

**Consultee 1:**

Comment

1. Retford's Beardsall Row is a Prohibited Street - but Kings Cafe has outdoor searing, which the Society would not wish to see restricted or prevented.
2. The provision in the list of Prohibited Streets (appendix 2) says: "Exchange Street (from the Junction with Exchange Street to the end of the pedestrianised zone)" which is surely incorrect. Presumably this should be "Exchange Street (for the whole of its length – excluding the pedestrianised zone)". Otherwise, Mamma Giusi's cafe, which fronts Carolgate/Exchange Street, could be in a similar position as Kings. Also, the reference to "Churchgate (for the whole of its length)" is presumably incorrect. Chapelgate and Churchgate only meet at the narrowest point, at the northeastern corner of Market Place. The final 20 to 30 metres of each form the pedestrianised area. As the draft policy states "Chapelgate (for the whole of its length – excluding the pedestrianised zone)", it should also presumably state: "Churchgate (for the whole of its length – excluding the pedestrianised zone)"
3. To avoid residents and visitors to the town being impacted by diesel fumes and engine noise, an additional provision would be very much welcomed along the lines that traders who remain in one place for more than 20 minutes should not use vehicle engines or portable generators to supply electric power where the Council considers there is a mains power supply reasonably available that could be used and requires such a mains supply in the Consent issued to the Trader.
4. The requirement for money collected in a street collection to be certified by a qualified accountant is impractical. No accountant is ever likely to be present when the cash is counted and so any certification would be meaningless and lead to a breach of the Consent requirements

Other Comments/Suggested Changes

5. Item 3 is, in the main, directed at an ice cream van that is sat for about 8 hours a day on busy / market days at the edge of the market square in Retford (but not in the specific market area) and operates with a diesel engine running for all that time, thereby pumping diesel exhaust fumes out throughout. Electricity is available from the market area.

## **Consultee 2:**

### Comments

We are unsure whether this license is necessary, as any reputable company/individual would already have these measures in place. If a company/individual does already comply, then it seems they are being penalised for already being compliant. If a company/individual doesn't have these measures in place, it shows they are unwilling or uninterested in complying with the law, and unlikely to have an interest in obtaining a trading license. The only item that is required to obtain a license, that is not already a mandatory stipulation of street trading, is a Basic criminal background check. All the other criteria that has to be met, should already be in place by Law.

- Food hygiene certificate (All food outlets should be registered with the appropriate local council)
- Electric certificate (PAT testing/insurance/risk assessment)
- Public liability insurance for min £5 million (Legal requirement in case of illness)
- Evidence of right to work (Government stipulation)
- Evidence that the vehicle can be legally driven on the road (MOT, Tax and Insurance are compulsory requirements)
- Basic criminal check we understand that the relevant documents required for this license is controlled by different organisations (Local council, DVLA, insurance databases, Government - right to work, NICEIC electrical testing), but surely a simple demand for the information required would suffice??

Items we would like clarification on are:

- Cost of the license
- Whose name is on the license? (Regarding spilt shifts, part time workers, maternity cover, sickness cover, agency staff or would it be in the company name) These need clarifying and introducing to the policy

We are concerned that the policing of this license, should it come into affect, cannot be enforced against non-compliant/ non-licensed traders. This license will not encourage non-registered companies/individuals to apply and become compliant, if they are unwilling to do so. What measures are in place, to obtain information on companies/individuals that are trading illegally and are unlikely to comply?

**Consultee 3:**

The Council should strive to reduce air pollution in town centres and this is added to by traders who park for long periods and leave their vehicle engines running - in some cases to power ice cream fridges. This should not be permitted where there is a mains power supply which the trader could use even if that would require the trader to modify or replace his equipment. In relation to street collection licensing, the requirement that the statement of how much has been collected must be certified by an account is onerous, impossible in most cases to comply with, and achieves nothing. It should be removed. In practice charity collections are usually counted by the organiser and then banked. No accountant is present when counting occurs so any certification can only confirm what is paid into the bank. It cannot certify the count's accuracy. In addition some collections are now counted in a machine at the bank where again there is no possibility of an accountant certifying accuracy of the total.

**Consultee 4:**

Any new policy should seek to restrict all forms of street trading. Shops and businesses are under serious pressure Street Traders and Farm shops etc add to this pressure and should be restricted.

Restrict the sale of plants and trees in laybys there are precious little places to stop and park without Vendors occupying lay by.

Restrict street traders to give shop owners paying too much tax a chance to survive.

**Consultee 5:**

I think that the council should charge an appropriate amount street trading according to what street trading it is say selling catering should be a lot higher than a person selling other goods

**Consultee 6:**

If buskers selling copies of their music are included then the following conditions should be included. Maximum sound volume they can create must have a repertoire that does not repeat in less than 120 minutes. Should pass a Bassetlaw audition for having some talent

**Consultee 7:**

do believe 20 Min is a very short time for a mobile trader be parked.. in my case just set everything up takes me about 10 min, then it will leave just 10 Min to trade, sometimes, maybe business isn't in the place.. being moving all the time would encourage traders leaving engines idling specially in winter.. in my opinion this will be worse for the environment..

I can't see and issue to set couple tables with chairs, where be safe and weren't any obstruction with vehicles and pedestrians transit..