sue Bellenger BA (Hons), MBA  
Unit Administrator  
National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit  
University of Oxford

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Nicola Small  
**Sent:** 10 June 2013 13:16  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Fast food van in Warneford Lane

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Ms Howell

As a mother of a child in Cheney School I am writing to complain about the fast food van that has been given consent to trade on Warneford Lane.

At a time when obesity in children is a major health crisis it is wholly inappropriate to allow the van to trade near the school. The position of the van is also likely to lead teenagers, who have poor risk judgement, to cross the road between parked cars.

I feel strongly that consent to trade should be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely  
Nicola Small

Nicola Small  
Departmental Administrator  
Department of Primary Care Health Sciences



## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** David Nunan  
**Sent:** 10 June 2013 13:18  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Fast food van trading in Warnford Lane

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Samantha,

I am writing this email after receiving information that a Fast Food van has been given consent/license to trade on Warnford Lane and within close proximity to Cheney School.

As a research at the University of Oxford with an interest in public health I wish to join my colleagues in condemning the decision to warrant this consent/license. Please add my name to the list of those objecting to the granting of the consent/license and a wish to see the consent/license amended on the grounds of public health and safety.

Please could you acknowledge receipt of this email.

Regards  
David.

David Nunan, PhD  
Research Fellow  
University of Oxford  
Department of Primary Care Health Sciences

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Anne Matthews  
**Sent:** 10 June 2013 13:20  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** fast food van on warneford lane

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Samatha,

I am writing to complain to you about the presence of a fast food van which is currently located on a school route within 200m of Cheney School and during the school day. I don't believe that the presence of this van can be in the spirit of the council's public health policy which must surely be to encourage children to eat healthily. One way of doing this is by discouraging unhealthy food environments. I am not sure whether you have the consent of the school for this situation either. I would urge the council to reconsider this decision, hopefully in the light of your public health policy.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Anne Matthews

**HOWELL Samantha J.**

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**From:** David McCartney  
**Sent:** 10 June 2013 15:34  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Kebab van on Warneford Lane.  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Ms Howell,

I'm a Headington Resident and very concerned about the recent appearance of a fast food/kebab van on Warneford lane - right next to Cheney school - that opens extremely early (it's often there by 7am).

I work in the NHS and am particularly concerned about the encouragement to the local pupils at Cheney to buy fast food early in the morning, at lunchtime and on the way home. Not only that - it also takes up several car parking spaces in an already crowded area and also poses a crossing danger to cyclists and pedestrians. I would be grateful if in your role you felt able to look into this matter.

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David McCartney.

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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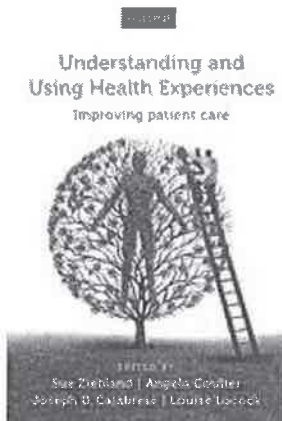
**From:** Vanessa Eade  
**Sent:** 11 June 2013 09:57  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Fast food van outside Cheney School

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

As a parent, who teaches the value of healthy food, I wholeheartedly oppose the location of the fast food van outside of Cheney School. How can the council support this, as there is no benefit to the community. Targeting of school children is inappropriate and reflects badly on whomever has authorised this.

Yours sincerely

Vanessa Eade  
Project Administrator  
Health Experiences Research Group  
Department of Primary Health Care  
University of Oxford



## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Alison Gater  
**Sent:** 11 June 2013 10:23  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Fast food van at Cheney School

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Ms Howell

Hearing of the fast food van that is allowed to park close to Cheney School at times when the school children are out, I would ask the Council to reconsider its consent to this immediately. Fast food is bad for us all, and particularly bad for children who are forming their lifetime eating habits. Here is an opportunity for Oxford to make a clear statement of intent.

Kind regards

Alison Gater  
Research Administrator, Health Economics Research Centre  
University of Oxford Department of Public Health

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Sarah Wordsworth  
**Sent:** 11 June 2013 10:32  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Complaint about fast food van outside Cheney school

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Samantha,

I am emailing to complain about the fast food van has been given consent to trade on Warneford Lane during school hours, within 200m of Cheney School and on a direct route to the school.

As Public Health Academic for 20 years I feel strongly about this being allowed to happen. Any attempts at defending this such as 'being the choice of individuals to buy fast food' does not stack up at all when it comes to school children.

It is not in the interests of Public Health locally or nationally to have fast food vans at all, let alone outside schools.

Sarah

Dr Sarah Wordsworth  
Senior Researcher  
Department of Public Health  
University of Oxford



## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Peter Smith  
**Sent:** 12 June 2013 08:11  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Comments on fast food van in Warneford Lane/Cheney School

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Samantha Howell

I am concerned about the fast food van that is parked on Warneford Lane outside Cheney School and would like the consent to be withdrawn. My reasons for this are:

- Cheney School was not consulted about this. I have a 15 year old daughter at the school.
- The school is the only obvious source of customers in the neighbourhood
- The council should not be encouraging children to eat fast food or allowing easy access to it.
- There are safety issues because of the proximity to both the school, a busy road and a significant number of parked cars
- It encourages children to leave the school premises during school hours
- The van reduces the number of parking spaces in an area where parking is difficult

I look forward to your response and the council reconsidering the consent for this fast food van.

Thank you

***Peter***

Peter Smith  
MBRRACE Programmer and Database Manager  
National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit,  
Department of Public Health,  
University of Oxford,

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Shelly Coe  
**Sent:** 12 June 2013 14:53  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.

Dear Ms Howell,

It has been brought to my attention that there is a fast food van located near Cheney School. I am a PhD student studying Nutrition Science, and am therefore very interested in the health and nutrition choices of the UK children. Allowing this van to continue selling unhealthy food options so close to the school is making it easier for these children and parents to purchase the food. Research has shown that by removing fast food establishments away from schools and other places where children tend to spend their time, reduces the amount of fast food purchased and consumed by these children.

It is also a safety hazard as it interrupts with the way in which the children are able to cross the street.

Thank you for your time,

Shelly Coe

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Shelly Coe, BSc, *ANutr*  
PhD Research Student  
Functional Foods Centre  
Oxford Brookes University

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** M S  
**Sent:** 20 June 2013 11:07  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Van Warneford Lane

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Samantha

Thank-you for explaining that the large food van currently trading near Cheney School is licensed. I would much appreciate my name and details being redacted.

I object to this van because:

1. It is extremely large and has had an adverse effect on the precious leafy environment adjacent to the park and school, which we often have too little access to in cities.
2. I regularly walk down this longer route because it is more peaceful and less full of traffic, hence healthier than the shorter route straight down Headington Road. The van is detrimental to the natural beauty of the surroundings.
3. It is particularly important that schoolchildren value the natural environment for its own sake and not feel that consumption of products is a pre-requisite/essential to all activities.
4. Sited near a school, it sends a message to schoolchildren that fast food should be available to eat at all times in addition to the 3 meals they eat.
5. Cooking oil smells waft out of it, adversely affecting the environment.
6. It takes up at least two parking spaces that could be used by park users.
7. There are more appropriate areas where this van could trade, one has to wonder why they are parked there where there is so little trade discernible.

I would strongly urge the councillors to refuse licensing for this van - or any food sales on roads adjacent to the park - except during special functions held in the park.

Many thanks.

Maha Sarks.

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Emma Plugge  
**Sent:** 23 June 2013 21:35  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Fast Food van on Warneford Lane

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Ms Howell,

I am very concerned that the council has agreed for a fast food van to trade on Warneford Lane, a few hundred metres from Cheney School. I am concerned about the adverse impact of the van on the health and well-being of children attending Cheney School. I am a parent of two teenage children who attend the school and also a public health doctor familiar with the problem of childhood obesity.

I do not think it acceptable that the van is allowed to trade there. Its presence will encourage the children to consume junk food and, furthermore, its positioning makes it likely to encourage unsafe crossing of the road. I am aware that a number of parents feel very unhappy about this situation and feel that the city council should review its decision as soon as possible.

Best wishes  
Emma Plugge

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Karen Holliday  
**Sent:** 24 June 2013 10:56  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Food van

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Mrs Howell,

I am rather upset this has been placed so close to the school and with such a busy road for cars, I feel that this a dangerous move for the Cheney pupils.

I would also like to bring up the ridiculous place the bikes have been placed outside of St Andrews School this pushes children further towards the road the traffic comes to fast and there are large buses that come along there quite frequently.

It appears that the council has no regard to safety of children when placing such items in Headington.

Regards

Mrs Karen Holliday.

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Bridget Henderson ·  
**Sent:** 24 June 2013 11:01  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Fast food van licence, Warneford Lane

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Ms Howell,

I am writing to object to the licence granted for the fast food van on Warneford Lane.

The trader is clearly targetting children from the school. As a parent, I find it disgraceful that the school and its parents were not consulted about the licence, though the lack of consultation is hardly a surprise in light of the council's Port Meadow debacle.

The objections to the siting of the van do not need to be spelt out (obesity is the biggest public health issue facing the UK, the libertarian defence of freedom to choose cannot be applied to children, etc).

The argument with more leverage is, as ever, the prospect of legal action. In 2010 Tower Hamlets council was declared to have acted unlawfully in a High Court decision regarding the council's permission for a fast food outlet to open near a school. It was found that this proximity was a material planning consideration and the councillors had been misdirected in not taking this into account when considering the permission for the outlet.

I look forward to your response.

Regards, Bridget Henderson

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Harriet Moggridge  
**Sent:** 24 June 2013 17:25  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** fast food van on Warneford Lane

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I think that a fast food van should not be trading so close to Cheney school - the pupils are clearly the target market. This goes directly against school and government healthy eating policies and is likely to contribute to health problems for the young people who often eat from it.

In Tower Hamlets in 2010, in a similar case the council lost in the High Court.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/judge-bans-fast-food-outlet-near-school-1997911.html>,

Harriet Moggridge (parent of a Cheney pupil)

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Marianne Thrower ·  
**Sent:** 24 June 2013 20:21  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Fast food van in Warneford Lane

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Ms Howell, I was very concerned to hear that a licence had been granted to a fast food van in close proximity to Cheney School which my 2 sons attend. Given all the effort we as parents have put into healthy eating programmes at school from primary years onwards, it is shocking to hear that a licence such as this has been granted by our city council! I would be interested to know how you feel the presence of the van will benefit the 1500+ pupils at Cheney School?

Regards  
Marianne Ralf



## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Andrea Little  
**Sent:** 24 June 2013 21:11  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Fast Food Van near Cheney School

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Ms Howell,

I am a parent of 2 sons who are pupils at Cheney School. I learnt from Cheney PTA email list that a fast food van has been given consent to trade on Warneford Lane, within 200 m of Cheney School and on a direct route to the school. It has been trading for the last 4 weeks. I understand the school was not consulted about the decision of the city council to license the van.

Having a fast food van so close to the school raises a number of health issues. It's not just about the availability of junk food; the location of the van also encourages school children to cross the road in-between parked cars.

I'm also surprised that the city council do not give more consideration to the ongoing debate of the health implications of fast food for children and young people. This issue has intensely been covered in the media for past few years. Temptations for children to tuck into junk/fast food are manifold, and I feel that they should be kept to a minimum (i.e. town centre outlets).

I wished the city council would stand its ground firmly in not issuing licences to any fast food outlet close to schools, be it a van or a shop.

I look forward to your reply.

Many thanks,  
All best wishes  
Andrea Little  
Oxford

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Tracy  
**Sent:** 24 June 2013 22:18  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Fast food van

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Ms Howell, I am writing to complain about the fast food van that has appeared outside Cheney school near the Warneford hospital. I is not only a huge health issue especially as a parent am trying to ensure my children do not eat unhealthily, it is also not a good message to have this outside a school.

I am concerned that many young people appear to meet young men near the van and have concerns the appropriateness of this fast food vans placement.

Can you please reconsider the licence as I would have thought right outside a school and also next to a children's park is not a good health message.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Tracy Toohey

Sent from my iPad

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Sue Brownill  
**Sent:** 25 June 2013 11:59  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Fast Food Van on Warneford Lane

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear OCC

I am writing to object to the permission given to a fast food van on Warneford Lane for the following reasons

- 1) The van is placed close to Cheney School and the playground at the top of South Parks and is therefore close to where young children are passing/playing. It trades all day - unlike most fast food vans which go for the night-time/older market. As a parent of two children at Cheney School and a resident of Divinity Road I am concerned that this will encourage children to eat unhealthy food particularly at lunch time. Sixth formers can leave the school site when they chose and it will be particularly attractive to them but it could encourage others to leave the school premises as well. This will undermine the work of the school and parents in encouraging children to adopt healthy lifestyles.
- 2) The school was not consulted even though it has a large impact on their pupils
- 3) It takes car parking spaces away from residents and the hospitals and Brookes at times when they are needed.
- 4) It is potentially dangerous as it is not at a controlled crossing and could encourage people, especially children, to cross a busy road
- 5) There is no need for this; there are close-by alternatives for healthier food at the school, at Brookes ( many Cheney sixth formers go there) and the Cowley Road is nearby if people want fast food.
- 6) There could be great alternative in the form of a community run cafe serving good food in South Parks which OCC should explore

I therefore consider the license should be suspended and a proper consultation and review done of this application.

Yours sincerely

Dr S Brownill

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## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:** Priscilla Goldby  
**Sent:** 25 June 2013 15:50  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Licensing concern

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Samantha Howell

As a member of Cheney School PTA, with children at the school, it has been brought to our attention that consent has been given to a fast food van to trade near the school, on Warneford Lane, Headington. The location of the van encourages children to cross the road in between parked cars, as well as being counter to the efforts of Cheney to be a 'Healthy Eating' school. We have been told the school was not consulted about this decision.

I do not believe this decision was in the best interests of the school and local community, and should be reconsidered. There may even be legal reasons why this should not have been allowed.

Yours sincerely  
Priscilla Goldby

## HOWELL Samantha J.

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 26 June 2013 16:05  
**To:** HOWELL Samantha J.  
**Subject:** Fast Food Van near Cheney School

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Ms. Howell,

I am a parent of a child at Cheney School, and would like to protest the decision of the city council to licence a fast food van to trade so near the school. This is a direct temptation to children to spend their dinner money on less healthy alternatives, when school has been trying to promote more healthy options.

We would expect the City Council to support efforts of parents and teachers to encourage healthy eating among young people, particularly given the UK's fast growing problems with regard to child obesity. I would like to join in with the mounting requests that this van be removed from any area near the school. Surely our children's health is more important than profit.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Kate Meagher  
Mother of Yahaya Mustapha

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