

Licensing Committee

13 August 2020



Time: 10.00am

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Membership:

Councillor Sean MacLeod (Chair); Councillors Sam Adeniji, Liz Boorman, Roy Clay, Stephen Gauntlett, Isabelle Linington, Jim Lord, Milly Manley, Keira Rigden and Christine Robinson

Quorum: 3

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Agenda

1 Introductions

2 Apologies for absence/declaration of substitute members

3 Declarations of interest

Disclosure by councillors of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the councillor regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.

4 Election of Vice-Chair

To elect a Vice-Chair of the Licensing Committee for the remainder of the 2020/2021 municipal year.

5 Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 September 2019 (attached herewith).

6 Urgent items

Items not on the agenda which the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances as defined in Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

7 Written questions from councillors

To deal with written questions from councillors pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 12.3 (page D8 of the Constitution).

8 Dual Taxi and Private Hire Driver Licence (Pages 9 - 30)

Report of Director of Service Delivery

9 Street Trading Guidance Review (Pages 31 - 128)

Report of Director of Service Delivery

10 Date of next meeting

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Licensing Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Telscombe Room, Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1AB, on 19 September 2019 at 10.00am

Present:

Councillor Sam Adeniji (Chair)

Councillors Nicola Papanicolaou (Vice-Chair), Liz Boorman, Chris Collier, Sean MacLeod, Milly Manley and Ian White

Officers in attendance:

Stewart Bryant (Senior Specialist Advisor, Licensing and Pollution)

Sue Lindsey (Specialist Advisor, Licensing)

Jennifer Norman (Committee Officer, Democratic Services)

Michele Wilkinson (Lawyer, Housing & Regulatory)

Also in attendance:

Councillor Imogen Makepeace had a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 5 but attended the meeting as an observer only having been given a dispensation to do so by Lewes District's Monitoring Officer.

1 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2019 were submitted and approved, and the Chair was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

2 Apologies for absence/declaration of substitute members

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Christine Brett, Stephen Gauntlett and Isabelle Linington.

3 Declarations of interest

There were none.

4 Urgent items

There were none.

5 Written questions from councillors

There were none.

6 Taxi Licensing Guidance review

The Committee considered a report which requested that Members review the proposed implementation of Dual Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers licences as detailed within the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Guidance, as well as agree the method of introducing Disability, CSE, Safeguarding and equalities training.

The Senior Specialist Advisor (Licensing and Pollution) (SSALP) reminded the Committee that the current Lewes District Council (LDC) Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Guidance was introduced in early 2019. The introduction of Dual Drivers Licences had been agreed by the Committee at its last meeting on 14 February 2019 on the basis that LDC Officers considered it to be a minor administrative matter which would not unduly impact upon the taxi trade.

The SSALP highlighted, however, that some complaints had been received from the taxi trade, as they considered that such a change would disadvantage Hackney Carriage drivers. The Hackney Carriage drivers asserted that by giving all drivers the ability to become Hackney Carriage drivers would be detrimental to the trade.

As a result of the feedback from the taxi trade, Licensing Officers were of the opinion that the most appropriate and fair course of action would be to put the proposal concerning dual driving licences for consultation.

Discussion included:

- That consideration was given to the wheelchair accessibility of Hackney Carriages. Officers agreed that the matter be the subject of a report to the next meeting of the Committee;
- Whether or not additional taxi rank spaces could be created at the Lewes Railway Station. Officers clarified that they had been in conversation with East Sussex County Council who are in negotiation with Network Rail (the owners of the land outside Lewes Railway Station). East Sussex County Council are proposing to implement an 'experimental TRO' (transport regulation order) which will be subject to a public consultation prior to implementation;
- Whether or not current Hackney Carriage drivers would have the same benefits as new dual licenced drivers. Officers clarified that this was an issue they would consider following the proposed consultation;
- If the 20 MPH zone could be recognised during the testing procedure. Officers clarified that this forms part of the Taxi driving assessment of new applicants, but that a question related to this can be added to the knowledge test;
- Clarification on whether additional training would be required for current Hackney Carriage licence holders and how the training for new dual licence holders would compare. Officers clarified that they were

looking to create a balanced and fair system for both current licence holders and dual licence applicants, with some training remaining the same for current Hackney Carriage licence holders and additional training elements added for potential dual licence holders;

- English competency requirements. Licensing Officers explained that all new applicants must obtain at least an 80% pass rate in each category of the knowledge test; including a category in English comprehension; and
- The Committee expressed its concerns regarding the additional training fees for Hackney Carriage drivers and the uncertainty of cost upon licensing renewals after three years. Officers clarified that the initial fee would be a one-time fee with a cost of £30 per module, with 4 modules, totalling a sum of £120, with renewal of such training undertaken every 3 years (a cost for this part of the training could not be determined at the current time).

Resolved:

1. That the proposed implementation of Dual Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers licences as detailed within the Lewes District Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Guidance, be noted;
2. That the Senior Specialist Advisor (Licensing and Pollution) be authorised to begin a 6 week consultation with the taxi trade and the public in relation to the proposed introduction of Dual Drivers Licences;
3. That that the results of the 6 week consultation with the taxi trade and the public in relation to the proposed introduction of Dual Drivers Licences be reported back to the Licensing Committee; and
4. That the method of delivery for an external online training package with certificate for Disabilities, CSE, Safeguarding and Equalities, be agreed.

7 Date of next meeting

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Licensing Committee would be called as necessary.

The meeting ended at 10.35am.

Councillor Sam Adeniji (Chair)

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Report to:	Licensing Committee
Date:	13 August 2020
Title:	Dual Taxi and Private Hire Driver Licence
Report of:	Tim Whelan – Director of Service Delivery
Ward(s):	All
Purpose of report:	To provide consultation feedback on proposal to introduce dual driver licence in Lewes.
Officer recommendation(s):	<p>(1) Licensing Committee review the consultation comments received.</p> <p>(2) Licensing Committee consider the approval of the introduction of dual drivers licences as per para 3.1 of the Report.</p> <p>(3) If dual driver’s licences are agreed then Members to consider the options outlined at paras 3(2) to 3(4) of the Report.</p> <p>(4) If dual drivers licences are agreed Members to agree to delegate the implementation to the Environmental Health and Licensing Senior Specialist Advisor in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing Committee and in light of the options agreed at paras 3(2) to 3(4) of the Report.</p>
Reasons for recommendations:	To introduce dual licences for hackney and private hire drivers.
Contact Officer(s):	Name: Ed Hele Post title: Functional Lead Quality Environment E-mail: ed.hele@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk Telephone number: 01273 085014

1 Introduction

- 1.1** Currently Lewes District Council offers Hackney Carriage, Private Hire, Restricted Private Hire and Dual Driver licences. Restricted Private Hire licences permit the driver to undertake school contract service but are not permitted to do other private hire work in the District.

- 1.2 The Licensing Committee approved new Lewes District Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Guidance on 19 September 2019 but requested officers undertake further consultation with regards to the implementation of Dual Driver licences.
- 1.3 Consultation took place from 10 February 2020 and was concluded on 3 April 2020. The consultation asked a number of questions but also invited general feedback from members of the public and the taxi trade.
- 1.4 The consultation concerned the implementation of dual driver's licences which would replace the current separate private hire and hackney drivers licences. Restricted private hire licences would continue in relation to school contract work. The proposal is to have new dual drivers licences issued as standard and existing licenced drivers could apply for a new licence if they wish to do so.
- 1.5 The holder of a dual drivers licence will still be required to hold the relevant vehicle licence, either a licence for a hackney carriage or one for a private hire vehicle.

2 Consultation Process and Findings

- 2.1 A total of 148 online consultation responses were received from residents, existing hackney and private hire drivers, operators and professional bodies. The results of this online consultation can be found in **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 In addition a letter was received from the GMB Union which can be found in **Appendix 2**. Direct correspondence was also received in relation to the consultation which has been collated and provided as **Appendix 3**.
- 2.3 Of the 138 online consultation responses received, 70 responses were received from residents and 68 were received from existing hackney carriage or private hire drivers.
- 2.4 The consultation asked a number of questions, the results which relate to dual driver licences can be found in the tables below.
- 2.5 All Consultation Responses (Trade and Residents)

Consultation Question	Yes	No	Don't Know
Do you think that Lewes District Council should issue Dual Driver Licences rather than Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licences? (144 Answers)	51.39%	40.28%	8.33%
Do you think that new dual drivers should be required to undertake the higher taxi standard knowledge test? (145 Answers)	72.41%	24.83%	2.76%
Do you think that existing Private Hire Drivers should undertake a new knowledge test if they wish to change	60.96%	36.3%	2.74%

their existing private hire/hackney carriage to a dual license? (146 answers)			
Do you think that existing Hackney Carriage Drivers should be able to apply for a new dual drivers licence without an additional test as they have already completed the higher standard knowledge test? (145 Answers)	70.34%	24.14%	5.52%

2.6 Driver and Operator Only Responses

Driver/Operator Type	Response Percentage
Hackney Carriage Driver	36.49%
Private Hire Driver	41.89%
Existing Dual Driver	13.51%
Private Hire Operator	5.41%
Professional Body	2.7%

Consultation Question	Yes	No	Don't Know
Do you think that Lewes District Council should issue Dual Driver Licences rather than Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licences?	38.89%	52.78%	8.33%
Do you think that new dual drivers should be required to undertake the higher taxi standard knowledge test?	58.11%	37.84%	4.05%
Do you think that existing Private Hire Drivers should undertake a new knowledge test if they wish to change their existing private hire/hackney carriage to a dual license?	44.59%	52.70%	2.70%
Do you think that existing Hackney Carriage Drivers should be able to apply for a new dual drivers licence without an additional test as they have already completed the higher standard knowledge test?	70.27%	27.03%	2.70%

2.7 Residents Only Responses

Consultation Question	Yes	No	Don't Know
Do you think that Lewes District Council should issue Dual Driver Licences rather than Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licences?	64.29%	28.57%	7.14%
Do you think that new dual drivers should be required to undertake the higher taxi standard knowledge test?	86.96%	11.59%	1.45%
Do you think that existing Private Hire Drivers should undertake a new knowledge test if they wish to change their existing private hire/hackney carriage to a dual license?	77.14%	20.00%	2.86%
Do you think that existing Hackney Carriage Drivers should be able to apply for a new dual drivers licence without an additional test as they have already completed the higher standard knowledge test?	69.57%	21.74%	8.70%

- 2.8 Overall it can be seen that more than 50% of all consultees thought that dual driver licences should be issued, with only 38% of the trade but 64% of residents.
- 2.9 72% of all consultees thought that new dual drivers should sit the higher taxi knowledge test, with 58% of the trade and 86% of residents.
- 2.10 60% of all consultees thought that existing Private Hire Drivers should undertake a new knowledge test if they wish to change their existing private hire/hackney carriage to a dual license. 44% of the trade were of this opinion and 77% of residents.
- 2.11 In total 70% of all responses agreed that that existing Hackney Carriage Drivers should be able to apply for a new dual drivers licence without an additional test. 70% of the trade were also in agreement and 69% of residents.
- 2.12 The majority of direct responses received which can be seen in **Appendix 3** supported the need for the higher standard knowledge test to be taken by a private hire driver before a Dual licence could be applied for.

3 Options

- 3.1 Members are asked to consider whether or not to implement dual driver licences as standard to all new driver applications.
- 3.2 If dual driver licences are approved Members are asked to consider whether or not all new dual driver applicants should be required to undertake the higher standard knowledge test.

3.3 If dual driver licences are agreed Members are asked to consider whether or not any existing private hire drivers should be required to undertake the higher standard knowledge test as part of any application for a dual drivers licence.

3.4 If dual driver licences are agreed, Members are asked to consider whether or not existing hackney carriage drivers should be required to undertake the higher standard knowledge test as part of any application for a dual drivers licences. Members are asked to note that hackney carriage drivers will have already undertaken the higher standard knowledge test when they first applied for their hackney carriage drivers licence.

4 Financial appraisal

4.1 The introduction of dual licences will have no significant financial impact on licensing income. It may actually increase if private hire operators wish to transfer onto a dual licence and would therefore need to undertake an additional knowledge test.

5 Legal implications

5.1 The Legal Section considered this Report on 3 August 2020 (IKEN 9365-LDC-MW).

6 Risk management implications

6.1 It is necessary for the Council to properly consider the consultation responses prior to making any changes to the Lewes District Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Guidance.

7 Equality analysis

7.1 There are no equality implications as a result of this report.

8 Environmental sustainability implications

8.1 There are no environmental sustainability implications as a result of this report.

9 Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Dual driver online consultation results 2020
- Appendix 2 – Dual driver consultation GMB response
- Appendix 3 – Dual driver consultation direct reponses

10 Background papers

The background papers used in compiling this report were as follows:

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Dual Driver Taxi Licensing Consultation

1. Please tell us in what capacity you are responding to this consultation (select one):

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	a resident		48.28%	70
2	a Hackney Carriage driver		18.62%	27
3	a Private Hire driver		21.38%	31
4	a dual driver (Private Hire and Hackney Carriage)		6.90%	10
5	a Private Hire Operator		2.76%	4
6	a professional body		1.38%	2
7	Other (please specify):		0.69%	1
			answered	145
			skipped	3
Other (please specify): (1)				
1	27/02/2020 17:05 PM	Local Company Director		

2. Do you think that Lewes District Council should issue Dual Driver Licences rather than Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licences?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		51.39%	74
2	No		40.28%	58
3	Don't know		8.33%	12
			answered	144
			skipped	4

Comments: (39)

1	11/02/2020 16:53 PM	Does it really matter as you will do what you want no respect for the local hackney drivers its disgusting.
2	11/02/2020 17:32 PM	Ensures equal standards.
3	11/02/2020 18:13 PM	Only to new applicants
4	12/02/2020 09:55 AM	It's been like this for over 30years no problem so why trying to fix something that not broken
5	12/02/2020 14:41 PM	For new applicants this would good but not current private hire drivers unless they take the new test
6	13/02/2020 11:39 AM	Given that the Private Hire licence requirements appear to be a subset of the Hackney Carriage license requirements this would be an obvious simplification. I would assume that a driver in possession of this new license type is not obliged to offer both services
7	13/02/2020 21:30 PM	Any Private Hire Driver that's wants a dual needs to do the proper Hackney test to safeguard our customers.and vunurable old people and children we transport about how can you give a Private Hire Driver who has never worked in the lower




2. Do you think that Lewes District Council should issue Dual Driver Licences rather than Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licences?

			Response Percent	Response Total
		district a Hackney plate.as they will spend more time looking at sat nav than road.i would say a very big health and safety issue.		
8	14/02/2020 14:31 PM	It would make sense as there are more opportunities for getting a ride when in Lewes and the area from passing drivers - rather than being told to just wait for taxi Also it would bring all cars used into line with cleanliness and good practice		
9	14/02/2020 14:38 PM	It would bring it inline with other licensed councils around the country.		
10	14/02/2020 16:08 PM	I am a private hire driver and wish to continue working as a private hire driver. I have absolutely no interest or need to drive as a Hackney Carriage driver. All of my trade involved pre booked journeys so changing my license to a duel license would be completely pointless.		
11	15/02/2020 15:00 PM	No point		
12	16/02/2020 18:06 PM	No problem with dual license. Need to consider capping existing Hackney plates.		
13	17/02/2020 11:00 AM	I ticked don't know because although I understand that more HC licences issued doesn't necessarily mean that there will be more HC drivers, I am not at the moment convinced that this will not create a big impact on my ability to earn enough.		
14	18/02/2020 14:53 PM	In this I assume that you are talking about the licence issued to drivers and not the vehicle licence(Hackney Plate). I believe that the number of Hackney plates issued needs to be restricted otherwise we will have too many vehicles using our very small number of Taxi Ranks. A very significant number of Private hire plates have been issued and most of these drivers appear to be working in other districts to the detriment of the Hackney drivers in these towns(Particularly Brighton)		
15	20/02/2020 10:11 AM	To improve standards of private hire drivers		
16	20/02/2020 10:16 AM	There also needs to be enforcement, particularly of general driving standards which are widely seen as greatly lacking.		
17	20/02/2020 10:31 AM	The cost of running a dual licenced vehicle will be increased due to the proposed change putting some out of work and also not making taxi driving attractive for proposed new drivers. The cost of fares will rise.		
18	20/02/2020 17:21 PM	I can see no benefit from doing so.		
19	20/02/2020 21:47 PM	What's the point?		
20	21/02/2020 10:10 AM	We need to restrict the number of hackney licences given out in the lewes district. Drivers can wait three hours for a £5 job. There is not enough ranks in the district. It adds to congestion to have too many Hackney's, it also adds to global warming emissions.		
21	21/02/2020 13:56 PM	Yes we should have the duel licence as everyone is saying the test is so easy and they think lewes is giving licences out for nothing . Also it is not fare that older hackney drivers never did a knowledge test and the have ph and hackney licence ! Now they are complaining that the ph driver didnt do knowledge! I think its the way forward and you should definitely implement it		
22	21/02/2020 14:23 PM	However, Private Hire driver who have already the Private-Hire Licences for more than one year, should not have to pass an additional knowledge test to obtain the Dual Driver Licence.		
23	21/02/2020 15:52 PM	There no point in changing the current system. Customers only want to get in a car they don't care what type of licence you have		
24	22/02/2020 05:07 AM	I just want to get in a licensed cab. I don't care how they are registered		

2. Do you think that Lewes District Council should issue Dual Driver Licences rather than Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licences?

			Response Percent	Response Total
25	22/02/2020 05:49 AM	Doesn't really matter as long as it's licensed		
26	22/02/2020 14:53 PM	It is really no need		
27	23/02/2020 15:50 PM	The proposed system of only Dual Driver Licences makes it more difficult for new people to access employment and for employers to take on new drivers.		
28	24/02/2020 08:39 AM	Restrict the hackney plates Create more space in district then issue plates		
29	24/02/2020 08:45 AM	Restrict the plates of Hackney Carriage the don't have enough work at taxi ranks Uber and other app base companies are not allowing them to work on there app they are suffering give dual license more taxis on ranks and no work		
30	24/02/2020 13:39 PM	It makes things easier for both sides, and it would be better, because as private hire, or hackney carriage, you are still a driver who takes in people. For this reason it should be equally important		
31	24/02/2020 13:45 PM	As I use both taxis and private hire vehicles, It would make me safer knowing that all of the drivers are equally qualified		
32	26/02/2020 09:06 AM	If you issue dual licenses and they decide to drive Hackney carriages do you have enough taxi ranks for them to work on? If so please can you share the data how many taxi ranks do you have and for how many drivers?		
33	27/02/2020 17:05 PM	Providing the test is to a high standard.		
34	03/03/2020 22:39 PM	No separate and regulated the hackney plates Like Brighton and hove		
35	05/03/2020 21:02 PM	The extended range of testing can only be good for the users of taxis.		
36	10/03/2020 20:57 PM	As long as existing drivers do not have to re-take any testing.		
37	18/03/2020 09:52 AM	This should be applicable only to NEW drivers as it would be grossly unfair to existing Hackney Drivers (unless you propose to ensure all existing Private Hire drivers take and pass the the new proposed tests for all drivers.)		
38	27/03/2020 13:03 PM	Just giving existing private hire driver's dual driver's licences without taking the Hackney knowledge test can only lower overall standards . I have no objection for new driver's who have taken the Hackney knowledge test and existing Hackney diver's being dual licenced.		
39	16/05/2020 20:34 PM	Nowadays when everyone is using a GPS it is totally useless to get the 100% knowledge of every street in the area, the knowledge will come anyway by the time...		

3. Do you think that new dual drivers should be required to undertake the higher taxi standard knowledge test?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		72.41%	105
2	No		24.83%	36
3	Don't know		2.76%	4
			answered	145
			skipped	3
Comments: (26)				
1	11/02/2020 16:53 PM	The test need to be harder than it has been in recent years as you have given way		




3. Do you think that new dual drivers should be required to undertake the higher taxi standard knowledge test?

			Response Percent	Response Total
		too many people a license you've put money before anything else.		
2	11/02/2020 17:07 PM	Only on the assumption that dual drivers are permitted.		
3	12/02/2020 14:41 PM	If you are to drive as a Hackney carriage driver you should know the street names of where the customer wants to go. Not like private hire drivers who currently are given the address before the customer gets into the taxi.		
4	13/02/2020 21:30 PM	Of course old people don't get in a taxi to be asked there postcode.have you guys not learnt from wolverhampton		
5	14/02/2020 14:04 PM	Definitely		
6	14/02/2020 14:31 PM	Not necessary.		
7	14/02/2020 14:38 PM	I'm sure it's sufficient as they stand already - the taxi industry is changing and the hailing situations are becoming less and technology taking over.		
8	14/02/2020 16:08 PM	If you are granting licenses for new drivers then they should have to take a new higher standard test, but I find it very unreasonable to ask drivers who already hold a license to take a new test. Drivers who already hold a license should not be required to take another knowledge test.		
9	15/02/2020 15:00 PM	No need or not necessary		
10	16/02/2020 07:50 AM	I think that there should be a set number of hackney plates and private hire plates issued as there has been a direct impact on my earnings since the policy of a free for all and the higher number of plates issued		
11	16/02/2020 18:06 PM	I think also existing private hire drivers wanting to go Hackney should also sit the new harder test		
12	17/02/2020 11:00 AM	without understanding the broader implications of the dual driver licence, it is difficult to answer		
13	18/02/2020 14:53 PM	Always happy to raise standards but quickly heading for a huge surplus of Hackney Carriages in the town if a substantial number of Private Hire Drivers move over from Private hire to Hackney Carriage plates		
14	20/02/2020 10:11 AM	to improve standards and set a common standard		
15	20/02/2020 12:28 PM	Higher standards must be desirable. They all offer more or less the same service.		
16	20/02/2020 18:00 PM	Because it makes the public safer.		
17	21/02/2020 10:10 AM	Drivers standards need raising in terms of treatment to customers. In fact the knowledge test should be made much harder.		
18	21/02/2020 15:52 PM	This should raise standards. Some drivers can't even speak English well enough to have a conversation with customers.		
19	22/02/2020 05:07 AM	They are existing drivers why should they?		
20	23/02/2020 15:50 PM	Governments and councils need to make it easier for people to enter the workplace not harder with more bureaucracy which also means more expense for business and the public. One can have a system were new drivers would be encouraged to do the knowledge test and on successful completion, they would be able to display a badge so that the public would know that this driver has done the "knowledge".		
21	24/02/2020 08:45 AM	Restrict the plates of Hackney Carriage the don't have enough work at taxi ranks Uber and other app base companies are not allowing them to work on there app they are suffering give dual license more taxis on ranks and no work		
22	26/02/2020 17:16 PM	any old Lewes private hire licences should also sit the new test before given a dual licence		
23	27/02/2020 17:05 PM	To keep the standards to a high level, this should be.		

3. Do you think that new dual drivers should be required to undertake the higher taxi standard knowledge test?

			Response Percent	Response Total
24	05/03/2020 21:02 PM	Absolutely - they must be knowledgeable about the district and surrounding area.		
25	10/03/2020 20:57 PM	I do not think that existing Private Hire drivers should be required to take the taxi knowledge test. However new applicants should have to take the higher taxi knowledge test.		
26	27/03/2020 13:03 PM	If the idea of this is to raise the overall standards , without the higher test standards will drop. Existing private hire must take knowledge test to gain dual licence.		

4. Do you think that existing Private Hire Drivers should undertake a new knowledge test if they wish to change their existing private hire/hackney carriage to a dual license?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		60.96%	89
2	No		36.30%	53
3	Don't know		2.74%	4
			answered	146
			skipped	2




Comments: (31)

1	11/02/2020 16:13 PM	I feel as a PH driver that drivers who have predominantly worked in the Lewes District for a local company for a given time i.e. 12 months or more should have the option of change their license without any further test
2	11/02/2020 16:53 PM	And make them pay for it too
3	12/02/2020 14:41 PM	As a private hire driver they know where they are going when given the address before the customer gets collected and they can look up the address before the customer gets in. As a Hackney driver the driver has to know where they are going when the customer gets in the car from the rank. They shouldn't need the use of postcodes and satnav.
4	13/02/2020 21:30 PM	Yes they need to pass a Hackney test.we wish to higher standards not lower.i find these questions a joke
5	14/02/2020 13:58 PM	Definitely all current Private hire driver SHOULD take the test as it is NOT fair taht we had to do the test and they just get it freely.
6	14/02/2020 14:31 PM	Not necessary.
7	14/02/2020 14:38 PM	As most are already embedding in the system, using technology for hailing/collecting customers then an additional test would hinder a the trade - possibly affect local taxi business with loss of earnings and we require more taxis in Lewes not less.
8	14/02/2020 16:08 PM	NEW drivers should undertake the new knowledge test but it is extremely unreasonable to ask for existing drivers to take another test.
9	15/02/2020 15:00 PM	From private hire to Hackney only
10	16/02/2020 18:06 PM	O oh if they wish to upgrade to Hackney carriage
11	17/02/2020 11:00 AM	This question doesn't make sense: if PVH drivers have an existing PH/HC licence, then that's already a dual licence isn't it?
12	19/02/2020 13:57 PM	If they have been a licensed Private Hire Driver for over 1 year, I don't think this should apply.
13	20/02/2020 10:11 AM	improving standards - they should also be able to speak English!

4. Do you think that existing Private Hire Drivers should undertake a new knowledge test if they wish to change their existing private hire/hackney carriage to a dual license?

			Response Percent	Response Total
14	20/02/2020 10:11 AM	Without doing this how can you expect to raise standards		
15	20/02/2020 12:28 PM	To not do so would be pointless, unfair to Hackney Carriage licence holders and new (incoming) drivers		
16	20/02/2020 17:22 PM	Most definately or it will make a mockery of those who studied for their current hackney licence. Also all the current LDC licensed phv drivers working out of the area will then get the enhanced benefits without doing any extra study.		
17	21/02/2020 13:56 PM	Unless you get the old hackney drivers to do the test too ! It is not fare ! You cant keep been horrible to ph drivers and let the hackney driver walk all over them.		
18	21/02/2020 14:23 PM	However, they should be driving for at least a year before obtaining a dual license. So a requirement of one year driving should be placed into consideration.		
19	21/02/2020 21:58 PM	No, already licensed so will know the area they work in.		
20	22/02/2020 05:07 AM	You are changing the format of the licence and it's wrong to penalise or expect existing drivers to redo a test		
21	23/02/2020 15:50 PM	See previous comments.		
22	24/02/2020 08:45 AM	Restrict the plates of Hackney Carriage the don't have enough work at taxi ranks Uber and other app base companies are not allowing them to work on there app they are suffering give dual license more taxis on ranks and no work		
23	24/02/2020 10:44 AM	May a short version to bring them up to date,		
24	24/02/2020 13:39 PM	It would be unfair as it would cost extra money for the drivers and the council		
25	26/02/2020 17:16 PM	they were given private hire licences as they didn't pass the Hackney test		
26	27/02/2020 16:50 PM	I think they should do to because, as you have stated, the Hackney carriage test is more intense and I think all drivers should know their way around properly and not rely on sat navs or the use of mobile phones when driving.		
27	27/02/2020 17:05 PM	As previously remarked on, The Hackney test is a better test I would have thought. For Higher standards in the future, this test would be good for all potential taxi drivers to take.		
28	05/03/2020 21:02 PM	Yes - we must be sure they all have a good understanding of the area and the rules		
29	10/03/2020 20:57 PM	It would be totally unfair to do that.		
30	27/03/2020 13:03 PM	All diver's must take or have taken the Hackney knowledge to gain this new license or must remain with their existing private hire license. Just issuing private hire driver's with a dual license can only lower standards. Many of these driver's have only working in Brighton for uber and have never worked in Lewes district at all.		
31	16/05/2020 20:34 PM	But if they don't, let them keep the existing license, not everyone wants to be a Hackney carriage driver..		



5. Do you think that existing Hackney Carriage Drivers should be able to apply for a new dual drivers licence without an additional test as they have already completed the higher standard knowledge test?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		70.34%	102
2	No		24.14%	35
3	Don't know		5.52%	8
			answered	145

5. Do you think that existing Hackney Carriage Drivers should be able to apply for a new dual drivers licence without an additional test as they have already completed the higher standard knowledge test?

			Response Percent	Response Total
			skipped	3
Comments: (20)				
1	11/02/2020 17:07 PM	Probable need to keep knowledge updated		
2	11/02/2020 22:11 PM	Don't have enough information on the higher standard test		
3	13/02/2020 11:39 AM	Providing they have taken the test recently and passed it, it seems pointless to test them again		
4	13/02/2020 21:30 PM	I am a Hackney Driver full stop		
5	14/02/2020 14:31 PM	Made simplified		
6	14/02/2020 14:38 PM	Yes		
7	14/02/2020 16:08 PM	As said before, all new drivers should take the new test, but it is unreasonable to ask existing drivers to take another test.		
8	16/02/2020 18:06 PM	No need for existing Hackney to do test as already done them		
9	17/02/2020 11:00 AM	unless the additional test contains elements that the original test did not. in that case, they should also take the test.		
10	20/02/2020 10:11 AM	level playing field for all		
11	20/02/2020 10:11 AM	Hackney carriage drivers have already been tested to the highest standard		
12	21/02/2020 13:56 PM	Some of them have never completed any test and cant spell their own name !		
13	21/02/2020 14:23 PM	Yes, they should be able to apply for a new dual licence without an additional test. They have deserved all the rights to own a dual driver licence without an additional test or experience time to pass. And they have my full support as a private hire driver to obtain a dual licence.		
14	21/02/2020 15:52 PM	They have already completed the relevant test		
15	21/02/2020 23:17 PM	They have done no proper test and they bullying ph drivers and guess what most can not pass the ph test ! Lets be fare		
16	25/02/2020 22:09 PM	All drivers should have the same levels of knowledge		
17	26/02/2020 17:16 PM	they done the higher test in the 1st place why should they sit it again at a cost to them when you are changing the rules		
18	27/02/2020 17:05 PM	I think you have answered your own question here. Yes, of course they should. They have already taken the higher standard test.		
19	05/03/2020 21:02 PM	Yes, although they should all have to take the new equality and safeguarding tests ASAP		
20	27/03/2020 13:03 PM	This makes sense.		



6. Do you live or work in Lewes district?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		91.78%	134
2	No		8.22%	12
			answered	146
			skipped	2



7. If you would like to be updated on the outcome of this consultation, please give us your email address.

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	76
		answered	76
		skipped	72








8. Would you like to answer or skip the following questions about you?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Answer the questions		70.42%	100
2	Skip the questions		29.58%	42
			answered	142
			skipped	6















9. What is your sex?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Male		76.47%	78
2	Female		23.53%	24
3	Other		0.00%	0
			answered	102
			skipped	46




10. What is your age?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Under 18		0.00%	0
2	18 - 24		1.94%	2
3	25 - 34		14.56%	15
4	35 - 44		22.33%	23
5	45 - 54		17.48%	18
6	55 - 64		19.42%	20
7	65 - 74		19.42%	20
8	75 +		4.85%	5
			answered	103
			skipped	45

11. What is your ethnic group? Ethnic groups are defined by the 2011 census

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British		68.63%	70
2	Irish		1.96%	2
3	Gypsy or Irish Traveller		0.98%	1
4	Any Other White background		10.78%	11
5	White and Black Caribbean		2.94%	3
6	White and Black African		0.98%	1
7	White and Asian		0.98%	1
8	Any Other Mixed background		0.98%	1
9	Asian/Asian British		3.92%	4
10	Indian		0.00%	0
11	Pakistani		0.98%	1
12	Bangladeshi		0.98%	1
13	Chinese		0.00%	0
14	Any Other Asian background		0.00%	0
15	African		0.00%	0
16	Caribbean		0.00%	0
17	Any Other Black/African/Caribbean background		0.98%	1
18	Arab		3.92%	4
19	Any Other Ethnic Group (please specify):		0.98%	1
			answered	102
			skipped	46
Any Other Ethnic Group (please specify): (1)				
1	10/03/2020 15:29 PM			

12. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes, limited alot		1.96%	2
2	Yes, limited a little		14.71%	15
3	No		83.33%	85
			answered	102
			skipped	46

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**Lewes District Council
Dual Driver Licensing Taxi Consultation**



April 2 2020

On behalf of the GMB Brighton & Hove Taxi Section and Unite the Union South East (Cab Section) we are responding to the Lewes District Dual Driver Licensing Taxi Consultation and refer to the questions in the online survey.

It is considered that having had the vast majority of the Lewes private hire and hackney carriage fleet predominantly working in Brighton and Hove that this qualifies for our views to be made known to and what's more, considered by – Lewes District Council.

Q2: Do you think that Lewes District Council should issue Dual Driver Licences rather than Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licences?

This is very dependent on what conditions would be attached to such a dual driver licence, as both 'conditions of licence' and pre-conditions for the eligibility for the grant of a licence.

Q3: Do you think that new dual drivers should be required to undertake the higher taxi standard knowledge test?

Unless it is the intention of the council to lower the standards required of a professional section of the transport industry then where a new 'Dual Licence' may be issued it should certainly be a requirement to undertake the higher standard knowledge test.

Q4: Do you think that existing Private Hire Drivers should undertake a new knowledge test if they wish to change their existing private hire/hackney carriage to a dual licence?

Unless it is the intention of the council to lower the standards required of a professional section of the transport industry then all existing private hire driver should certainly be required to undertake the higher standard knowledge test.

Q5: Do you think that existing Hackney Carriage Drivers should be able to apply for a new dual drivers licence without an additional test as they have already completed the higher standard knowledge test?

It would not be appropriate to expect existing Hackney Carriage Drivers who have already achieved the higher standard knowledge test to have to undertake and presumably pay for another knowledge test that has already previously been attained for the purpose of being granted a dual driver licence

Additional Comments

The Lewes District taxi licensing department has been inundated with a mass of private hire vehicle and private hire driver licence applications over the last 18 months and in September 2019 was listed by the Department for Transport (DfT) as having had an unprecedented increase of 91.6% for licensing vehicles which of course have to be driven by newly licensed PH drivers.

Table 3: The licensing authorities showing the largest percentage increases and decreases in licensed vehicles between 2018 and 2019, England (TAXI0104)

Local Authority	% increase	Local Authority	% decrease
Lewes	91.6	Rossendale	49.9
Aylesbury Vale	64.3	St Albans	37.5
Wolverhampton	62.3	Telford and Wrekin	33.9
South Gloucestershire	54.5	South Oxfordshire	23.6
Broadland	45.0	Hertsmere	21.7

Local level changes

Large year on year changes can occur in a licensing authority for a number of reasons, such as a large operator moving in or out of a given licensing area, or significant changes in local licensing policy

The number of total licensed vehicles increased in just under half of the licensing authorities in England (142 out of 293 licensing authorities).

We would consider that the council has looked at the impact of this massive increase and considered that by raising standards for the knowledge test for newly issued private hire driver licenses to obtain the same standards (as existing hackney carriage drivers have to undertake) for a combined 'Dual Licence' may help to address the situation.

However the council should not upgrade any existing private hire licence to a dual licence without a requirement to pass the higher standard knowledge test, as this would in effect be an affront to those hackney carriage drivers who went out of their way to achieve the required standards and in turn, would only lower the standard of licensing across the trade.

Brighton & Hove adopted the system of the 'Dual Licence' a few years ago. However the knowledge test for private hire drivers has always been the same as it is for a hackney carriage driver licence which is a very extensive test and maintains a high standard of licensing throughout the entire trade.

Andrew Peters
Secretary
GMB Brighton & Hove Taxi Section

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Secretary
Unite the Union – South East (Cab Section)

Dual Driver Consultation Responses

	Responder	Response
1	Private Hire Driver	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>In reference to the letter received on 19th February 2020 about taxi guidance consultation via post. I would like Council's advice on whether being a Current PH holder will I be affected in any way such as financially and client based scenario following on From your proposal. Also, my options of becoming a dual driver licence holder- what are the requirement now and after 3rd April 2020.</p> <p>Please note I am working during the week and difficult to communicate via telephone, hence will appreciate you email your response as I am able to communicate more effectively as I am not in favour missing my opportunities.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>
2	Existing Dual Driver	<p>Hi, I would like to give you my comments regarding your proposals for dual taxi licences. I have a dual license myself and support your recent changes to white for Hackney and any other colours for private hire.</p> <p>However, what do you intend to do regarding the colour of licenses are to be made dual.</p> <p>Also I do not agree you should change everybody to a dual license without the enhanced test which I did when I qualified.</p> <p>Also, I would like to see checks made on appearance of drivers (dress code) as there are a lot of scruffy drivers in Seaford and Newhaven where I live which tarnishes the taxi driver image.</p>
3	Private Hire Driver	<p>Actual, I've received your letter to me as a Private Hire Driver asking for a consultation for some proposals regarding to licencing regulations and ,actually, I tried to conclude a crystal clear proposals ,but, to be honest I failed.</p> <p>But anyway, I will try to understand and say my opinion ,and please, excuse my misunderstanding if so.</p> <p>As far as I can understand, you are thinking to issue just one type of licence which is a dual licence to be used for both Hackney & Private Hire as well, and, as far as I can understand, it will be issued for the new applicants, but, it is not clear what is the situation for the existed drivers for Hackney and Private Hire..?</p> <p>Logicwise, it will be automatically issued for the already existed drivers (Brighton&Hove style long time ago)</p> <p>But, it will not acceptable at all to ask them (Hackney& Private Hire licence holders) to go through any new tests specially I ,and, most Private Hire licence holders I know are not interested at all to switch to be a Hackney driver as all the Private Hire drivers I know only prefer to work as a Private Hire drivers only and not interested to be a Hackney drivers.</p> <p>So, I think that it will not be fair or even acceptable to force them to do something either they don't want or need it.</p> <p>This is my view as far I could understand from the letter received from you and ,again, excuse my misunderstand if so.</p>

4	Hackney Carriage Driver	<p>DEAR SIR/MADAM</p> <p>THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER DATED 12/2/2020. I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE STANDARDS WITHIN THE TAXI RANKS AND HAVE NO ISSUES WITH WHATS BEING PROPOSED. MY ONLY WISH IS THAT CURRENT HOLDERS OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE MUST COMPLETE THE NEW TEST, AND PASS, BEFORE BEING ISSUED WITH THE HACKNEY LICENCE.</p> <p>YOURS FAITHFULLY</p>
5	Driver	<p>Dear sir,</p> <p>The proposal to do away with the private hire test and have one test called the Hackney carriage knowledge test is in my view totally ridiculous. Please let me explain why I believe this.</p> <p>Let's say that I have recently retired and want a job with little stress and a job where I give something back to the community like taking disadvantaged or ill or children with learning disabilities to school. I do not see the relevance of knowing locations of public houses as most children aren't wanting to be dropped off at a pub. I can see this being on the front cover of the daily Mirror School bus drivers must know where all the pubs in an area are. We could even rate them for you if you like.</p> <p>The location of roads with in a district is also to me not necessary if I am given a run by my company which is out of my district then I look on a map find out all the areas I need to drive to and then collect my children accordingly. The council in fact give drivers the times and the order in which we are to collect Children in the morning and drop off the children at night. I do not see the relevance for a driver to know the roads in a district it is relevant for him to know the needs of his children but not this road goes here this road goes here. Lots of drivers are simply Wanting to have two or three hours a day on the minimum wage giving back something to the community making this a knowledge test is a nonsense. If this goes ahead I look forward to reading all about itOn the front covers of the red top newspapers. This is absolutely ridiculous idea.</p>

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Report to:	Licensing Committee
Date:	13 August 2020
Title:	Street Trading Guidance Review
Report of:	Tim Whelan - Director of Service Delivery
Ward(s):	All
Purpose of report:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Report back the findings of the consultation on the proposed reviewed Street Trading Guidance.2. To agree a final Guidance document to be adopted on a date to be agreed.
Officer recommendation(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) That the Committee considers the consultation responses received in Appendix 1.2) That the Committee considers the changes to the Guidance following the responses and agrees new Guidance in Appendix 2.3) That the Committee delegates the Senior Specialist Advisor to take the necessary steps to produce a final Street Trading Guidance and publish the new Guidance on a date to be agreed.
Reasons for recommendations:	The Council have committed to review the Street Trading Guidance every 5 years. The use of Lewes pedestrian precinct has intensified since the Guidance was last reviewed.
Contact Officer(s):	Name: Ed Hele Post title: Functional Lead Quality Environment E-mail: ed.hele@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk Telephone number: 01273 085014

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Committee previously agreed the Street Trading Guidance together with an application process and conditions for Lewes District Council in May 2014. The Guidance was then reviewed in March 2015.
- 1.2 The Council have committed to reviewing the Guidance when required and at a minimum once every 5 years.

- 1.3 There has been an increase in the use of the Lewes pedestrian precinct by individual stalls and markets which has caused friction with existing business premises. Feedback has been received regarding the use of the precinct including concern about the intensification in the use of the precinct and the appearance of stalls and seating.
- 1.4 The Committee considered a draft Street Trading Guidance on 14th February 2019 and agreed for this document to go out for consultation.

2 Consultation Process

- 2.1 A wide ranging consultation took place from 22nd March 2019 for a period of 6 weeks. A press release was issued and all existing traders were written to make them aware of the proposed changes. It is also apparent that existing traders made their customers aware. A large number of responses were received with a total of 184 responses and these are attached as Appendix 1. It was intended to bring this back to Committee in the Spring but this has been delayed due the current coronavirus situation.
- 2.2 The majority of responses were extremely supportive of existing street traders and markets with negative comments being in the minority. Comments received highlighted the value for money, sustainability of plastic free packaging and protecting the size of existing stalls on the precinct. Comments were received from businesses, existing traders and members of the public.

3 Consultation Responses and Recommendations

- 3.1 The responses have been carefully considered and the following points aim to respond to the points raised. Each one is referenced by page number and shaded grey in the Guidance document which can be found at Appendix 2. The Committee are asked to consider each point in turn below in paragraphs 3.2 – 3.17 so that Guidance can be finalised.
- 3.2 It was apparent that the Guidance was not clear in parts so a number of explanations/clarity has been provided on pg.'s 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8
- 3.3 Paragraphs regarding markets have been moved for clarity to pg. 8
- 3.4 In response to advice from the planning team a paragraph regarding planning permission has been added, on pg. 9
- 3.5 The setting up period has been increased from 90 to 120 minutes to allow a longer period of time for setting up, pg 18 condition 20.
- 3.6 To address the response from Highways an additional condition is included with regards to discharge of waste or waste water on pg. 21
- 3.7 Feedback from the consultation has suggested that plastic bags should not be used. A new condition is proposed, condition 21, to not allow plastic bags unless for raw meat products on pg. 21

- 3.8 Clarity has been provided on the wording of condition 15 on pg. 24
- 3.9 The inclusion of a condition allowing a distance of 2.5 m of shop fronts and 3m breaks after every 6m run of stalls. Condition 16 on pg 25. This is in relation to response No. 2 in Appendix 1.
- 3.10 In response to sustainability concerns it is proposed to not permit generators either petrol or diesel. Appendix H on pgs 27/28
- 3.11 Halls Fruits and Bedding and Bushes currently have extensive stall layouts and a significant number of responses have been received concerned that proposals will adversely affect their stalls by reducing their size. On pg 24 condition 15 does state “without prior approval” and it is envisaged that these would be given approval if plans were submitted detailing the design and stall layout. Officers could then assess the layout against the plans.

It is accepted however that this doesn't give these traders much protection. It may be more appropriate in the circumstances for them to apply for multiple stalls with dimensions of 2.5 metres x 1.5 metres and pay additional fees.

Another option would be to specifically exclude these 2 stall holders from the dimension condition. For the sake of clarity consents are not transferrable in the Guidance.

- 3.12 From the consultation responses Members are asked to consider whether to increase fees to allow for the Council to contract for independent cleaning of Lewes pedestrian precinct immediately after the end of a street trading event. Members are asked to note that under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Sch. 4 para 9 (1) the Council may charge such fees as they consider reasonable for the grant or renewal of a street trading consent. However, it is noted that whilst the Council can recover from a licence holder such reasonable charges as they may determine for the collection of refuse, etc there is no similar provision in relation to consent holders and so this could be open to challenge. In any case there is a concern that this would be too cost prohibitive for individual day traders.
- 3.13 In Appendix 1 response number 2 suggests that street traders must have a tidy and presentable stall and engage staff that are also presentable. They want the Council to enforce this by regular and critical inspections. Appendix D to the Guidance provides detailed stall design and dimensions. Members are asked to consider if they want a dress code imposed on stall holders.
- 3.14 In Appendix 1 response number 2 suggests street traders should not be permitted to sell any product that is sold by shops on the precinct. Members are asked to consider this response. The proposed Guidance suggests at page 4 (section 4, o) that due to the nature of a market they should be permitted to sell a variety of goods regardless of nearby fixed businesses but they may be restricted on the number of lines of a product. Page 4 of the Guidance does make a presumption against grant of a consent for street traders where there is direct competition within 100 metres unless the consent holder is a market operator.

- 3.15 In Appendix 1 response number 2 suggests that no vehicles (including trailers) should be allowed in the precinct between 6.30 am and 6.00 pm. Members are asked to consider this response and note that markets and stall holders may find it problematic to set up and take down the stalls if this were to apply.
- 3.16 In Appendix 1 response number 2 suggests a street trader must be fully setup before 7am and must not dismantle until after 6pm. Members are asked to consider this response and note the Saturday market operates until lunchtime so it may be impracticable to require them to not dismantle until 6.00pm.
- 3.17 Changes have been made to the Guidance following the Business and Planning Act 2020 which are reflected on page 8 at section 13.
- 3.18 The issue of buskers or pedlars have not been considered as they are a separate issue and covered under different legislation.

4 Financial appraisal

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report. However, for information the 2020/21 income budget for street trading is £3,000.

5 Legal implications

- 5.1 The Legal Section considered this Report on 4 August 2020 (Iken-8034-LDC-MW).

6 Risk management implications

- 6.1 If the Council does not have an effective street trading regime in place that is subject to proper oversight by Councillors it will not be able to demonstrate that it has in place adequate means to safeguard council assets and services, and it could be subject to criticism from the council's external auditor or the public.

7 Equality analysis

- 7.1 An Equality & Fairness Analysis has been completed and concluded that there are no negative impacts identified for protected groups. Changes to set up times and stall parameters may have positive impacts for disabled, elderly and people with mobility issues, and their carers. It may also improve accessibility for expectant mothers and those with children in pushchairs.

8 Sustainability implications

- 8.1 The new Guidance if implemented will cease the use of single use plastic bags and the use of petrol and diesel generators will no longer be permitted. There was overwhelming support for these changes in the consultation.

9 Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Consultation responses
- Appendix 2 – Proposed final Street Trading Guidance

10 Background papers

The background papers used in compiling this report were as follows:

- Licensing Committee [14 Feb 2019 10.00 am](#)

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Lewes District Street Trading Consultation Responses

	Responder	Response
1	District Councillor	<p>15. Stalls shall not be greater than 2.3 metres in height nor occupy an area greater than 2.5 metres x 1.5 metres unless without prior approval from the Licensing Authority. The maximum area a single consent holder may have must not exceed 6 m2. Market operators may set their own size and dimension requirements with their traders but must not exceed the agreed plan as stipulated in the consent.</p> <p>Firstly, it feels like the wording of the first sentence should either be “unless with prior approval” or “without prior approval”, otherwise makes no sense to me. Do you agree?</p> <p>But assuming this is just an error, the first sentence says that stalls <u>can</u> occupy an area greater than 2.5m x 1.5m <u>with</u> prior approval from the Licensing Authority. But the second sentence seems definitive without any possibility of adjustment by the Licensing Authority. It would seem to me that a relatively simple re-wording of these sentences could address the issue. For example:</p> <p>15. Stalls shall not be greater than 2.3 metres in height, nor occupy an area greater than 2.5 metres x 1.5 metres, nor exceed a total area of 6m2, unless with prior approval from the Licensing Authority. Market operators may set their own size and dimension requirements with their traders but must not exceed the agreed plan as stipulated in the consent.</p> <p>This doesn't include the phrasing “single consent holder” , which perhaps has a meaning/purpose I don't understand. But, while recognising that the formal consultation period has closed, would you be able to make this change to the guidance (especially since I think the clause will need changing to correct the apparent error). That would then allow the Licensing Authority to make exceptions (e.g. in the case of the Lewes fruit and veg guys) where clearly in the interests of the local community.</p>
2	The following retailers have been polled on key points of the Consultation Document and the majority	<p>Response: Consultation Document for Street Trading 2019.</p> <p>Introduction</p> <p>There are 16 retail outlets on the pedestrianised section of Cliffe High Street, Lewes. We collectively employ more than 200 people and serve several thousand customers per day. We have made long-term commitments, continue to invest and are motivated to ensure that both the local community and tourists choose Lewes Precinct as a desired destination.</p> <p>Retailing is challenged from many angles and not just from</p>

	<p>view has been noted with statements in the Comments section below.</p> <p>Bake Out Superdrug Vodafone New Look M & Co Clarkes Stationers Paperchase Clarks Shoes Boots Costa Holland Barrett Specsavers Wilson Hancock Opticians Waterstone s</p>	<p>internet shopping. One or two ill-conceived plans can have a catastrophic impact, leaving empty outlets fronted by bric-a-brac stalls.</p> <p>Stalls have been on the precinct for 20 years but during this period both Lewes and the nature of street traders have evolved. Stalls have become bigger and there are more of them. Many are multi stall operators and very few of them are fresh produce farmers.</p> <p>We believe that Lewes deserves a stronger vision for the precinct than fronting shops with stalls and calling it <i>diversity</i>. Initiatives should add and encourage quality investment as opposed to dilution which leads to lower investment. An example of good Street Trading is the Fruit & Vegetable stall that is positioned mainly in front of an outlet that has no need for frontage (Lloyds Bank). The operator sets-up early and dismantles after 6pm, sells products that are not available from any of the shops. The stall operator brings something to the party. We would welcome the stall being a little more presentable.</p> <p>Shops that don't need frontage can accommodate stalls but that's providing the stalls don't leverage their very low-cost base to undermine the shops trade. The Council does not have the resources to actively police product offerings by stall operators. It's not practical to state to a stall operator outside an optician that they can sell Armani eyewear but not Ralph Lauren or tell a whole foods stall not to sell large roasted almonds but small roasted almonds outside a health food shop.</p> <p>If the community was polled and asked if they would like stalls in the precinct the answer would almost certainly be a YES. If they were also polled that shops on the precinct should pay no Business Rates the answer would also be a YES. If, however the poll was that shops would raise prices and Council tax would be increased, then the answer would be a NO.</p> <p>There are provisions noted below which represent the majority view of the retailers on the precinct. We would like these provisions incorporated into the Street Trading policy and furthermore, we would like to see the Council adhere to these policies.</p> <p>Comments <i>The comments below are based on a majority poll and positioned according to their majority weight.</i> 1. A stall cannot be within 2.5m of a shop front and there must be a break of 3m after every 6m of a run of stall/s.</p>
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	<p>2. Street Traders must have a tidy and presentable stall and engage staff that are also presentable. We want the Council to enforce this by regular and critical inspections.</p> <p>3. Street Traders cannot sell any product that is sold by shops on the precinct.</p> <p>4. It should not be left solely to the Street Traders to clean-up after themselves. The charges for the stalls should be increased to allow for the Council to contract for independent cleaning of the High Street immediately after the end of a street trading event.</p> <p>5. No Vehicles (including trailers) should be allowed in the precinct between 6.30 am and 6.00 pm.</p> <p>6. A Street Trader must be fully setup before 7am and must not dismantle until after 6pm</p> <p>Additional Comments from specific retailers</p> <p>Costa I receive a huge number of complaints due to not being able to put my seating on the High St. every other weekend. Especially in the summer months. I also do not appreciate heavy items propped up against my shop window.</p> <p>Paperchase Stalls should have a gap between each market so that a pushchair can fit through. Also, to make it easier/safer if we have to have an emergency evacuation.</p> <p>NEW LOOK I just don't think they should be allowed too close to the shops as it blocks entrances for customers. I don't mind vehicles in the pedestrian area but the vehicle including trailer should never block the store entrance. I agree that stalls should not be allowed to sell a product that is close to a shop selling the same, it isn't fair on the business who pays business rates, as we lose out on trade.</p> <p>Specsavers It's not every weekend. It's a great vibe in the town when it's here + brings in a lot more people to town, especially if nice sunny day. It doesn't affect us, we like it.</p> <p>Clarkes Shoes We have been concerned by the idea that in an emergency how able emergency vehicles would get through to the middle of the precinct when there are stalls on both sides.</p> <p>Clarkes Stationers A provision would be put in place regarding "buskers". The majority of them are too loud, as they use amplification, have</p>
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a limited repertoire and generally as a result of the above outstay their welcome on the precinct.
We pay to play music in store, which is frequently drowned out, along the ability to talk to customers without raising voices.

M and Co

Halls Fruits we believe bring in extra trade into the town and do not block any shops. Also, they are well known as they are lewes people.


Bake Out

Food trucks set up in front of our cafe and ask if we can supply them with water, power and toilets in exchange for a free burger. We even get power generators and gas bottles blocking our access. We get a 14m stall in front of our shop selling potted plants. It's a garden centre not a stall.

The images below demonstrate our concerns and the need for the provision that we have tabled above.





		 <p>Cliffe Retail Network ('CRN') is a forum for retail operators on Cliffe High Street. Our aim is to exchange ideas and collaborate to make Lewes precinct the best experience for the local community and tourists.</p>
3	Resident	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>We, and the other residents listed below, have just heard with dismay that the Council are thinking of changing the licensing arrangements for the market stall operated By Hall's Fruits in the Cliffe Pedestrian Precinct, on Wednesdays and Fridays, in ways which may make it difficult for Halls to continue this service.</p> <p>As members of the public and regular customers of the stall, we the undersigned are extremely happy with the service at present provided by Halls. We greatly appreciate the range and quality of fresh vegetables and fruit they provide, their unvarying friendliness and courtesy, their competitive prices, and the convenience of their hours of opening.</p> <p>We therefore urge you strongly to reconsider any change to licensing regulations that might curtail or bring to an end Halls' presence in Cliffe.</p>
4	Market Operator	<p>We greatly appreciate the Council preparing this guidance. It clarifies a number of issues that we have been concerned about and we support this text. One issue that is important for us is the use of diesel generators on the Lewes precinct. We do not allow these generators because of the noise and harmful pollution they create in the confined area of the precinct. There are increasingly good renewable alternatives available. A number of festivals rely entirely on solar and batteries to power food and music which we would strongly encourage.</p>

5	MacMillan	<p>Consultation on Street Trading Licensing, Lewes District Council, Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes, BN71AB.</p> <p>Macmillan Cancer Support's Mobile Service used to be able to take a single-deck bus to the High Street in Lewes but this has not been an option to take a vehicle for the last 2 years. Previously, our 1-day visits to the town were very busy indeed.</p> <p>Using a gazebo is not as effective, and we have tried the Tesco but with little success. This means that we cannot provide a cancer information and support service to the people of Lewes and Seaford for the foreseeable future.</p>
6	Resident	<p>Street Trading Policy consultation</p> <p>Online web enquiry dated 19/04/2019: 'This all seems very sensible and laudable. I have the following observations and questions: 1) Introduction. Para 1 refers to "consent streets". The para after "A26 and A27 Trunk Roads" seems to refer to them as "controlled streets". Which is correct? It's not clear what consent (if any) is required for streets other than consent/controlled streets. Can you explain? 2) Guidance, scope and purpose Last para "A maximum of 4 pitches....". 1) I assume this will not apply to the current bi-monthly Farmers' Markets? Should that not be clarified? 2) As a matter of interest, does the Wed/Fri veg stall occupy 1 pitch, or more?'</p>
7	Stall Holder	<p>7d Does 'other catering establishments' include street food? ie me?</p> <p>j - busking ... to be sustained and acknowledged as part of Lewes Street culture. Its what makes Lewes enjoyable for everyone. I love it. There seems to be a code amongst buskers ... about distance etc. But there have been fights ! Distance seems to be the problem and we have had one busker one side and one the other stereo ... folk and rock instead of sound balance!</p> <p>App H Petroleum Devices. Just ban them! More and more events are doing this and even the quiet generators are horrendous and not conducive to street Culture.</p>
8	Resident	<p>I have reviewed the proposed revised guidance and have only one comment. I strongly object to an arbitrary limit of 4 pitches on any one market day. Known usual locations for markets and smaller pitches should be reviewed and planned out for each site to show the maximum number of pitches that can operate at any one time. This will ensure the continued success of the markets and contribute to the high streets vitality and vibrancy and support high streets future in the light of the increase in on line retail sales as well as supporting local SMEs,</p>
9	Market Operator	<p>I think the proposals are sensible and balanced and Food Rocks would be very happy to work within these guidelines</p>

		<p>with any future markets we run in Lewes.</p> <p>I believe that the Food Rocks Lewes market, run once per month on the second Sunday April to December, can and does fulfil a number of the aims set out by street trading control.</p> <p>1. As a regulated market that is promoted in print (local press, Viva Lewes, etc) and on social media) it enhances the local economy by attracting many visitors from Lewes District and beyond: consumers who spend money at the market and at other local businesses.</p> <p>2. It enhances the reputation and diversity of the area. The Food Rocks offering differs from the Farmers Market - our focus being on street food, art and craft as well as local artisan produce.</p> <p>3. We have been and would continue to be considerate to local resident and businesses in terms of stall location, noise, etc. Rather than providing competition to local businesses, we feel Food Rocks Lewes drives much needed footfall to the Precinct on Sunday - many businesses we have consulted are very happy when Food Rocks Lewes is on and feel they benefit from increased footfall and the tone is more vibrant.</p> <p>4. We have received many messages from both traders (the vast majority are local businesses who benefit hugely from trading at the market) and from the public asking when Food Rocks Lewes is starting again. The demand is there!</p>
10	Lewes District Planning Department	<p>I would suggest a paragraph being added to state that Planning permission may be required for the use being applied for under the street trading guidance, pre application advice should be obtained from the planning department to ensure the correct permissions are obtained prior to the use being implemented. Please contact customerfirst@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk to ensure the use proposed does not breach planning regulations.</p>
11	Resident	<p>As a resident i like the look of the new street trading consent. Anything to bring life back to the town. Lewes has quite a catchment area though where people need to use their cars to get into town. I hear many ex-visitors say they no longer come because of the lack of parking. Several said they prefer Uckfield because it is easy and free to park. So whilst attempting to enliven the town with street traders/markets would help, I think the lack of parking is an issue.</p>
12	Sussex	On page 15 under Service Standards for Processing Your

	Police	<p>Application, the draft document states that Sussex Police may be consulted prior to consent being granted. I would be grateful if you could explain what Sussex Police would be required to do in relation to any application. I am assuming you might wish police to carry out a Police National Computer (PNC) check on applicants and then communicate a no objections or otherwise response.</p> <p>Historically, we have not been involved with applications for Street Trading Consents as there is no information sharing agreement in place for same relating to PNC checks.</p>
13	East Sussex County Council	<p>Consultation on street trading</p> <p>The previous submission from Public Health - Joanne Bernhaut - should also have said in relation to page 14 as well as Appendix E:</p> <p>Page 8 & 16 its says public health network where it should it just say public health.</p> <p>Page 14 and Appendix E - in relation to Eat Out Eat Well initiative:</p> <p>The Consent Holder, if intending to sell food from a stationary vehicle/stall shall operate from a purpose made vehicle/stall constructed should set out measures of how they will contribute to improving the food offer in Lewes. Eat Out Eat Well aims to support and reward caterers who make it easier for their customers to make healthy choices when eating out. The award is free to apply for and administered through East Sussex Trading Standards locally, further information can be found at www.eatouteatwell.gov.uk. When applying for street trading consent it is expected that traders will have achieved at least a bronze level award.</p>

14	Stall Holder	<p data-bbox="496 197 1273 237">Consultation Document for Street Trading 2019</p> <p data-bbox="496 271 1358 775">Dear Sir/Madam, We have been trading on Lewes precinct for about 5 years selling a huge range of fresh fruit and vegetables. We serve 2000/3000+ people each week as well as supplying local cafes, pubs, restaurants and charities over the two days that we are there. In all the years of trading we have never once had a complaint about noise, rubbish or blocking shop fronts etc. We are in the precinct Wednesday and Friday every week all year, in all weathers to make sure the people of Lewes are supplied with what they want and need.</p> <p data-bbox="496 819 1350 1111">All of our customers and the local shop keepers and managers say that we are a great asset to the town and would be devastated if we were no longer able to trade there, we have even been positively mentioned in the Cliffe Retail Networks response to consultation document. A lot of the shops say that <u>their takings for those days that we are there</u></p> <p data-bbox="496 1122 1353 1290">increase because we draw people into the town and precinct. Some of our regular customers even come as far from Heathfield, Haywards Heath and Brighton.</p> <p data-bbox="496 1335 1366 1626">We have read the New Draft on Street Trading and there are two major things of concern. Firstly is the stall size, we need a large stall and extra tables to accommodate the huge range of produce we like to offer. Secondly is the opening times. Because of the size of stall we need to arrive early, this is because it takes between two and three hours to set up.</p> <p data-bbox="496 1671 1129 1753">Yours Sincerely, Senior Partner, Colin Hall. Halls Fruits.</p>
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15	Highways England	<p>Highways England response: Consultation on draft updated guidance for street trading in Lewes District</p> <p>Thank you for notifying Highways England of the consultation on the draft updated guidance for street trading in Lewes District.</p> <p>Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such Highways England works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity. Highways England will be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact on the safe and efficient operation of the SRN, in this case the A26 and A27 trunk roads.</p> <p>We have reviewed the document ‘Street Trading Guidance’ dated March 2019 and have the following comments in relation to the A26 and A27 trunk roads in Lewes District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street traders must not discharge anything into the highway drains or into the highway. • Any fees charged should only be for administration and not for use of the pitch. • Highways England wish to be consulted on all applications for street trading on the A26 and A27 trunk roads.
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16	Resident	<p>I am writing to express my view that the grocer who trades on a Wednesday and a Friday in Lewes at the bottom of town would be sorely missed if the council restricted their size so much that they were forced to leave.</p> <p>I do not know the exact complaints that shops and perhaps other market stalls have given for not wanting them to trade but I do believe that they provide a valuable service to many in this town.</p> <p>I shop there every week and the people I mainly see in the queue are pensioners who I believe would not be able to afford that quality of fruit and veg if it were not for this stall.</p> <p>The farmers market and the Saturday market are both great but cannot offer the same prices. The supermarkets that can compete on price (but not on quality) are further away and people often need cars to reach them, something that I hope the council would try and avoid.</p> <p>I think in these very hard times for many it would be a real shame for the council to put in measures that meant that only the rich of Lewes were catered for.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing your comments and to know what decisions are being taken.</p>
17	Stall Holder	<p>I have looked over the draft guidance application for street trading consent in Lewes.</p> <p>The main changes that I would be very concerned about are,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) FARMERS MARKET I already have permission to stall out in the alley way besides Hogs Bank by you but have to be in the precinct to unload before Farmers Market starts at 7am to get out of there way. This works very well. 2) Page 7 Item (h) I stall out with permission at 6.30am every time till about 4-5 as by then my customers are gone. It takes me time I've parked the van at home base. 2 1/2 hours to stall out for 9am set up. - arriving at 9am will not work for me. It would be dangerous to set up at this time with the town getting busier and people walking through the stall whilst setting up. <p>Also as like the green Grocer on Wed/Fri we both need space to stall and display out properly. me more in Spring less in the winter</p> <p>Page 21 Item 11.</p> <p>I have had cause to complain about this subject before but no action is ever taken. It can be deafing and not pleasant - and we have at times been driven off the precinct because of outrageously loud or unpleasant sounds coming out of amplifiers.</p> <p>Why are we not allowed to do it but they are!!</p>
18	Resident	<p>I am writing to ask that you reconsider your decision to remove the Wednesday and Friday greengrocers stall in</p>

		<p>Lewes.</p> <p>I was dismayed to hear of this news as I, and many others, rely on these men on a weekly basis, for delicious vegetables and fruit, that are also plastic packaging free (unlike all the supermarkets in Lewes).</p> <p>Given the current climate crisis we should be doing everything we can as a community, and handing over this exchange of goods exclusively to supermarkets is not the answer.</p> <p>I presumed as a council you would be investing in eco-friendly measures.</p> <p>I kindly ask of you to reconsider,</p>
19	Resident.	<p>I've just heard that the council might change the size and opening times of the grocer's stall in Cliffe.</p> <p>This would be seriously bad news for the residents. These men provide an excellent service and are much needed in the town twice a week as they provide fresh veg and fruit at good prices and fill a huge gap. There are no greengrocers left in Lewes so all the money goes to supermarkets. Hardly good for the environment and for local business.</p> <p>They are also lovely guys who have a good rapport with their customers - letting us try before buying and are generally a huge bonus to the community.</p> <p>Surely we're trying to bring life back to our dying high streets. Any change here would set the clock right back.</p> <p>I do hope the council leaves well alone and concentrates on more vital matters.</p>
20	Resident	<p>I have just heard (through social media, so I am unsure of how true it is) that the Wednesday/Friday veg sellers on Cliffe precinct are having their stall space and hours altered, which would affect how feasible it would be for them to continue.</p> <p>As a frequent user of these venders I'd like to express my concern and disappointment if this true; they are a lovely bunch selling reasonable, predominantly unpackaged produce. They are accommodating to shoppers requests, the hours they can sell at present are good around the working day and are a much liked asset to the Lewes High street.</p> <p>If changes are being suggest please reconsider.</p>
21	Resident	<p>I am writing to you in response of hearing you are concerned with the fantastic stall selling fruit and vegetables in our town. This stall brings life and love into what can sometimes be quite a dreary town centre.</p> <p>It also provides fresh produce at affordable prices, with friendly service and A LOT less plastic than the</p>

		<p>supermarkets. I would like to support these lovely people and find it such a great experience to shop with them.</p> <p>Please don't reduce size OR opening hours, this stall provides good quality products and cheers the place up! It's brilliant to have this available as much as possible, I can use it early before work and sometimes after. It is a brilliant service for the whole town and such a range of people use it!</p>
22	Resident	<p>I understand that the council are considering changing the arrangements for Halls Fruits stall in the Precinct.</p> <p>The stall is a much valued and well used asset to Lewes. The staff are friendly and the merchandise is a wide range and of good quality. It is very convenient having the stall there mid-week and just before the weekend. I very much hope that nothing will be done to upset Halls or to affect the service we enjoy.</p>
23	Resident	<p>I understand there are some plans to make changes to the opening times and stall size of the veg stall on Cliffe High Street. I'm sure the council have reasons for doing this but I'd like to ask that no changes are required or made to their current set up. Until recently I lived almost opposite where they trade and despite arriving early and leaving relatively late they have never made any noise, they never leave any rubbish, they are there every week and provide a fabulous service always with a laugh and a smile for everyone.</p> <p>This stall provides easy access to packaging free fresh fruit and vegetables at affordable prices and in small quantities, surely this is absolutely vital particularly with the major issues of environment and obesity being so important at the moment. They are part of the fabric of the town, have been here for years and I can't imagine why there is any real need to make any changes here.</p> <p>I'm sure the council have plenty more pressing matters that resources could be directed toward, the rise of anti-social behaviour and a spate of robberies and petty crime springs to mind immediately.</p> <p>Please leave our veg boys alone.</p>
24	Resident	<p>We are regular users of the fruit and vegetable stall in Cliffs precinct, Lewes. We understand the D.C. are reviewing their Licensing arrangements for trading in precincts within the Councils control, and have read the report to the Licensing Committee 14th February 2019.</p> <p>We note specifically the Council intends to conduct a 6 week consultation, including proposals to limit markets to a maximum of 3 per month and a maximum of 4 individual stalls on any one day. It is not clear to us if those proposed</p>

		<p>restrictions include the Farmers and Food markets held regularly in the Cliffe precinct Lewes.</p> <p>However we would be disappointed if the current fruit and vegetable market held on Wednesdays and Fridays is either reduced in size (thereby reducing the range of produce available), or frequency.</p>
25	Resident	<p>I understand that that the council are considering alterations to the current situation regarding Halls Fruits trading within the Cliffe Precinct in Lewes.</p> <p>Firstly I would like to say that it is a pleasure to have a small independent supplier, such as Halls, prepared to weather the elements and offer their produce within the Cliffe Precinct in Lewes. It is a pleasure not just because of the service they offer but also the value they bring to the community.</p> <p>It would be a shame and a disappointing decision by the council, we elect, to try to reduce this offering or make their situation untenable. I look forward to some common sense and good will being applied.</p>
26	Resident	<p>Fruit and Veg Stall Please do not remove stall. It gives excellent service and cheaper produce as well as plastic free</p>
27	Resident	<p>I am writing to complain about the outrageous decision to curtails the hours and stall size of Halls Fruits in Cliffe Precinct, Lewes.</p> <p>Just when we are in desperate need of being able to purchase food with no packaging, the council wants to stamp on the wonderful opportunity available in our town.</p> <p>I sincerely hope this does not happen. I fully support Hall Fruits who are nothing but a joy; always smiling and chatty, very reasonable for those on a lower wage and most importantly, PLASTIC FREE!</p> <p>Please reconsider this decision which is almost as backward thinking as closing the railways.</p>
28	Resident	<p>I understand that there are proposals for changes in the conditions for this stall in the precinct. I do not have the details but understand that these proposals could drastically affect the stalls ability to function.</p> <p>I am just writing to say what a wonderful facility this stall is and that any conditions that would affect its ability to survive would be a disaster. The stall provides fruit and vegetables of a high quality with exceptional service. It would be such a shame if we were left to depend on the big organisations such as the supermarkets which charge so much more than the stall.</p>

29	Resident	<p>I am writing to you as I am concerned about more petty council reglementations this time concerning the vege and fruit market that is in Lewes precinct 3 times a week and is a real blessing.</p> <p>It is a genuine old fashioned vege and fruit stall that should be encoured rather than reglemented.</p> <p>The sweet little farmers' market is very Lewesian but this one is more the real thing AND selling local produce.</p> <p>So I very much object to any changes in stall size and opening times, which surely has been a concern only for the supermarkets.</p> <p>I sincerely hope that the council will ot show any pettiness and destroy a genuine and necessary enterprise.</p>
30	Resident	<p>I am told that the Local Council is reviewing the current arrangements whereby the excellent Halls Fruits people run a fruit and vegetable stall in the Precinct on Wednesdays and Fridays. The unhappy assumption seems to be that this is with a view to imposing restrictions of some sort on them. I hope this is a mistaken assumption and that it is possible, in fact, that in view of the popularity with Lewesians of their good quality, reasonably priced, fresh fruit and vegetables the Council might in fact consider offering the same pitch in the Precinct to Halls Fruits on more days in the week - say, perhaps, Mondays in addition to the current Wednesdays and Fridays?</p> <p>They really do provide a very welcome service and turn the Precinct into what it ought to be - a lively market square where the surrounding shops also benefit from the resulting increased footfall!</p> <p>I hope Councillors will have the imagination to facilitate such an extension in the current arrangements.</p>
31	Resident	<p>Could you please clarify the planned changes/ restrictions for the greengrocers trading on Wednesdays and Fridays? This facility is very popular. Many people enjoy this choice which is helping to minimise the decline of the high street. I wouldn't like to see unnecessary limitations leading to the loss of this asset.</p>
32	Resident	<p>I am writing in response to a request from the greengrocers who ply their trade in Cliffe in Lewes. I understand that restrictions placed on them by the council may make it unviable for them to continue to sell their fruit and veg in our town.</p> <p>My wife and I regularly buy fresh produce from them. They are courteous, bring us into town (where we will spend money elsewhere - e.g. for lunch) and represent exceptional value.</p>

		<p>I am sure many Lewes folk are grateful for a cheaper option than the supermarkets to buy healthy food at a fair price.</p> <p>It would be a huge loss to the town if council restrictions mean they are no longer able to provide their service to our town. Please reconsider.</p>
33	Resident	<p>I have heard that Lewes District Council are considering changes in the size and times of the Lewes precinct's veg and fruit stall run by Hall Fruits. I would like to urge you to fully support both the times and the space that they currently offer – and indeed support any application for further days they might wish to operate in the precinct.</p> <p>This is a much-loved and much-frequented stall by the people of Lewes, with many benefits to the community that perhaps the Lewes District Council hasn't taken into consideration.</p> <p>Firstly, it allows for a much more environmentally sound way of shopping ... you choose exactly what you want, so no waste as it is all sold loose. And not being wrapped in plastic is a huge environmental bonus – you can buy all your fruit and veg without being forced to resort to plastic and adding to the disaster that is plastic in our environment.</p> <p>Secondly, the guys running the stall are helpful, friendly and really popular locally, making shopping there a pleasure. Older people shopping there can buy as little as they need and get a friendly greeting as well - that's not available in a supermarket and is valuable as many older people live alone. I've seen families with younger kids enjoy shopping there too – and we all know that young children should eat healthy fruit and veg. And it always puts a smile on my face when I shop there. I look forward to it, which I can't say for shopping in a supermarket.</p> <p>Finally, the prices are very competitive and benefit us all. It is a win-win for Lewes people, and I should hate to see a bureaucracy that possibly doesn't fully understand its benefits to Lewes people undermine all this.</p> <p>Please do everything you can to support this business, not restrict it.</p>
34	Resident	<p>It has been brought to my attention that there is a question over the use of Lewes Precinct by two gents who run the geengrocer stall on Wednesdays and Fridays.</p> <p>Their contribution to the town is invaluable. Lewes has, over the years lost all independent geengrocers and we are now reduced to over priced imported plastic wrapped items from supermarkets.</p>

		<p>In this current climate to have the opportunity to buy from a genuine greengrocer, offering a wider range of produce at reasonable prices, sold in optional paper bags is a must.</p> <p>Please, please, please do not even consider asking them to leave or reducing the size of their stall. They are a real asset to this town.</p> <p>I cannot begin to see or understand what possible reason there could be to do anything other than welcome them with open arms for the real benefits they offer this town.</p>
35	Resident	<p>I understand you are the person to contact about the fruit and vegetables stall in Lewes. I understand the council is trying to limit their presence in the local area.</p> <p>I'm very concerned about this given that they offer the only loose fruit and vegetables locally, are friendly and tidy and very reliable.</p>
36	Resident	<p>The Fruit and Veg men in Lewes town precinct are a vital part of the town's make-up. They provide fresh produce at a reasonable price, and there is no alternative except the supermarkets which are huge companies, who's produce is often expensive and poor quality and covered in plastic. I believed that the council was in support of eco measures for the town. I was saddened to hear this news. I urge you to change your mind.</p>
37	Resident	<p>Re the threat to the fruit and veg stall</p> <p>I wanted to voice my strong disapproval of their licence coming under threat. Their provision of a bi-weekly fresh plastic-free affordable healthy food option in a town where no other outlet provides this service makes it an essential that should be fostered and supported. I am horrified to hear that steps may be taken to restrict their space and hours. They provide a comprehensive service which would be compromised if it were diminished. We have enough stresses in life already. Leave this alone. It provides a real tangible benefit to our town.</p>
38	Resident	<p>I'm joining the chorus of protests at any attempt to limit the size or hours of the wonderful fruit & veg stall that these guys operate. Part of the vitality of Lewes is the local, personal aspect of our merchants and our interactions with them. And they're ecologically run. I love shopping there when I can, and it lifts my spirits to partake of the friendship and good will that such a local enterprise generates.</p>
39	Resident	<p>I am given to understand that there may be a change to the license for this amenity. I would urge you to preserve the status quo, having access to a good variety of fresh produce, which can be purchased without plastic or packaging is an</p>

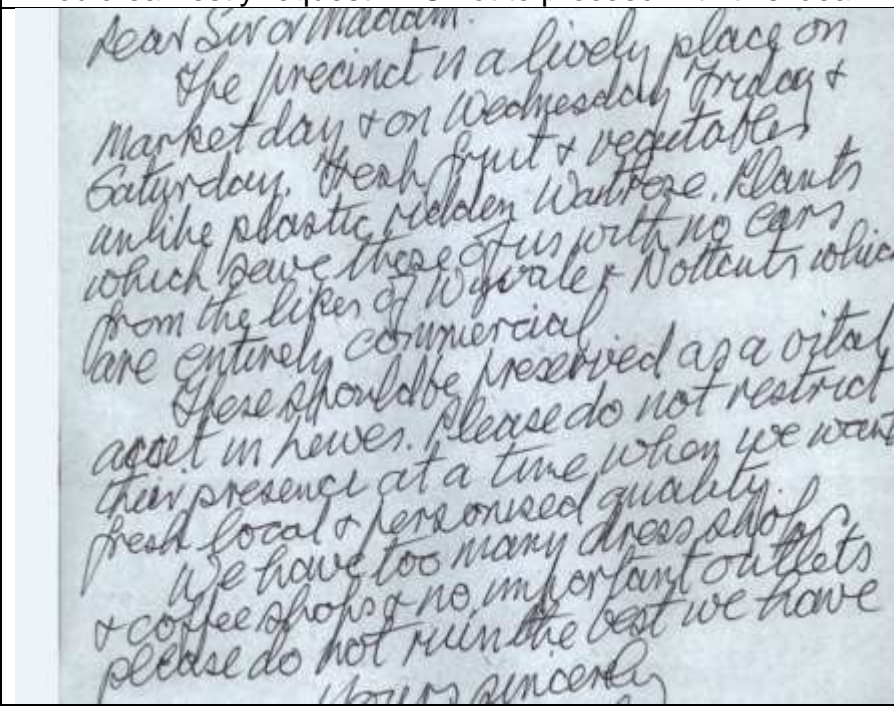
		asset to our community and, as a pensioner, being able to buy a wide range of fruit and vegetables in small quantities is invaluable to both my health and my budget.
40	Resident	<p>I know this email may be a little late but i only found out this morning what the intention is supposedly going to be for Colin, Geoff and Sam with regards to the incoming regulations to their market stall. I have known these boys for many many years. We go back to the 70's. They have always been polite, hardWorking and courteous. They have gone out of their way to deliver to me in Ringmer. Especially at Christmas. The do everything in their power to keep a good relationship with local businesses and traders .</p> <p>They are not in competition with anyone else on a Wednesday and Friday.</p> <p>It seems rather unfair that the Council are planning to cut their stall size. They carry a great selection every week but that will have to cease if they don't have the room to display it all. Please rethink as it won't only be them who suffer but their customers as well.</p>
41	Resident	I am dismayed that you are considering changing the conditions for two stalls in the Cliffe Lewes, namely bedding and bushes plant stall and halls fruits. I fear both stalls might close and they both are a great boon to the town. Please leave alone
42	Resident	No we no longer have a Sunday market selling plastic free fruit and veg, this stall is particularly needed. It would be a mistake to curtail their activities and would be detrimental to many Lewes residents.
43	Resident	<p>As a new resident of Lewes I have been pleasantly surprised by the quality, range a value offered by the market stalls in Lewes town centre.</p> <p>I understand that there may be plans to change things, but I think that an reduction in space and opening times would severely limit the stallholders ability to serve the local community. They offer an excellent alternative to the major retailers and act as a considerable draw for shoppers in the town centre, which in itself bring more business to the town.</p> <p>If we are to try to encourage small businesses, against the power of amazon, Ocado and the like, it seems appropriate to allow them some flexibility in order to do so, rather than to stifle their opportunity.</p> <p>Having moved from France, where entrepreneurship is restricted at every turn, I believe this is a key aspect of life in the U.K. and would be sorry to see us follow the same path as the French.</p>

44	Resident	<p>Hello, I'm dismayed to hear that the council may put limits on the Wednesday and Friday veg and fruit stall in Lewes. The stall is the only place to buy veg and fruit outside of supermarkets in Lewes and is part of what makes that part of town a pleasure to visit. There are quite a few empty shops in the area and I feel removing the stall will deaden the life of the area and lead to more smaller shops going out of business.</p> <p>I also think the very diverse plant stall gives the precinct character and supports the economy in the area.</p>
45	Resident	<p>I write to say how much I use and appreciate the excellent stall run on Weds. and Fris, by Halls fruits . Their stall is always tidy orderly and fully stocked and I would not like its size to be reduced . The men who run it are polite friendly and very well informed about their produce , which is refreshingly seasonal and reasonably priced .</p> <p>We very much need the stall in Lewes as all the greengrocers have been closed down by the supermarkets , and prices have risen accordingly in them .</p> <p>I ask you to recommend that Hall's are allowed to continue exactly as they are.</p> <p>I also greatly appreciate and use the plant stall near Hall's in the Precinct , and do not want it to be reduced in size . It is the only source of reasonably priced plants within reach of Lewes people who do not own a car , as once again , the garden centres at Kingston and Newhaven have forced the closure of all the Lewes nurseries.</p>
46	Resident	<p>I am writing to you to express my concern over proposed changes to the hours and size of the fruit and veg stall in the Lewes precinct, which I believe are under consideration by the Licensing Team of LDC. Along with many other people, I visit the stall on a regular basis, usually on both Wednesday and Friday. The stall provides a wide range of fruit and vegetables at reasonable prices and with minimal packaging. A reduction in stall size would result in a reduced range and choice on offer.</p> <p>From my observation, the stall has many regular customers and any changes would be extremely disappointing to them all. I feel that the only beneficiaries of change would be the supermarkets and that the LDC should be supporting local enterprise.</p> <p>I hope that having considered the effect of any any changes that the Licensing Team goes with the status quo.</p>
47	Resident	<p>I have been given your email address to write to regarding plans to make changes to the size and opening times of the vegetable market on Cliffe High Street which comes Wednesdays and Fridays.</p>

		<p>I am very concerned that their size may be reduced. I buy my vegetables from them every week. And I have seen a huge growth in the number of people using their stall over the past year or so with growing public awareness of plastic pollution. Their market stall offers a unique way to buy a huge variety of fresh produce without plastic packaging. It is also very reasonably priced with many bargains like the one-pound-pots that I buy each week and lovely big bunches of herbs. Please do not apply any unnecessary regulation to this fabulous store. It is one of my great pleasure in Lewes. The service they provide is so important to our town, and at the heart of the fight against supermarket packaging.</p>
48	Resident	<p>Absolutely absurd to restrict or cut the veg stall hours... this is me and my family opposing... we live in glynde and frequently use this veg stall... it would be a crying shame if they are no longer a part of Lewes!</p> <p>It is a very sad time to think this is what the council are doing and dealing with... perhaps help the folk of Lewes keep Lewes a beautiful English town with history and heritage and stop pushing smaller family run businesses out and stop penalising the people making a living in this already tough climate!</p> <p>You should be celebrating this type of business in Lewes...!</p>
49	Resident	<p>concerning halls fruits im happy with the service they provide it should be left as it is including stall size and opening times</p>
50	District Councillor	<p>As councillor for Bridge Ward and a user of the fruit and veg stall on the Precinct I am following up a recent message I had from Jill Goulder about possible restrictions on the size of the stall and the hours it can trade. Various sensible solutions have been proposed such as issuing a licence and offering the traders two pitches I appreciate the need to avoid a free-for-all in the Precinct but I very much hope you can find a way to enable the stall to continue trading as before.</p>
51	Resident	<p>It has come to my attention that you are considering changes to the stalls and times that sell vegetables and fruit on cliffe high street, Lewes on wednesdays and fridays.</p> <p>This stall provides a valuable service to the community, shoppers and visitors to the town. Not only does it fulfil the governments ideals of healthy eating but it reduces food and packaging waste apart from continuing an historical practice of providing food in the streets and not in huge conglomerate supermarkets.</p> <p>Not only do I and my wife benefit from purchasing good quality food from this great venture but the guys operating the stall are always friendly and helpful.</p> <p>I am sure that the shops surrounding the area benefit because of the increased foot-fall of happy shoppers.</p>

		Please do not shut this down or in any way curtail their activities due to the curmodgenly complaints from a minority.
52	Resident	<p>I heard there are plans to curtail the operation of the Wednesday and Friday greengrocers stall in Cliffe Precinct in Lewes.</p> <p>Is this true? What's the reasoning?</p> <p>I use the stall a lot, and it's a great service. With the death of actual grocers shops, we're mostly forced to buy veg from supermarkets, where it's often heavily packaged and sold impersonally. The market stall guys are great - knowledgeable, helpful, and you can buy veg without loads of plastic packaging. Plus, the size of their stall means they have a good range. It's a great use of the precinct public space, adding liveliness, foot traffic, bringing shoppers to other businesses.</p> <p>If you are planning to curtail the stall, please reconsider.</p>
53	Resident	<p>We would like to express our amazement at the Licensing Team's attitude to the Halls Fruit stall in the Precinct in Lewes.</p> <p>They provide an excellent outlet to the community with their fruit and vegetable business and we cannot see how you can on one hand permit the chaos of the Farmers Market that swamps the precinct causing it's disruption and then wish to curtail this business by only allowing them one small stall at a time the Precinct has plenty of room. We believe you are saying it is a planning issue, well perhaps if you had stuck to planning issues and insisted Bills continued to sell fruit and vegetables, as their planning required, then there perhaps would be a need for a stall there in the first place.</p> <p>We hope you take notice of the hundreds of people who use this business an leave it well alone.</p>
54	Resident	<p>I have just learned the news that the fruit and veg stall on Wednesdays and Fridays in Lewes may be closed down. These men are an absolute asset to Lewes town, they provide beautiful produce at a reasonable rate, all the while adding no plastic packaging to the environment. The same cannot be said for Tesco, Waitrose and Aldi; are you thinking of reducing their space or opening hours?????</p> <p>Why on earth would you want to strip Lewes town of any last ounce of integrity.</p>
55	Resident	I would like to add my name to those supporting the fruit and veg stall in Cliffe. Just the sort of local, low tech enterprise that generates a sense of community and keeps the town alive.
56	Resident	I understand that there is a review of the licence for Halls

		<p>Fruits in Cliffe High Street.</p> <p>I am currently very satisfied with their operation, the layout of the stall makes it easy to access produce without being crowded by other people. I don't know if the Wednesday / Friday opening is of your making or theirs but I would be happy to see it open longer and on more days.</p>
57	Resident	<p>I hear that the Council is considering changes to the licence permitting this stall to function. In particular I understand changes are possible both to the size of the stall and its opening times. The stall is extremely popular and provides a very valuable service being very well patronised. I also happen to think that in this increasingly uniform age, it is rather attractive and I hope there will be no move either to reduce its size or to restrict the times when it may operate.</p>
58	Resident	<p>As someone who never expresses an opinion in public, on this occasion I would like to express a very strong objection to the apparent proposal to curtail the trading of the brilliant fruit and veg stall in the precinct that we have enjoyed for the past few years.</p> <p>Good quality, well priced, PLASTIC FREE, fruit and veg that can be purchased in the quantities customers need - a huge advantage for those living alone - and moreover served with a smile and a friendly word.</p> <p>Surely as a country we are supposed to be encouraging local, community based enterprise. What is Lewes Council thinking of?</p> <p>As an addenda, I see no reason either to curtail the plant man's enterprise in the precinct. Many people, particularly the elderly, have no car to drive to outlying nurseries or pay the prices they charge. Again, we are constantly reminded of the benefits of gardening to both mental and physical health, not to mention the environment. Why make it more difficult for local people?</p> <p>I do hope that the Council will take note and act on objections being raised.</p>
59	Resident	<p>I understand that the Licensing Team of Lewes District Council is considering limiting the stall size and operating times of both the Bedding Bushes Plant Stall and of Halls Fruit Stall.</p> <p>I fail to understand why LDC is considering this. With shops and restaurants closing all over Lewes, surely LDC should be encouraging local enterprise rather than stunting it?</p> <p>These two stalls are very popular with Lewes townspeople</p>

		<p>and Halls Fruit Stall particularly only has plastic for its soft fruit - compared with the myriad plastic provided by Waitrose and other supermarkets for their fruit and veg. With an increased number of Green Councillors now on the Council, I hope they too will be promoting this stall.</p> <p>I would earnestly request LDC not to proceed with this idea.</p>
60	Resident	 <p>Dear Sir or Madam.</p> <p>The precinct is a lively place on Market day & on Wednesday Friday & Saturday. Fresh fruit & vegetables unlike plastic ridden Waitrose. Plants which save those of us with no cars from the likes of W & A & Nottcutts which are entirely commercial.</p> <p>There should be preserved as a vital asset in Lewes. Please do not restrict their presence at a time when we want fresh local & person used quality.</p> <p>We have too many dress shops & coffee shops & no important outlets please do not ruin the best we have.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>
61	Resident	<p>I am writing to express my support for the service provided by Halls Fruit in the precinct Lewes each Wednesday and Friday.</p> <p>I welcome the range of fruit and vegetables offered and am happy with both the opening times and the stall size.</p> <p>This service has been a welcome addition to our shopping for many years. The absence of plastic packaging is important.</p> <p>I shop at Halls weekly and have used the facility both during the morning and sometimes later in the day.</p>
62	Resident	<p>We have learnt about possible changes to be introduced to Lewes Market Stalls and in particular of restrictions on stall size and opening times affecting HALLS FRUITS.</p> <p>We object to this strongly as we have always valued this stall which is not only essential to people needing to buy affordable food but also a real asset to Lewes.</p> <p>No-one else sells good quality veg and fruit at reasonable prices and many people cannot afford fancy "Farmers market" prices or Waitrose.</p> <p>The traders at Halls fruit need the present size of stall in order to offer a good range and they provide a very useful service</p>

		<p>to us.</p> <p>They are also reliable and friendly and we do not see why they should make room for more fancy, pretty, stalls selling designer or fashionable food.</p> <p>We do understand that for diversity some people may wish to introduce more stalls, but those have not been in the market faithfully, regularly and in all weather during the whole year. So please leave Halls Fruit as they are.</p>
63	Resident	<p>We are writing to you to express our support for Halls Fruit stall in the Precinct, Lewes. We are delighted with both the size of the stall and the times they are there. The range of fruit and vegetables on offer is excellent. Please do not curtail their scope or their opening times.</p> <p>This is a well used and much appreciated service to the people of Lewes. Reducing this service in any way would be a dis-service to the community. It is also a something of a social hub - we regularly meet people there and have a chat.</p>
64	Resident	<p>I have just learned of the possibility of losing the excellent greengrocers stall in Lewes precinct on Wednesdays and Fridays.</p> <p>I hope the licensing team of the District Council will think again, for, at a time when we should all be eating more fruit and vegetables the last thing that should happen is for that much used and necessary service to be threatened.</p> <p>The quality of the produce is very good, the choice wide, and above all, it is affordable for all. The service is professional, friendly and honest. We hold the stall-keepers in great affection and we are grateful to them for keeping us cheerful and healthy. Lewes can't do without the Halls!</p>
65	Resident	<p>I am a regular and very satisfied customer at the Halls Fruits stall in Cliffe precinct in Lewes. I understand from the stall owners that Lewes DC are planning changes to the stall which would make it unviable for them to continue.</p> <p>The fruit and veg stall is cheap, good quality, has an excellent range of produce and is virtually plastic free. The staff are friendly and helpful. They provide a great and much needed alternative to the supermarkets, especially as there are no longer any greengrocers left in Lewes. This kind of sustainable, environmentally friendly small business which brings people out onto the high street is exactly the kind business Lewes D C should be supporting.</p> <p>Please can you ensure that any future regulations do not threaten this valuable asset?</p>
66	Resident	<p>I am a regular shopper at the Wednesday and Friday fruit and veg stall. I hope that this stall will continue as it is. It is one of the few places where you can buy a large selection of fruit</p>

		and veg with less packaging and is a real asset to this town. We need to be moving back to market stalls rather than supermarkets if only to reduce plastic packaging.
67	Resident	<p>As a longstanding (four generational) Lewes resident! I am writing in support of the stall Hall's Fruits operating in the Precinct.</p> <p>In my opinion they have become quite an invaluable business, especially at this quite critical time with significantly greener credentials than many of the other options.</p> <p>I feel it would be a loss to the town and with it other local businesses should they be restricted on their operations.</p>
68	Resident	<p>I am writing to you because I am concerned about the news that the fruit and vegetable stall in Lewes precinct may have their hours cut and the size of their stall diminished. This stall is a much loved facility in Lewes. It provides a good alternative to the supermarkets, offering food at affordable prices without all the plastic packaging used by near by Waitrose. The staff are friendly and helpful and this personal approach is appreciated by all their customers. I am glad that the stall is there for most of the day so that people who work can find time to visit them too.</p> <p>Please support this business. They provide an environmentally sound alternative to the supermarkets.</p>
69	Resident	<p>I am writing because I am very concerned about the proposed changes to the stall size and opening times proposed to Halls fruits who operate in Lewes.</p> <p>I use this stall weekly. It is a wonderful service providing really fresh, affordable, seasonal fruit and vegetables for the community. All who work there are wonderful and their relationship with their customers provides a local and friendly service, something which used to happen before supermarket shopping become the norm.</p> <p>There is nothing else like this in Lewes and we need more of this, not less.</p> <p>By using this I have no extra plastics, am supporting a local company and am able to have a much greater variety and quality of food than I would get at a supermarket.</p> <p>In the light of environmental and climate concerns we should be encouraging stalls like this to open not trying to hinder them.</p> <p>They provide a vital service to the community.</p>

		<p>I would like to see them there each weekday if possible.</p> <p>I would be grateful if you could take my views on board and pass on my comments to the relevant department.</p>
70	Resident	<p>I understand there may be moves afoot to restrict the space/hours of the wonderful fruit and veg stall in Cliffe High Street, and wish to add my voice to the chorus of protest. It's the best thing to happen to Lewes in a long time, and should be applauded in these plastic-wrapped times for its great service in providing affordable <u>loose</u> fruit and veg.</p>
71	Resident	<p>The greengrocers in the precinct, on Wednesdays and Fridays are an integral part to Lewes. This is one of the best new additions to the town in years. I have lived here my entire life and am shocked to see the council attempting to drive away any integrity from Lewes.</p> <p>They offer a brilliant range of fruit and vegetables at excellent prices. I visit the stall every week, and am able to SHOP PLASTIC FREE!!!!!! If you are supporting eco marches through the town, then I urge you to support eco initiatives.</p> <p>I am horrified to hear this news. Support local workers. Support local endeavours.</p>
72	Resident	<p>I understand that this greengrocer stall might be discontinued in the future because of the Licence being changed and reduced in time of operating and in space.</p> <p>If this is the case, I want you to know that it would be a very regrettable decision for Lewes residents. There is now no independent greengrocer in Lewes, only the supermarkets. This stall offers a good variety of fresh product, both vegetables and fruit, at a reasonable price and, as I can observe each week, is very well patronised, but it seems that with reduced time and space it will not be worthwhile for the men who run it to continue to do so. I just want whoever makes a decision to be aware of how much that stall would be missed</p>
73	Resident	<p>I have been informed that the Council is planning changes to the size and opening times of the fruit stand in the pedestrianised area of the High Street near Cliffe bridge. This fruit stand is a very important contribution to the variety of offerings in Lewes. Lewes needs such features to stay alive and try to get back some of the vibrance it has lost so sadly in the recent past. When we came to Lewes, there were two independent green grocer's shops in the High Street! So everything possible should be done to keep and even extend this opportunity, both in size and opening hours! The district council should encourage and support such initiatives and not put stones in its way.</p>
74	Resident	<p>As a Lewes resident who uses the fruit and vegetable stall on at least a weekly basis, I am very concerned to learn of</p>

		<p>possible to the size and opening times of the stall.</p> <p>This is a local business which uses minimal plastic packaging, and provides a wide range of fresh and often local and seasonal produce. The sellers are friendly, welcoming and knowledgeable.</p> <p>In addition, a large proportion of it's offerings are very competitively priced (the "??1 for a bowl" offers). This means that food waste is minimised (the fruit and veg may look less than "supermarket perfect") and makes good, fresh produce available to those on low incomes for whatever reason - surely a good thing for the health and well-being of local families, children and the elderly.</p> <p>Finally, the presence of "The Veggie Men" brings vibrancy and life to the precinct. One only has to look at the long queues of buyers, and see the smiling faces to know what an asset the stall is to our town.</p> <p>I would strongly urge the Lewes District Council licensing team to support this business by NOT requiring change to either the size of the stall or it's opening hours.</p>
75	Resident	<p>I understand that there is a proposal to restrict the hours and space afforded to Halls Fruits, on a Wednesday and Friday each week.</p> <p>I wonder if you could explain why this is the case. It seems illogical to me that in time when we are being encouraged to reduce the amount of plastic we use, increase our intake of fruit and vegetables and cut back on air miles that this seems to be rather a retrograde step. Also Lewes council prides itself on the work being done in relation to recycling.</p> <p>As a single person I am able to buy the exact amount of produce I require rather than using the supermarkets with inflated prices and unnecessary packaging. They provide locally sourced food, where possible, which is a huge attraction to many of their customers. Prices are affordable. A friend of mine, who works, benefits from the hours the stall is open.</p> <p>The stall brings people into the Cliffe, where as I am sure you are aware we have seen a number of shops close recently and others always have sales.</p> <p>I am at loss to understand why the council would wish to take such action.</p>
76	Resident	<p>I understand from the vegetable stall in Lewes that there is a plan to alter trading times and conditions.</p>

		Please don't reduce the times that the vegetable stall can trade. This stall provides a very good service and alternative to the giant supermarkets.
77	Resident	<p>I wish to add my support for the wonderful fruit and veg stall on Cliffe precinct in Lewes. I understand that the space which they occupy on Wednesdays and Fridays may have to be reduced, as well as their permitted hours of trading. I cannot see why anyone should object to their presence since there are no greengrocers' shops left here so they meet a need for fresh, reasonably priced produce. I shop there twice weekly and cannot praise the vendors highly enough for their unfailing cheeriness and courtesy. They know my likes and dislikes and always address me as Mrs. Scott, which I appreciate greatly. They are an asset to the town and I would greatly miss the attractive displays of fruit and vegetables if the proposed changes to their licence meant that they could not afford to continue.</p> <p>On the very rare occasions when I have been disappointed with the quality of an item they have replaced it or refunded the cost without quibbling. I look forward to my visits to the stall which provides exactly the kind of low carbon footprint experience which we are encouraged to support. Plastic punnets are re-used, with soft fruit being gently decanted into brown paper bags. If only the supermarkets would follow this good example! The stall-holders always clear up the space at the end of a day's trading so there is no trace of their presence at other times.</p> <p>Please urge your colleagues on the District Council to reconsider this unnecessary and unjustified proposal. I await the outcome with interest.</p>
78	Resident	<p>Please reconsider the reducing of hours and size of the fruit and vegetable stall that comes each Wednesday and Fridsy in Cliffe.</p> <p>It is so refreshing to buy loose fruit and veg and the stall does not take any custom away from local shops.</p> <p>The saving on plastic wrapping, which supermarkets still use, is so important for the planet. The men running the stall use paper bags and, any plastic tubs are reused by them.</p> <p>Many local people use this stall and, a reduction in size will result in the queue being longer than the actual stall and, reduce the selection of fruit and veg being sold.</p>

79	Resident	<p>I gather the council are considering reducing the size and opening hours of the fruit and vegetable stall run by Halls fruits on the cliff precinct in Lewes. I think this would be a terrible shame for a number of reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Because of the variety of produce they are able to sell, thanks to the size of their stall, I do almost all of my weekly fruit and vegetable shop at their stall. If their stall were smaller or had more restrictive opening hours I would be unlikely to use it and would probably drive to a supermarket instead of walking to their stall. I know of many others who do the same, separating out their fruit and vegetable shop from the rest of their shopping so they can do both on foot as a result of the stall. 2. As it is on Friday I visited paperchase, Waterstones, the red cross shop and clarkes to buy items I otherwise would have ordered through Amazon. I make a trip to their stall, my use of other shops in that area is a direct result of this. I would be much less likely to visit the shops in this area if the stall were smaller or open for shorter periods of time. 3. There is less plastic and less food waste generated from shopping at their stall - almost nothing is plastic wrapped and if I need one carrot, I buy one carrot. Surely this is something the district council should be encouraging, not stymying. 4. They also provide a valuable service for the lonely - I often see particularly the elderly stopping by to buy one leek say, but to have a chat and some social contact. I see them being treated with kindness, and I have seen this extend to other kindnesses, like offers to drop shopping home. <p>Please keep the size and opening hours of the halls fruit stall as they are.</p>
80	Resident	<p>I wish to write in support of Halls Fruits retaining their current trading conditions.</p> <p>Their stall has bought new life into the town centre. It provides fruit and veg at a price accessible to all. Most of it can be bought plastic free. Staying late in the afternoon means many working people can access the stall.</p> <p>Any change to their trading conditions would render their stall unviable, and would be a great loss to the town.</p>
81	Resident	<p>I am both a long time resident of Lewes and a local shop keeper. As a resident I am a frequent customer at the stall in Cliffe Preceint. The Halls who run the stall are without exception the most helpful, kind and community minded people. We are lucky to have them. They are plugging a vital gap in the community of this town in regards to the elderly for example who love the interaction. How very short sighted of the council to penalise people making this town a better place to live. As a shop keeper I admire their customer service and</p>

		<p>dedication to their business.</p> <p>Please do not let this wonderful twice weekly occurrence fall prey to petty minded bureaucracy. This town needs this service and the Halls should be supported and commended for providing such a service.</p>
82	Resident	<p>I wanted to write in support of the fruit and veg stall run by Halls Fruits that operates in Lewes Pedestrian Precinct every Wednesday and Monday. This stall is an invaluable resource to Lewes, offering reasonably priced nutritious fruit and vegetables. It also sells its goods with very little packaging, unlike local supermarket chains, which is something that needs to be encouraged and prioritised as a matter of urgency. The opening hours of the stall are very convenient to me as someone working in Lewes, as I can drop by on my way to work. The size of the stall does not affect the movement of people through the precinct, and if anything, allows them to display their wide range of produce. I strongly believe that the stall should be allowed to operate as it currently stands, as do many others in Lewes.</p>
83	Resident	<p>I'm both a resident and a food business owner operating out of Lewes. I was disturbed to hear that the council is thinking of making changes to their operating hours and stall size. I think they make an invaluable contribution to the town and they provide good value fresh produce and add great character I'm very happy with the service they provide. As a traditional market town I think Lewes should have more of what they offer, not less.</p>
84	Resident	<p>I understand that the fruit/ veg stall & the flower stall opening times, stall sizes are being changed, I really hope this not going to lessen their wonderful service.</p> <p>We badly need such stalls in Lewes- food & plants that are cheaper + less plastic in their packaging.</p>
85	Resident	<p>I live in Landport, and walk into town to buy my vegetables from Halls Fruits on either a Wednesday or Friday. The size of the stall is good as their wares are displayed well, and it can get very busy. This allows room to choose the fruit and vegetables without getting in the way of other customers. If it is raining, they have good covers to keep us dry. The opening times are good and regularity ensures I don't forget them. They often stay later enabling workers to access their stall after work. It would be a shame to change this.</p>
86	Resident	<p>I was amazed to hear that the District Council is thinking of restricting the wonderful Vegetable Stall on Cliffe Precinct. It is the only place we can buy fresh and affordable vegetables, not wrapped in plastic, in quantities that suit our needs. Surely this stall helps Lewes become plastic free, waste reducing, and diet improvement which are all policy priorities for the Council and the NHS surely? Its a pleasure to shop</p>

		<p>there, as they guys are so friendly and helpful.</p> <p>Far from threatening the stall, the Council should be thinking how to use its spaces and empty shops to encourage local independent producers and traders, rather than international chains and supermarkets</p>
87	Resident	<p>I'm writing to express my support for Halls Fruit and Veg stall in Cliffe Precinct, Lewes.</p> <p>The guys are friendly, courteous and always ready to help. Their produce is quality and good value, bringing much needed alternative to both supermarkets and 'farmers market' type offers. The stall is, I feel appropriately sized - and smaller and there would be more congestion (from their customers) particularly at busy times. The opening times clearly work for them and for Lewes shoppers.</p>
88	Resident	<p>I understand that the council is proposing changes in the arrangements for the fruit and vegetable stall which is in the Lewes precinct on Wednesdays and Fridays, such as reducing opening times and the size of the stall area. This is an extremely popular stall which allows people alternatives to supermarket shopping. I think they need the space they have to allow access to customers. I would also be sorry if they were not open until 4.30pm as it is often convenient to pick up things later.</p> <p>I hope this is not an attempt to 'tidy up' the precinct by insisting on the use of gazebos. We need variety, not uniformity. We should be encouraging local businesses such as this to offer alternative types of shopping and often a wider range of goods. The 'boys' know what local people want to buy and offer a much more personalised and valued service.</p>
89	Resident	<p>I write concerning the proposal to shorten the above stall and reduce the hours. This is a popular addition to the Lewes scene, and one of the most encouraging things is that mainly it is not contained in plastic.</p> <p>I understand there have been complaints from some of the shop owners, and there was some reference to 'cylinders' left against shop walls, apparently due to the Saturday Farmers Market. If one thinks about it logically, it cannot be the Saturday market since these are fresh foods. Certainly I often walk behind the stalls after purchasing my choices, and have never seen anything that would inhibit either shops or pedestrians. If there are 'cylinders', it surely must relate to the Sunday cooked food market.</p> <p>Whatever the problem, surely it would be far better to speak to the 'offenders' and monitor it rather than curtail such a popular addition. I cannot believe that it is impossible for adults with a will and a touch of diplomacy to find a solution to satisfy all.</p>

90	Resident	<p>I was very disappointed to learn that there may be changes to the opening hours and floor space to the wonderful fruit and veg store that currently operates in the precinct on Wednesdays and Thursdays. They provide an excellent service and are popular with all Lewes residents, offering great value and a cheerful, individual approach.</p> <p>I fail to see any reason why this service should be changed in any way that curtails all that they offer and strenuously oppose any such changes which would diminish their entrepreneurial approach and opportunities for Lewesians. I would welcome a reply to hear your views.</p>
91	Resident	<p>I heard the council we're thinking of changing the stall size and opening times of the market in Lewes precinct. This is a much valued source of local, economical and plastic-free fruit and veg: please don't reduce the size or hours! It's important for the town to have options away from supermarkets and support local businesses. Plus the boys there always cheer me up!</p>
92	Resident	<p>I have bought my fruit and vegetables, as I regularly do, from the delightful men who run the stall in Lewes precinct. They were obviously worried, having been told that their pitch is to be reduced to a size that would not be viable, and the hours of trading were also being cut.</p> <p>What a shame and so short sighted of the council! Along with the flower stall, it is a vibrant, colourful and very busy scene, bringing many shoppers to the area from all around. The precinct needs this trade and input from people like these. I visited Tunbridge Wells the other day and was struck by the lovely scene in the Pantiles. Coffee shops spilling onto the pavements, stalls lining the pathways and music playing, I felt I was on holiday!</p> <p>Why can't Lewes liven up this very dull area? Apart from farmer's market days, it's a sorry looking place.</p>
93	Resident	<p>I'm writing to urge the council not to interfere with the opening times (unless extending them!) and size of the fruit and vegetable stall Halls Fruits here in Lewes. It serves our community so well, is so well priced and proportioned, and actually a valid alternative to the mass packaged supermarkets (which, as we all know, are contributing greatly to unnecessary plastic waste).</p> <p>There are so many reasons a stall like this are important- not only for the ones stated above, but for social reasons. Twice a week I use this stall and every time I'm there I notice the stall holders chatting to the customers, putting a smile on the faces of elderly gentlemen / ladies who appreciate the</p>

		interaction and the familiarity of buying this way, and generally doing a little bit to conquering the loneliness our society suffer from so widely. These experiences are part of what hold communities like ours together, they are intrinsic. It doesn't make sense that a council would want to curtail that, and it would be such a resented mistake.
94	Resident	<p><u>Fruit/vegetable stall in Lewes precinct</u></p> <p>I am horrified to learn that Lewes District Council, under some trading regulations, is considering restricting the size and hours of the brilliantly-popular veg and fruit stall that has improved our lives by its presence twice a week in the precinct.</p> <p>The stall is one of the best things to have happened in the precinct for years – a real local enterprise, fulfilling a much-felt need, used by all sections of society. This is exactly the sort of useful, enjoyable set-up which the town of Lewes should be promoting and encouraging, directly benefiting locals as well as demonstrating to tourists the lively nature of our town.</p> <p>Not only is the stall almost zero plastic, but the three friendly, hard-working guys are local (££ circulating in the community) and provide a much-welcomed service of good healthy fresh ingredients for shoppers. They sell everything from a range of specialist herbs and veg to good-value 'everything £1' bowls for local people counting the pennies. It's widely acknowledged locally that they really add to the precinct with their brimming stall and their energy and good humour, and that their stall is not in the way or encroaching on space needed for circulation etc. The Council will be really shooting themselves in the foot if they try to restrict this lovely stall unreasonably; they should be giving it awards and encouraging it.</p> <p>It's said that the Council wish to restrict the veg stall width to 10 feet, which would be totally mad. The expectant queue at their stall is often longer than that! Their appeal lies in the the breadth and richness of their wares, providing a real alternative to supermarkets. Of course I understand that you have regulations, and that you can't have a free-for-all in the precinct, but I would ask you please to take a broader view and to look into a way of encouraging, not restricting, this brilliant enterprise.</p>
95	Resident	I've heard to my horror that the Council are trying to put unnecessary restrictions on the opening times and space of the very popular fruit and veg stall that operates in Lewes precinct on Weds and Fris. The stall is one of the best things to have happened in the precinct for years - a real local enterprise, fulfilling a much-felt need, used by wealthy and poor alike, with the two guys who run it a delight to have around. It's just the sort of colourful local business of which the town of Lewes should be proud. The stall is not in the way or encroaching on space needed for circulation etc. PLEASE don't restrict them too much - please do take a light touch in the case of this important and valued local asset.
96	Resident	<p>I and many, many people in Lewes are more than happy with the service, stall size and opening hours of Halls Fruits. The produce is excellent and the prices fair. They don't use loads of single plastic use containers and the guys are polite and helpful.</p> <p>They are a real boon to the town. Please do not reduce their hours/stall size which may encourage them to go elsewhere. Please listen to the people of Lewes and not to complaints from large supermarkets.</p>
97	Resident	I was very concerned that these possible changes are due to a request to enlarge the seating area for Bake House. One thing that Lewes does not lack is places to sit and eat and drink. In fact we are so overrun with them. By giving them a larger seating area outside you are reducing the footfall that the market and plant stalls bring in which means more

		<p>customers to spend in the other Lewes shops. You will only be increasing the profits for Bake House instead of helping to maintain the sometimes struggling smaller independent shops.</p> <p>In regards to the stalls that are there at present it is a fantastic market stall with fresh fruit and vegetables and enables all their customers to select their produce whilst reducing huge amount of plastic packaging that is seen in all major supermarkets. I am extremely grateful that they are open past 2 as sometimes to get down their I cannot make it until about 3/4 ish.</p> <p>It is lovely, lively and is what Lewes is about. To make Lewes plastic free it is surely obvious to keep this great attraction in Lewes at a size that makes it viable for Halls Fruits.</p> <p>To contemplate reducing its size and shortening the hours are not fair on anyone.</p> <p>They are also extremely careful to make sure there is plenty of space to walk to get to the other shops and always clear up afterwards.</p>
98	Resident	<p>I am writing to express my concerns about the planned possible changes to the size and opening hours of the fruit and vegetable market in central Lewes. It is a fantastic market stall with fresh fruit and vegetables and enables all their customers to select their produce whilst reducing huge amount of plastic packaging that is seen in all major supermarkets. I am extremely grateful that they are open past 2 as sometimes to get down there I cannot make it until about 3/4 ish.</p> <p>It is lovely, lively and is what Lewes is about. To make Lewes plastic free it is surely obvious to keep this great attraction in Lewes at a size that makes it viable for Halls Fruits.</p> <p>To contemplate reducing its size and shortening the hours are not fair on anyone.</p> <p>They are also extremely careful to make sure there is plenty of space to walk to get to the other shops and always clear up afterwards.</p>
99	Resident	<p>We write to confirm our very firm support for Halls Fruits. In addition to providing a real point of interest among the usual chain stores in Cliffe and confirming us as a market town, they offer a very varied and nutritional supply of vegetables for the residents of Lewes, at prices and of quality that all can afford. Their stall interferes with no-one, and the displays, along with the cheerful vendors, add character to the town. The town would be poorer without them. We trust that none of your plans will prohibit their ability to continue this service.</p>
100	Resident	<p>I am horrified and appalled to see that you are considering reducing the Greengrocers stall in Lewes town on Wednesdays and Fridays. These men are an absolute asset</p>

		to the town. The town is becoming steadily gentrified and this stall is a breath of fresh air. The Sunday bootfair is now shut. Where else are we to buy affordable, fresh and plastic free fruit and vegetables. I thought as a council you were investing in eco measures. I am greatly angered at this news. Please rethink.
101	Resident	I'm writing to say that I want the stallholder's currently offering fruit & veg on Wednesdays and Fridays in Lewes pedestrian precinct to STAY on their current hours, and with their current size of stall. I would strongly object to Lewes Council imposing any reduction of either: the town really needs what they are serving up twice a week - fresh produce with minimal associated waste at a great price.
102	Resident	Us retired pensioners are very pleased with the service and reasonable prizes of their fruit and veg. Please keep this business going, we do not want any changes.
103	Resident	I'm writing to strongly urge the re-thinking of plans to restrict the trading in the precinct in Lewes on Wednesdays and Fridays. The fruit/veg stall particularly is a well used, popular and welcome sight every week; it offers good, often local, very affordable produce that is not super-market wrapped in plastic. Both traders make a boring, empty space into a busy, lively area for the days they are there and in every way they are an asset to the community. Restricting their hours and space may well mean that it will no longer be economical to trade here - big mistake.
104	Resident	I understand from Hall Fruits that LDC is reviewing the stall size and opening times of their Lewes precinct stall. Historically, Hall's were asked by the council to come to Lewes, when the last greengrocer in the town closed down. Since then, it has become a very popular stall- with a good selection of fruit and vegetables-some local /organic, at competitive prices- and with little or no plastic wrappings of the products. The people who run it are very friendly, and I have witnessed many small acts of their kindness to frailer members of the community. It has now become a meeting place on Wednesdays and Fridays for many towns people, and brings extra custom for the plant stall, and other small businesses in the area, not to mention the buskers..... I hope that any review will not curtail either the size of the stall, or it's opening times. Indeed I'd be happy to see it there on more than two days a week
105	Resident	The stall is a integral part of lewes now selling fresh produce at excellent rates served by polite and cheerful chaps. They will deliver to the less able people who struggle to carry their shopping and also provide a brilliant service for people who are going to work but need fresh produce . Therefore I along with many others feel that losing this stall would be a enormous loss to lewes as we seem to be losing quite a lot of buisnesses

106	Resident	In connection with the council's plans to make various changes to stalls in Lewes, I am writing to say how good I have always found the service of Halls Fruit stall on Wednesdays and Fridays. I hope that no changes are going to be made in connection with it
107	Resident	<p>I hear that Lewes District Council is looking at making changes to the opening times and size of the fruit and vegetable stall in Lewes. I know others are writing to you about this, and I'd like to add my protest about these changes (presumably they aren't to extend the opening hours and increase the size of the stall..)</p> <p>I regularly buy from these guys - they sell great produce, loose so there's no plastic packaging to worry about at very good prices. Surely the council should be giving locals as many opportunities as possible to buy the healthy products Hall Fruits sell and not curtail them?</p> <p>I hope the proposed changes don't come about and would like to be informed of any updates (or the reasoning behind these changes).</p>
108	Resident	<p>I was horrified to learn of the proposed limitation of the fruit and veg stall pitch that is in Lewes on a Wednesday and Friday, something which would make the venture unviable for its owners and therefore we would lose it altogether.</p> <p>Apart from supermarkets there is nowhere else to buy fresh fruit and veg in the centre of Lewes and this stall provides a valuable service with very affordable prices. By the end of the day very little produce is left, so very little wasted and nothing wrapped in plastic.</p> <p>The stall holders are friendly and cheerful and the whole experience provides some much-needed social contact for elderly residents who live alone. This stall is an asset to our high street, making it more interactive and vibrant, something I would hope my local council is working towards achieving.</p>
109	Resident	<p>A friend sent you a complaint about a possible decision which will close this business opportunity in Lewes. I agree with everything she said and as a weekly purchaser and a chronic pain sufferer who doesn't get out much I would be angry if this opportunity disappeared!</p> <p>"I was horrified to learn of the proposed limitation of the fruit and veg stall pitch that is in Lewes on a Wednesday and Friday, something which would make the venture unviable for its owners and therefore we would lose it altogether.</p> <p>Apart from supermarkets there is nowhere else to buy fresh fruit and veg in the centre of Lewes and this stall provides a valuable service with very affordable prices. By the end of the</p>

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110	Resident	<p>I was a little disturbed to hear that the council is considering changing the stall size and opening times of the boys' stall. I find their produce excellent and reasonably priced! They have a fantastic variety of fruit and vegetables on their stall and would hate to see it reduced. We have lost so many good shops in Lewes please don't alter this one.</p>
111	Resident	<p>I understand you are considering changes to the regulation of market stall holders in central Lewes.</p> <p>I am very happy with the stall size and opening times as they are. Any restrictions are likely to make it uneconomical for the stall holders to continue. This would be a huge loss for the town and its residents reducing the opportunity to buy fresh produce to the only other central outlet available being Waitrose.</p> <p>The Halls Fruit stall in no way restricts access to the shops or the path through the High St.</p>
112	Resident	<p>I was horrified to learn of the proposed limitation of the fruit and veg stall pitch that is in Lewes on a Wednesday and Friday, something which would make the venture unviable for its owners and therefore we would lose it altogether.</p> <p>Apart from supermarkets there is nowhere else to buy fresh fruit and veg in the centre of Lewes and this stall provides a valuable service with very affordable prices. By the end of the day very little produce is left, so very little wasted and nothing wrapped in plastic.</p> <p>The stall holders are friendly and cheerful and the whole experience provides some much-needed social contact for elderly residents who live alone. This stall is an asset to our high street, making it more interactive and vibrant, something I would hope my local council is working towards achieving.</p>
113	Resident	<p>My name is Lisa and i am a resident of Lewes, i was chatting to the guys on the fruit and veg stall in the high street today and they mentioned that there could be changes a foot.</p> <p>I absolutely love using this stall, the guys are friendly and helpful, the fruit and veg is always fresh and lovely. The stall</p>

		<p>is a perfect size and they wouldn't be able to cater for the town as they do now if the size was reduced.</p> <p>The stall is always busy and we all love the fact that there is minimum waste, unlike the supermarkets where you get lots of packaging.</p> <p>I find the opening times perfect, you can either go before work when it is quite or at the end of the day, i am sure i am not the only one that is grateful for this.</p>
114	Resident	<p>Just wanted to say that Hall's Fruit stall provides a marvellous service in Lewes and should be supported. Please don't reduce their stall size or opening times as we can't see that it is causing any problem.</p>
115	Resident	<p>I have today found out that you're trying to reduce trading hours and stall sizes for our local fruit and vegetable grocers?</p> <p>These are fantastic guys, who provide the town with great quality goods, why on earth would they be getting restricted? Things like this choke the life out of our town and I would be keen to understand why this is deemed necessary?</p>
116	Resident	<p>I'm emailing on behalf of the fruit and veg stall who visit Lewes twice a week.</p> <p>I've heard that the council are considering restricting their hours and pitch size. I can't express to you how disappointed I am by this and as a Lewes resident I'm asking you to reconsider.</p> <p>I buy my fruit and veg from them every week, for many reasons. Firstly we've decided as a family to drastically reduce our plastic use, supermarkets make this very hard to do with fruit and vegetables. It's much easier to visit our local veg stall where 90% stock is plastic free.</p> <p>They're such a friendly team and people of all ages and walks of life shop there.</p> <p>I believe they've a role to play in reducing social isolation. They always have time for a chat, they know their regulars and as stock isn't prepackaged they make it easy for people to buy the quantities they. It's more cost effective, especially for people on limited income and reduces food waste.</p> <p>I'm really at a loss to understand how you can justify reducing their hours ?</p> <p>They're part of life in Lewes, and given the climate crisis we all face being able to make a difference by reducing our plastic consumption is vitally important.</p> <p>I'd really appreciate it if you could explain why you're</p>

		considering changing the way they trade.
117	Resident	<p>I am writing to illustrate to you my great concern on hearing that the council plan to change the opening times and the stall size of our much cherished town market in the precinct Lewes.</p> <p>Every Friday I make a special trip in to buy my vegetables from 'Halls Fruit', (I live in Glynde). I was astonished to discover that if the stall size is changed by the council that they will no longer be able to financially continue selling in Lewes. Every week I listen to the stall holders chat and help so many regular customers. It's not just the veg to most people - it's also the familiar faces, the considerate service... it's about community. With so many small traders pushed out of town by big supermarkets the heart of it all is taken away.</p> <p>It would be such a devastating thing to loose.....please take the time to re-consider the terms that would mean we get to keep 'Halls Fruit' thriving for our town and community.</p>
118	Resident	<p>As a regular customer of our lovely Fruit & Veg stall down in Cliffe Precinct every Wednesday and Friday, I am appalled at the proposal to shrink it down and wanting to incorporate into the Lewes Farmers Market, what is the thinking behind this very stupid and narrow minded idea! It's great having them there, they are very reasonably priced, nothing is wrapped in nasty plastic and it attracts a great many people which can only be good news for the town! This to me is typical District Council thinking, when something is successful and good comes along the Council want to put an end to it! It was bad enough losing our great Boot Fair on a Sunday morning, so please have a heart (if you have one!) to keep the 'Boys' and their lovely fruit and Veg stall exactly as it is.</p>
119	Resident	<p>Please don't interfere with this excellent stall – an asset in Lewes</p>
120	Resident	<p>I was advised to write to you regarding the Council's intention to cut the space and time of the Vegetable sellers operating in the Lewes precinct on Wednesdays and Fridays.</p> <p>The Wednesday and Friday Vegetable mini-market in the Precinct is a wonderful feature, and valued and frequented by many Lewes residents.</p> <p>To reduce their space would be utterly short sighted. They are not obstructing any pedestrian traffic, they are not a nuisance - in short, I cannot see any reason why such a measure (reducing their space) is required. Why? Can you give a reason? What is the problem? This mini market is one of the good things still remaining in this town - so why jeopardise it? I cannot comprehend this. Surely, there are</p>

		<p>other issues which need urgent attention - so why not direct attention to those things and leave the vegetable market in peace? It works well. It is valued and frequented. It sells good stuff. It is a real asset, visually, too. The sellers are most kind and polite.</p> <p>I should be grateful if the Lewes District Council could ensure that the hours and space given to the vegetable sellers on Wednesdays and Fridays in the Precinct are not reduced. I cannot see any good reason for doing so, and doing so would put their presence in jeopardy - to the regret of many Lewes residents. If the District Council really wants to reduce their space and their hours, it would help if the Council could publish their reasons for doing so in the local newspaper, or in the District news. This looks to me like a bureaucratic exercise for which I cannot see any justification.</p> <p>I sincerely hope that the Council reconsiders this. The measures risk closure of the market. Why not instead give encouragement and support to something that is much valued and works so well?</p>
121	Resident	<p>I am writing out of concern for Hall's fruit and vegetable stalls in Lewes. I gather that changes planned by Eastbourne could threaten their ability to continue offering an excellent service to Lewes.</p> <p>The quality of their produce is good and, I gather, mostly local but I am particularly drawn to them because in contrast to Waitrose, Aldi and Tesco they use very little plastic. In this day and age this must, surely, be taken very seriously by the Council. I do very much hope that the council can see their way to making it possible for them to continue trading in Lewes.</p>
122	Resident	<p>I was very sorry to hear this morning that the flower and vegetable stalls are under fire in Cliffe precinct. I understand that shops think it detracts from their business, but I know that many people come from local towns (family from Brighton included here) in order to buy reasonably priced plants, and plastic free fruit and vegetables. And, when they are here they go to our shops and restaurants. I feel sure that these stalls enhance our town.</p> <p>An additional point here is that we don't have a plastic free shop here and I know many people who would be inclined to shop in Brighton - it's easy to get a bus to St Peter's Church and go to the plastic free shop opposite.</p>
123	Resident	<p>I understand that the district council is considering restricting the size and opening hours for the "pop up" stall in Lewes town centre. I would like to highlight my concerns over changing the current arrangements. This stall has become a</p>

		<p>significant feature of the town centre and brings shoppers into the town who would otherwise only visit the supermarkets. This benefits other local shops, cafes and restaurants.</p> <p>I'm unclear on what has triggered this review but if it has resulted from complaints I would ask you to consider the large number of residents who would like the stall to remain "as is" rather than a vocal minority who don't. LDC unfortunately didn't take a proportionate approach in this way when considering the seating outside of "Bake out" in Lewes town centre. I hope you won't be making the same mistake with this much valued local facility.</p>
124	Resident	<p>I understand that the arrangements for the stall holders in Lewes are under review and may change.</p> <p>I just wanted to say that in my friends' and my view the markets and the vegetable and flower stalls have been a great addition and benefit to Lewes residents and that I hope that any changes do not have unintended consequences resulting in their continued presence not being viable. The vegetable stall in particular is very important to our household because it is about the only place in Lewes where one can buy ones vegetables not pre-packed in plastic. For this reason alone it should be supported.</p>
125	Resident	<p>We are really pleased with the fresh fruit and veg stall in Lewes on Wednesday and Fridays in the concourse. We hope it stays as it is since it has been such a success with local people with seasonal fresh produce at very competitive prices</p>
126	Resident	<p>I am writing in support of the fruit and veg stall in Cliffe High Street.</p> <p>I understand that the council is considering altering the stall's size and opening hours. I shop there regularly and wouldn't want anything to change. I shop there because it's good value and everything comes without plastic packaging. I can also use the surrounding high street shops while I'm there.</p>
127	Resident	<p>I am sending you this email because I am informed that you are proposing to change the stall size and opening times.</p> <p>I understand the proposed changes will effect the service the plant stall is able to offer. As a local resident the plant stall has offered me and the people of Lewes a reliable and friendly service for many years. I feel it's would be a great loss to the area if we were to lose this. This is the second attempt to alter matters against the wishes of the people of Lewes.</p> <p>As I understand, the councilor who wants to make these changes does not live locally and as such would not be affected by the loss of this service. I hope that any changes to</p>

		conditions for traders in the precinct are made with the full consent of the stall holders so that they can continue to trade without inconvenience or loss.
128	Resident	<p>I'm writing because I heard you are reducing the stall size and opening times for Halls Fruits, who have a pop-up stall in Lewes precinct on Weds and Fris. This seems like a mad idea to me.</p> <p>I think they should be there more often, not less. There are currently very few independent fresh fruit and veg sellers in Lewes that offer enough choice at good prices. Aren't you trying to get people to eat more fresh veg and less processed food? And won't this decision push people into the supermarkets to spend more on ready-made pizzas and veg packaged in loads of plastic?</p> <p>I'd like to see a full-time independent fruit and vegetable seller in Lewes, please. Failing that, Halls Fruits go some way to filling the gap so why not give people more access to them, rather than restricting their pitch?</p>
129	Resident	<p>I'm writing with concern about the council plans to restrict the space given to the Wednesday and Friday veggie stall holders, and to curtail the hours they are in operation. They have expressed to me that you may damage their ability to operate so much that they would not find it feasible to trade in Lewes anymore. I think this would be entirely avoidable and entirely regrettable. I have also heard from others who have written, that this is already a fait accompli and there is no possibility for input from Lewes residents.</p> <p>There is no reason to restrict their trading area to such a small space as there is no competition for the space on the days they trade from others, but additionally, there are numerous customers at the stall at most moments of the day when they are there and a more compressed space would affect those customers adversely.</p> <p>Restricting their trading hours is also mistaken. Not everyone in Lewes is retired, so to be able to buy from them before work or just after is a bonus.</p> <p>I hope that some common sense will prevail, that you will listen to what appears to be massive support for them, and refrain from damaging a vital part of Lewes' provision for consumers. Not all of us want to or can pay £6 for a potato from a hip market stall crammed into a building arcade on a Friday, so a more reasonably priced veggie offering is still needed.</p> <p>Lewes has problems with anti-social behavior, with refuse and recycling, with traffic management and with social care. Please pay attention to these issues.</p>
130	Resident	I understand that there is question of restricting the size of stalls and opening times of Halls Fruits in Cliffe High Street

		<p>and I am at a loss to imagine why.</p> <p>They draw people into the High Street twice a week with an excellent range of quality and value for money produce. The gentlemen working the stalls are consistently courteous and cheerful which makes it a pleasure to shop and adds life to the area.</p> <p>The business of selling perishable goods has very low profit margins and therefore they clearly need to sell an adequate volume which in turn requires adequate space.</p> <p>With the number of empty shops in Lewes why on earth would one discourage them? I would love them (and other stalls) to be there more often.</p>
131	Resident	<p>I would like to register my support for the fruit and vegetable stall in Lewes precinct on Wednesdays and Fridays.</p> <p>They provide a valuable service to the town and enable people on low incomes access to affordable healthy food. It would be a real shame if their opening hours were to be restricted or their stall size were reduced.</p>
132	Resident	<p>I understand that the fruit and veg stall might be reduced in size.</p> <p>My main reason for going into the precinct on a Friday is that stall, plastic free reasonably priced produce and a smiley face who knows my name.</p> <p>I've done it for years and while I'm there I quite often pop to one of the shops for something else, but that stall and the sense of community pulls me in every week after week.</p>
133	Resident	<p>I have heard that the council wish to curtail the hours and stall size of the Halls Fruits team who sell in Lewes precinct on a Wednesday and a Friday. As a regular customer, I would like to point out the following benefits of this much-loved market stall.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The fruit and vegetables are sold loose so there is minimal packaging involved. This obviously reduces the amount of plastic being sent to the incinerator each week. 2. The stall holders are promoting healthy eating with their attractive display of fresh produce. This clearly has an impact on the health of Lewes residents and therefore puts less pressure on the NHS. 3. I have never experienced anything other than cheery banter when buying produce from the Halls Fruits team. Beyond being a much more interactive way to shop, they are providing a 'feel-good' community feeling. Other customers chat to each other whilst waiting to pay etc. In a time when many individuals are becoming isolated and, especially elderly people, are suffering from loneliness, this interaction can be crucial in the mental well-being of many Lewes residents.

		<p>4. The fruit and vegetables are very good value for money so it is an inclusive stall that benefits those on a low-income.</p> <p>5. The market makes the precinct feel alive - akin to the way French towns attract weekly visitors with local markets. They add a buzz to the otherwise rather dull shopping area. This attracts visitors to the town centre and is bound to be beneficial to other shops. As a result of the market, I walk my dog through the Railway Lands into the town centre on a Wednesday and a Friday and often pop into places like The Riverside Centre to buy meat and fish at the same time.</p>
134	Resident	<p>Please don't change the circumstances under which Halls can operate on Wednesdays and Fridays.</p> <p>This is one of the most useful local, independent, plastic reducing businesses that we have in the town. With it only being present 2 days a week we all need it to be open for as long as possible and with significant size to serve the community. Many people rely on its service as a plastic reducing alternative to the supermarket giants- please don't restrict the viability for people to make this choice.</p>
135	Resident	<p>We are writing in support of Halls Fruits who have a stand in Lewes Precinct on Wednesdays and Fridays.</p> <p>Firstly, we feel they should be encouraged 100% by the council as they are providing a first class service for the whole community. There are no other vegetable shops in the area apart from Waitrose who, we think, can look after themselves, so it's not as if they are putting anyone out of business. Quite the reverse, they encourage people to come into the town centre to shop - which is vital - as we see shop after shop/restaurant closing weekly. If we continue to make things difficult for traders and shoppers, Lewes will end up being a ghost town.</p> <p>Everyone in Lewes loves the 'Veggie Lads'. They offer a brilliant, cheerful and keenly priced service which is used by all sections of the community, whether wealthy or not. Despite being busy, they have time to chat and have a joke, and this too is so appreciated in an increasingly impersonal world, particularly the elderly who make up a large part of their clientele.</p> <p>We do urge you to not make their life more difficult. They work very hard from dusk till dawn and deserve all the support we should all be giving them.</p>
136	Resident	<p>The greengrocer's and flower stalls in the Lewes Precinct are a considerable asset to residents and visitors. They attract people to the town who go on to use local shops.</p> <p>Please would you bring these details to the attention of whoever makes decisions about the interpretation of rules</p>

		governing traders' practice. Their stalls reduce the carbon footprint of deliveries, especially when compared with more expensive supermarkets.
137	Resident	<p>I gather that the council is thinking of making some changes which could adversely affect the stalls run by Halls Fruits in Lewes.</p> <p>Visiting these stalls is a highlight of my weekly Friday visit to Lewes and it is very clear that many of us appreciate not just the good quality and priced produce, but also the characters of the two men who run it. They are a part of the Lewes community; chatting and engaging humorously with their loyal customers.</p> <p>It would be very sad to see this thriving business unable to continue. With so many fruit and veg stalls disappearing from the UK, and the increasing dominance of supermarkets (with their use of plastics) which we feel removes character from the town, it is important that Lewes is able to maintain this great British tradition.</p>
138	Resident	<p>I am voicing my concern re the vegetable stall on the precinct. To try and curtail this fantastic vegetable stall is a no brainer. To be honest, how will Lewes manage without them. There is no greengrocer shop at all, which will mean that we will have to resort to buying our vegetables from the supermarkets. A lot of Lewes residents are trying to avoid this, partly because of the ridiculous amount of packaging used, also the expense. The stall is very much cheaper.</p> <p>Please could you send me a reply and explain how this ridiculous idea has come about.</p> <p>It is extremely shortsighted.</p> <p>Could it be about money?</p> <p>I suggest you listen to Sunday's food programme, which was singing the praises of people starting up there own small businesses.</p> <p>Help don't hinder.</p>
139	Resident	<p>I hope that there will not be any difficulties in these people continuing with their stall in Lewes. They provide an excellent service and their produce is always of good quality and should be allowed to continue unhindered.</p> <p>There seems to be a rumour of changes afoot hence I am sending this email in support of the guys.</p>
140	Resident	<p>I write to complain about the new restrictions being imposed on the Fruit and Veg Traders who have a stall in the Cliffe Pedestrian Precinct in Lewes on a Wednesday and Friday. These traders are doing no harm and are providing a service to many Lewes people whose only alternative is to buy their Fruit and Veg from a supermarket. I'm sure that the District Council has not received any complaints about this stall</p>

		<p>unless of course it is from the Supermarkets.</p> <p>These traders have been carrying out their business in the Cliffe Precinct for a number of years so why all of a sudden is the Council now seeking action to reduce their stalls. The stall holders have made it clear that if they have to reduce the size of their stalls then trading in Lewes will no longer be worth while. Unless the Council change their minds then Lewes will lose a valuable asset and for what reason? bureaucracy!</p>
141	Resident	<p>I would like to put on record, that I am happy that we have a place that we can buy fruit and veg which is not covered in plastic wrapping and also I do not believe the position and size of the stall is over the top, but no larger. Opening times seem to be acceptable to most people who use them.</p> <p>I am very happy with the service and conditions of the products</p>
142	Resident	<p>I have heard that you are thinking of cutting down the space used by the veg stall in the precinct at Lewes. Please leave them as they are. There are no other stalls around them .</p> <p>Their fruit and veg are so good and I'm sure people are eating more healthier in Lewes because it all looks so good. If the other greengrocers in the aren't happy, perhaps some competition will do them good. Remember if it ain't broken don't try to mend it.</p>
143	Resident	<p>I understand that the Council is thinking of imposing restrictions on Halls Fruits, which operates in the Lewes precinct on Wednesdays and Fridays. This is a service that is much appreciated by the people of Lewes, providing good fresh produce at reasonable prices. It interferes with no other operation and shopkeepers in the precinct say that it helps to generate business for them. Also it adds colour and liveliness to an area which on other days is a rather dull part of the town. If the Council really is thinking of imposing restrictions, I hope they will think again.</p>
144	Resident	<p>I understand that there are plans to curtail the market stall arrangement with Halls Fruits. These traders provide a valuable service to Lewes. Their produce is of good quality and the length of the queues at almost any time of day, in all weathers, should show how much they are appreciated. I believe if your proposal is carried out, Halls might well leave. Then what? There is nowhere else. They bring a bit of vibrancy to The Precinct and I am sure their operation does not hinder trade in any other shop.</p>
145	Resident	<p>I have been a regular customer at the fruit and veg stall ever since they opened. They are local people engaged in providing a much needed service to the local community. They are virtually plastic free and are a refreshing alternative to the supermarkets.</p> <p>Supporting this enterprise means keeping money circulating in the local economy.</p>

		<p>I have heard that Lewes District Council are considering making changes which will affect the opening hours and scope of the stall. Not one person I have spoken to feels that this is a desirable thing to do and many people are outraged that the council would consider taking a step like this.</p> <p>I do hope that the council will consider this proposal very carefully because they will need to justify their decision convincingly.</p>
146	Resident	<p>I understand that Halls fruits who operate in the Cliffe Precincts in Lewes, may have restrictions imposed on their trading. I would recommend that they are allowed to continue to trade all day on Wednesday and Friday with the current pitch size.</p> <p>I shop here twice a week - we have no greengrocer so they fill that gap as a well priced and reliable source of healthy fruit and veg.</p>
147	Resident	<p>I am writing in support of Halls Fruits and their stall in Lewes Precinct</p> <p>They are now the only greengrocer in Lewes and provide an invaluable service, supplying fruit and vegetables at affordable prices.</p> <p>Having their stall in the town even just two days a week makes it possible to buy fresh produce without having to visit a supermarket and dispose of the resultant plastic wrapping. If the size of their stall was reduced they would be unable to carry such a wide range of produce, meaning they would have difficulty supplying their large number of customers.</p>
148	Resident	<p>I have hear that there is a move to limit the fruit and veg stall in Lewes on Wednesday and Friday. Could you please tell me what the motivation is for this? There is nowhere else in Lewes to get general fruit and veg except the supermarkets and this stall has seasonable veg and fruit at reasonable prices . They are also very friendly and greatly add to the atmosphere of Lewes which I constantly threatened . We must remember Lewes used to be a market town.</p>
149	Resident	<p>I think the street trading is OK so long as it causes neither obstruction or offence</p>
150	Resident	<p>I am writing concerning the proposed changes to the trading conditions for Halls Fruit in the precinct in Lewes. Their produce and the atmosphere the stall and its customers produce adds greatly to an otherwise drab space and I would oppose any reduction in their hours and stall size.</p>
151	Resident	<p>I want to add my voice to the others who are concerned over restrictions being placed on the present weekday traders. I have read the correspondence of others, and can understand that, unregulated, there could be a problem. But there is no problem at present, just a delightful benefit to the town and its visitors.</p>

		I suggest that the Council adopt a 'wait and see' approach. If and when it becomes a problem step in - but until it does let it continue to add interest, local colour and benefit to the town
152	Resident	<p>It has come to my notice that this estimable firm have been instructed by the Council to reduce the size of their market stall and their opening hours. This is very distressing: Halls Fruits are an established part of the food scene in Lewes, much respected and a major asset to the town. The precinct is a large space that can easily accomodate their stall, which does not impinge on access to nearby shops. The townspeople are many and diverse particularly as to age, so the range of hours that their stall is available is one of the perks, in that people can rely on their produce being there whenever they plan to visit other establishments in the area. And Lewes is full of people who enjoy good food. I benefit greatly from the fact that I can find first-rate produce early on the days they trade (any time after 8.00 a.m.), which allows me to visit the stall before my working hours. Any change to the timings would prohibit me from shopping with them and I consider myself one of their regulars. I have always felt it a good feature of living in Lewes that local enterprises were encouraged to trade as Halls Fruit do, offering quality produce at reasonable prices as an alternative to the chain stores. I trust you will re-consider what seems to me a highly retrograde step: let Halls Fruits continue to flourish as a shining example of good business practice.</p>
153	Resident	<p>I realise that I have missed the deadline for comments but hope that you may be able to take account of what I have to say.</p> <p>My wife and I (and many of our friends) are regular customers of the travelling greengrocers (known to us as the Vegetable Men but officially called Halls Fruits) who operate in Lewes precinct on Wednesdays and Fridays. The service they provide is first class and much valued; since Bills ceased to supply fruit and veg they are now the only alternative to buying from one of the supermarkets.</p> <p>The dimensions of stalls that would be permitted under para 15 of Appendix D are considerably less than the space now occupied by Halls' tables. This seems unnecessarily restrictive. Their business is well conducted and adds a welcome level of activity to the precinct, which is more than large enough to accommodate the size and number of tables that they now use. It would be a great pity if the new guidance were to interfere with the current arrangements, possibly to the extent of rendering the business uneconomic.</p>
154	Resident	I would like to register my disgust at the proposed limitations that are about to be imposed on the veg selling stall in Cliffe precinct. They offer a valuable service to Lewes and sell

		reasonably priced produce to residents who may not be able to afford the supermarket alternatives. Surely the council ought to be encouraging a more vibrant high street not participating in it's destruction
155	Resident	Fruit and veg stall. Please allow the above to continue without interference. They are an important alternative to supermarkets and are in keeping with the 'small business' ethos of Lewes.
156	Resident	<p>The guys who run the fruit stall in Lewes precinct two days a week tell me that your council is apparently considering restrictions on their activities. This would include restrictions on their stall size.</p> <p>In my view, this stall is a great asset to Lewes, and their produce is far superior and much cheaper than that which is sold in the town's supermarkets. I would not want their activities to be constrained beyond what they are in any way. I am concerned that some space restriction could adversely affect the economics of their operation.</p> <p>Please let them carry on as they are.</p>
157	Resident	<p>I understand that the council are thinking of changing a few things relating to the Halls Fruits Stall in Lewes, which is in the precinct on Wednesdays and Fridays.</p> <p>Please do not alter anything regarding their stall - it is a great asset to the town in its present state twice a week and is much appreciated by me and many others.</p>
158	Resident	<p>One of the highlights of my shopping week is my weekly visit to the fruit and veg stall on cliffe. They sell an excellent selection of fruit and veg with a brilliant range of organic through to cheap bowls so there's something for everyone.</p> <p>The people running it are lovely and so helpful and I really enjoy being able to support a local business rather than buy through the supermarkets.</p> <p>I was really disappointed to hear today that changes you are looking to make will make it unsustainable for them to continue.</p> <p>Please think very hard before doing anything that changes that stall. I was there today and there was a big queue of people of all ages. It would be a terrible mistake to drive them out of lewes as it's such a lovely asset to the town.</p>
159	Resident	It has been brought to my attention that you plan to restrict the size, staffing and hours of the plant stall and Halls Fruits stall in Friars Walk, Lewes on Wednesdays and Fridays.I

		<p>think this would be a huge mistake and I urge you to re-think your decision. I regularly travel to Lewes ,specifically to shop at these stalls, from nearby Uckfield. I find them to be a wonderful asset to the already vibrant shopping experience to be had in Lewes.</p> <p>Please leave them as they are.....offering a wonderful choice of fruit and veg and plants and staffed with cheerful friendly people. Another advantage to shopping this way is the lack of plastic pre-packaging which seems to be the 'norm' in most supermarkets.</p>
160	Resident	<p>I've heard that you are seeking consultation on the Halls Fruits stall that happens twice weekly in Lewes. This is a brilliant option for the town providing cheap produce without packaging. We should be encouraging them to come more with more not less with less.</p> <p>I do hope that you continue to enable them as much as possible.</p>
161	Resident	<p>I am contacting you as I understand the council may be considering curtailing or stopping the excellent fruit and veg stall which is held in the Lewes precinct twice a week.</p> <p>This stall provides an essential service in Lewes- fresh fruit and veg! There are now no greengrocers left in Lewes and the supermarkets, with their overly packaged goods, are the only option.</p> <p>The stall provides good quality fruit and veg which are served with kindness and friendliness. And there is no plastic packaging! Why on earth would the council want to reduce or prevent this stall from flourishing? Have you seen the queues of people each day they are there?</p> <p>My view is that the council should encourage the owners of this excellent staff to be in the precinct on 3 or 4 days a week.</p>
162	Resident	<p>Can you please let me know the changes (eg times) you expect to make to Halls Fruits who work from Lewes Precinct. It seems counterproductive to reduce the size of the stall allowed and their operating times given the popularity of this business.</p>
163	Resident	<p>It has been brought to our attention that the Licensing Team are considering making changes to the opening times and stall size of the Hall Fruits stand in Lewes precinct.</p> <p>We would like to have our comments considered:</p> <p>Since the last greengrocer closed in Lewes, this fruit and veg stand has provided a much-needed outlet for fresh healthy produce and a great alternative to expensive supermarkets and farmers markets. By shopping at this fruit and veg stall, We estimate our family save £60 per month or over £700 per year. The stall is surrounded by shops selling coffee, books clothes and stationary so is not in competition with any similar business.</p>

		<p>The stall holders Colin, Geoff and Sam are knowledgeable, friendly and helpful to all but especially make a difference to elderly customers. The business is almost plastic-free (any punnets or plastic bowls are tipped into paper bags and reused). They are local independent traders in a town rapidly turning into a town of chain shops. It is a lively friendly business appreciated by its many customers as it provides a point of social contact as well.</p> <p>If the size of the stall is under consideration, I ask you to look at the plant stall as well which is very close to Woodruffs in the Cliffe, which sells the same plants. Hall Fruits on the other hand offer a service no one else does, now that the Sunday boot sale and its produce stalls have closed down. We always buy our fruit and veg from the stall on Wednesdays and Fridays. We then buy fresh local fish and meat from the two stalls in the Riverside. Please do not curtail this wonderful positive business in any way. If complaints are coming from the chain shops in the precinct, please consider that NONE offer daily essential produce like Hall Fruits. Do not price residents out of the town centre!</p>
164	Resident	I am emailing to offer my support for Halls stall to continue trading in the shopping precinct in Lewes. It is a fabulous asset and I would be very sad to lose it.
165	Resident	I'm writing in support of Halls fruit stall in Lewes precinct. I am a regular customer and value the twice weekly chance to buy from an independent greengrocers. I am on a limited income and find their produce reasonably priced, their service is very friendly and I also like the fact they provide paper bags and loose fruit and vegetables to minimise waste. I hope any decision regarding the future of Halls Fruit takes into account their many happy customers.
166	Resident	<p>I understand that the Council are thinking of curtailing the operating hours and stall size of Halls Fruits' greengrocer stall in Lewes Precinct. As a weekly user of this stall, I object most strongly to any reduction in this very valuable service. Here are just some of the reasons why this stall should be allowed to continue operating under its existing conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The stall provides a large, varied and healthy selection of fresh fruit and vegetables. Seasonal produce is sold alongside the normal 'staples', and the guys who run the stall are always responsive to what people want. • The stall sells produce at very affordable prices, particularly for those who are on lower incomes or have to feed a family and therefore find the cost of fruit and veg to be too high in the supermarkets or on the organic stalls in the Friday Food Market and Farmers' Markets.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People can buy in bulk or in small amounts, so this leads to a more varied diet and also less food waste. (Fruit and veg in the supermarkets is often pre-packaged in amounts that do not suit the buyer's needs.) • The stall has a very broad customer base, ranging from the young to the very old, and also people from different social and cultural backgrounds. It is used by local residents, people working in the town, and visitors. • The stall is easily accessible for those who are less mobile (it is 'on the flat' in the precinct and near to the Court Road car park and local bus stops). • The guys on the stall reuse their plastic containers, and they sell their produce loose or in paper bags. They are therefore significantly reducing plastic-use and plastic packaging. This is yet another incentive for those not wanting to buy fruit and veg wrapped in plastic in the supermarkets. • This is a local independent business that should be supported. The guys who run the stall work incredibly hard in all types of weathers. They are always reliable, friendly and cheerful, and helpful to their customers. • They guys running the stall always look after their site well, keeping things tidy during the day and then clearing things up afterwards, leaving no litter or debris behind. • The stall brings a vibrancy to the precinct, drawing people in to that part of town and therefore to the neighbouring shops.
167	Resident	<p>The Halls fruit here in the centre of Lewes on Wednesdays and Fridays are a very important part of the Lewes community.</p> <p>We love having them here and do not wish to loose them. So please do not change their contract with you so they will have to stop coming here, as it will not be financially viable for them.</p>
168	Resident	<p>It has come to my attention that the council wish to restrict the trading hours to the Wednesday & Friday, Fruit & Veg stall traders.</p> <p>Is there a reason for this motion ?</p> <p>I am writing to express that I hope that this will be reconsidered. These traders add incredible value to the local community, plenty of us rely on their service and fresh produce. It seems confusing that the council on one hand claims to want to support the dying high street and independent small businesses but then tries to implement the opposite. It would hugely affect the lives of the local Lewes residents and the livelihoods of the traders themselves if the</p>

		shortened trading hours and plot space were enforced and would result in the traders no longer being able to make Lewes a viable option for their business.
169	Resident	<p>I wanted to drop you a quick email to let you know that I am happy with the service of halls fruit in Lewes and furthermore I feel the opening times and the still size are sufficient.</p> <p>The team always provide a wonderful service for my son and I and I would be gutted if they had to leave.</p>
170	Resident	<p>I am dismayed to learn that there Council plans to drastically reduce the size and therefore scope of the two very popular stalls in Cliffe precinct on Wednesdays, Fridays and (for the plants) on Saturdays.</p> <p>Both stalls are hugely popular with Lewes residents. They provide excellent value-for-money produce, with friendly staff, and their popularity demonstrates that they meet a need and provide the town with vitality at a time when restaurants and bijou shops and others in the town are closing.</p> <p>I would strongly urge the Council to revisit its decision to force these popular stalls to scale back their operations.</p>
171	Resident	<p>I have heard that the council are thinking to make changes to Halls Fruits stall size and opening times and wanted to express my alarm at any changes that would adversely affect this business.</p> <p>To me and many of my friends and neighbours Colin, Sam and Jeff are an essential part of Lewes life, not just as purveyors of well priced extremely good quality fruit and veg, but for their good nature, kindness and that the fact they form a great part of our community with a friendly word for everyone and watchful eye on the comings and goings on Cliffe.</p> <p>I lived for nearly three years above Cancer Research and they were never noisy, always set up beautifully and cleared up immaculately. They have helped me with events catering, even helping to carry my bags to the flat at times. They know their produce through and through and I think strike a great balance between good ordinary fair and more fancy fruit and veg.</p> <p>In an era when human interaction, independent businesses and access to fresh fruit and veg all have been linked to the health and well being of communities I would urge yourself and the council to support Halls Fruits and all the other market stalls in Lewes in whatever way you can.</p>
172	Resident	<p>I'm writing to you as I understand the Licensing Team at LDC want to change the stall size to 10 feet, and change opening times of Halls Fruits.</p> <p>I'm deeply opposed to these proposed changes because:</p>

		<p>1. The fruit and veg stall is incredibly popular. 10 feet of stock will not supply the demand.</p> <p>2. The fruit and veg on the stall is mainly WITHOUT plastic packaging, unlike neighbouring Aldi, Tesco's and Waitrose. As I hope you are aware, plastic is killing our planet and has already entered our foodchain. It would be short-sighted and environmentally irresponsible NOT to support retailers (market or otherwise) who provide fruit and veg with little or no plastic packaging.</p> <p>3. The variety of produce is superior to other supermarkets, and the prices are competitive and affordable.</p> <p>4. The fact this stall is open early in the morning means many customers can shop before they go to work and take advantage of free parking until 9am.</p> <p>5. I'm sure setting up a stall early avoids 'getting in the way' of pedestrians who start emerging later on. Setting up a stall later would cause inconvenience to both the stall holders and pedestrians alike.</p> <p>5. We should ALL be supporting local businesses by "shopping local". Restricting the hours and stall sizes of small businesses is NOT supporting them in any way.</p>
173	Resident	<p>I believe that the council is considering making changes to the licence and terms of this stall. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" is sound advice.</p> <p>There are so many strong points:</p> <p>1. This stall provides a fantastic range of fruit and veg;</p> <p>2. incredible service (delivering veg to older women who cannot carry them home, Christmas trees at Christmas etc);</p> <p>3. a good range of price - slightly lower quality for really cheap prices; NO plastic and very little packaging; j 4. just the amount you need so NO waste (there was a man buying just one potato yesterday) 5. Access - it is there at hours that mean we can still get access after a full working day.</p> <p>6. A number of food outlets would be negatively affected if there are changes to either opening times; or space and thus range of fruit and veg available as we buy source ingredients here for catering outlets such as the Feature Kitchen a Lewes based home food delivery service - they allow us to keep margins to a minimum</p> <p>7. The profit from this stall remains within the local economy as all the stallholders are Lewes based; not exported to the</p>

		<p>HQ's and shareholder of Aldi, Tesco or Waitrose.</p> <p>8. Very little of the produce comes by any means other than road, from UK and sometime Europe. No air miles or ridiculous freighting of off season out of season veg. I am sure there are others</p> <p>I work largely in Africa; Halls Fruits is exactly the type of small to medium enterprise that succeeds in local markets, allowing access for the poorer to good quality food and bringing knock on benefits to the community in terms of service, local money circulation and spin off businesses</p> <p>I cannot imagine who feels there is a better use for the space taken up twice a week for this fabulous amenity. I can only hope that with a change in makeup of the Council since 2nd May, there will be a change of heart and we will not see the demise of yet another small Lewes business (I refer of course to all the enterprise, ingenuity and small creative workshops that were driven from the North St quarter almost 3 years ago which with hindsight was nothing if not premature).</p>
174	Resident	<p>I was joined by a number of shoppers at the greengrocer stall this morning, all appalled to hear that you want to cut the size and hours of this very successful stall.</p> <p>We have enough problems keeping life in our high streets for goodness sake – please don't force this stall to disappear, it's one of the few positive shopping experiences to be had in Lewes, especially now there is no other generic fruit and veg outlet apart from supermarkets. And a quick mention too, that most of their produce is NOT wrapped in plastic!</p>
175	Resident	<p>I am writing because I have heard the council is hoping to downsize the market stalls on Wednesday and Friday in Lewes. In particular I am worried about the fruit and vegetable stalls. I actually live in Haywards Heath but have been coming over to Lewes every Wednesday for a long time now. We don't have an open market here so I make it a day out. I meet a friend for coffee as well and visit the other shops but more importantly buy all my vegetables for the week from the market stall. They are friendly and helpful and sell at good prices, if the stalls are no longer able to offer the same ranges then I may as well stick to supermarkets locally which don't offer the same ranges or prices.</p> <p>I sincerely hope the council will re-think this policy, it would mean a huge loss to the town quite apart to the losses the stall holders would face. Therefore I am writing to object to this and would like to be kept updated about what is happening please.</p>
176	Resident	<p>I understand you are considering making changes to the size and times of the fruit and veg stall in Lewes.</p>

		<p>Please don't!</p> <p>It is the only place in Lewes where fresh fruit and veg can be purchased (I disregard supermarkets from the term 'fresh', their goods are more 'preserved', mostly in plastic) and the stall is hugely popular, and the size and times it needs to be. I mentioned just today that produce is put into paper bags at the fruit and veg stall, so is much greener than the supermarkets who STILL package everything in plastic. Also, we can buy the exact quantities needed.</p> <p>The fruit and veg stall is a great asset to the town.</p>
177	Resident	<p>It has been brought to my attention that the Council is considering changes to the way the Lewes Wed and Friday fruit and veg stall in Lewes pedestrian precinct should operate. To curtail in any way this enterprise would be madness. The stall is of huge benefit to the local community, and used by numerous regular, and new, customers. It is anti plastic, those running it are a source of good humour and banter which the purchasers love, the fruit and veg is fresh and delicious and seasonal, individuals can buy the fruit/veg quantities they actually want, and the prices are very reasonable . It is so much more of a pleasure buying from this stall than from a supermarket. It is a local enterprise involving local people selling to local people and should be supported in every way possible by the Council. Local precinct stalls are always a source of delight to locals and to the passer by.</p> <p>Please think very seriously about any decisions you are taking in respect of enterprising precinct stalls such as this one, and the significant detriment caused to the local community if you restrict such operations, possibly pushing valuable local enterprise out of existence. Lewes thrives on local enterprise, which should be encouraged not curtailed.</p>
178	Resident	<p>I have heard that the district council is attempting to restrict the hours and space used by the vegetable stall in Lewes precinct.</p> <p>Please do not do this and allow them the hours and space they need to make their business work. They are an asset to the town and the community. There is no other shop in town providing the service they do. They should have the support of the council.</p>
179	Resident	<p>We understand from the proprietors of Halls Fruit stall in Lewes that there are to be changes to opening times and stall size. We totally support Halls Fruit the way they are! They provide a valuable service to the residents of Lewes. They provide a quality product at reasonable prices, their customer service is unmatched and the size of their stall allows them to offer a variety of product at many different price points. They</p>

		<p>are a fixture in Lewes and we don't want to see them change or go because of changes the council makes.</p> <p>The owners of Halls Fruit are community in the best sense of the word. They know their customers and we have often witnessed their generosity and kindness with older or more vulnerable customers. Many times we have seen them pop a little something extra into the bag of an elderly customer or charge them half of what their produce is truly worth or offer to deliver something that is just too heavy for a disabled customer to manage. They are community in the highest meaning of the word.</p> <p>Please leave their business as it is. We need them.</p>
180	Resident	<p>I hear there are some changes being considered for Halls Fruits in Lewes. I don't know all the details but I for one really appreciate their service, and very much hope they can continue doing business in Lewes for as long as possible</p>
181	Resident	<p>I am writing to express my support for Halls Fruits stall that operates in Lewes on Wednesdays and Fridays. The constant stream of customers lets you know that this is a very popular business.</p> <p>The space it occupies would otherwise be lying idle. They are in no way causing problems to anyone visiting the precinct.</p> <p>I come into town to shop when the stall is there and obviously visit other businesses while I am in town. I know people who come from outlying villages to shop there. All this can only be good for Lewes.</p> <p>I especially value being able to buy good fruit and veg at a reasonable price from somewhere that is not a supermarket. If the supermarkets had not killed off all independent shops I doubt the stall would exist.</p> <p>Everything they sell is fresh and healthy with a minimum of packaging. This is the future and must be supported.</p> <p>I urge you to allow this popular stall to continue to provide a valuable service to Lewes.</p>
182	Resident	<p>It is vital that these markets are kept open and they need the space. They sell great products and as mentioned they need the space.</p> <p>Please let them do their work.</p>
183	Resident	<p>Please can you advise how to support opposition to the proposed curtailment of the size of stall and number of trading hours permitted to the vegetable stall holders who currently</p>

		<p>sell fruit and veg on Wednesdays and Fridays in the precinct?</p> <p>I count myself among the many faithful customers who will be sorely disappointed if we lose these traders who provide the town with the opportunity to buy healthy food at affordable prices - without every item being swathed in plastic packaging.</p> <p>I also would like to point out that they supply a number of local businesses and also offer to deliver to disabled customers for free - yet more reasons to support their enterprise.</p>
184	Resident	<p>I am writing to say I am very happy with the stall size and opening times of Halls Fruits in Lewes. It is a great asset to Lewes town and anything that brings custom to the town must be a good thing.</p> <p>They are very courteous and customer based.</p>

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Lewes District Council

Street Trading Guidance

**Including Tables and Chairs Permits on
Pedestrian Precincts**

2020

Lewes District Council Street Trading Guidance

1) Introduction

The Council has exercised its powers to control Street Trading since the Local Government (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act 1982, Schedule 4, enabled it to do so. These powers have been used to regulate such trading in Lewes, Newhaven and Seaford town centres along with the A26 and A27 main trunk roads. The Council has resolved to make the following streets as “Consent Streets” in its District.

Lewes Town:- Cliffe Bridge, Lewes Pedestrian Precinct, High Street up to junction with Rotten Row, Cliffe High Street, School Hill, Lansdown Place, Eastgate Street, Friars Walk

Newhaven Town: - Newhaven Pedestrian Precinct in Newhaven Town

Seaford Town:- Station Approach, Clinton Place, Sutton Road, Broad Street, Church Street, Church Lane, High Street, Place Lane, South Street, Saxon Lane, Marine Parade, The Esplanade, and all streets 50 metres inland from Marine parade and the Esplanade.

A26 and A27 Trunk Roads.

Anyone wishing to trade in controlled streets will need to obtain “Consent”. Any Consent can be made subject to conditions which the Council consider are reasonably necessary. This means that a person trading without the consent of the Council will be guilty of an offence liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

2) Guidance Scope and Purpose

In view of the wide discretion the Council has to control Street Trading, this Guidance sets down how its powers will be delivered and the aims and purpose it has in using its powers.

In administering the Street Trading controls the Council aims to:

- a) recognise the importance and contribution of regulated businesses to the wellbeing of the local economy;
- b) enhance the reputation and economic diversity of the area;
- c) balance the rights and needs of the residential and business communities;
- d) protect public safety and promote risk reduction;
- e) protect the permanent business community from unfair and unlawful competition;
- f) protect and, where possible, enhance the amenity and character of the District and local communities within it;
- g) prevent crime and disorder;
- h) promote sustainability and reduce adverse environmental impacts of trading in streets;

- i) promote and protect public health and prevent nuisances;
- j) promote equality and balance everyone's rights;
- k) ensure coherence with Council policies;
- l) ensure coherence with relevant legislation; and
- m) promote fairness, transparency and consistency.

A maximum of 4 individual pitches will be granted on any one day (not including markets) and there shall be a maximum of 3 market days per calendar month in a pedestrian precinct.

3) Consideration of Applications for Street Trading Consent and their Administration

In considering applications and subsequently regulating Consents the council will work within the following principles:

- a) Nothing in this Guidance will undermine the rights of any person to make an application for a Consent and to have that application considered on its merits or, override the right of any person to make objections about such application and any decision resulting from it.
- b) Adherence to the Council's Enforcement Guidance and other relevant Council policies.
- c) Observing presumptions against granting Consent as set out in paragraph 4 below.
- d) Seeking compliance with all relevant legislative requirements.
- e) Ensuring the suitability of applicants, their proposals and their appropriateness to the proposed trading location.
- f) Consultation with interested parties and enabling the consideration of relevant views and concerns as part of our decision making.
- g) Ensuring applicants and anyone that may be affected by an application have reasonable opportunities influence our decisions.
- h) Making our processes clear and easy to access.
- i) Aiming to be as consistent as the council can in delivering our responsibilities for Street Trading control.
- j) The Council may at any time vary the conditions on a street trading consent.

4) Presumptions against Granting Consent

Whilst all applications will be considered on their merits the following factors are likely to be influential in any refusal:

- a) Significant risks to the public in terms of highway safety and obstruction such as interference with sight lines, junctions, accesses, pathways and crossings.
- b) Conflict with traffic orders.
- c) Activity likely to present a crime or public disorder risk.
- d) Activity likely to cause nuisance e.g. noise, light, odour, refuse, and litter or encourage vermin.
- e) Sales, products or activity with an adverse environmental impact.
- f) Sales, products or activity that offend public decency, or that presents a public health risk.

- g) Sales, products or activity that is inappropriate for the location e.g. sale of firearms, sale of animals.
- h) Lack of commercial need.
- i) Applicants with relevant unspent convictions, unpaid debt or previous Street Trading contraventions.
- j) Failure to meet legislative requirements, including risk assessment, relevant to the activity proposed or location, especially with regard to public safety.
- k) Failure to obtain or complete other necessary consents or registrations e.g. planning, licencing, food, waste disposal.
- l) Failure to put in place measures to prevent uncontrolled fire or explosion risk.
- m) Trading on or close to Bonfire Night in the Lewes town area.
- n) Lack of suitable insurance cover to a level of at least five million pounds (£5m).
- o) Direct competition, in terms of goods sold, with fixed businesses or other Street Traders within 100m unless a market operator with a variety of goods.
- p) Trading close to the boundaries of hospitals or care premises (within 250m) or schools (500m).
- q) Trading within any Council owned car park.
- r) Use of any vehicle, trailer or stall that fails to match or enhance the quality of the street scene.
- s) Any activity or product that compromises child safety or wellbeing.

5) Street Trading Consent does not:

- a) permit trading outside the terms of the Consent;
- b) indicate that the unit is exempt from business rates;
- c) override parking restrictions or any other traffic regulations; or
- d) imply approval under any other system of control or regulation e.g. planning or licensing.

6) Deemed Consent

The following activities are deemed to already have consent and therefore an application is not required to be submitted.

- a. Local Authority land including Town and Parish Council's that is used for car boot fairs, charitable, local authority organised and community type events (where an admission charge is not made for entry) (i.e. outdoor school fayres, carnivals, fund raisers, car boot sales)
- b. Individual householders immediately outside their own home
- c. community group sales without profit (such as churches, village halls etc.)

7) Consultation

In order to assist its decision making with Street Trading Consent applications the Council may consult with a range of organisations for applications to trade for more than 3 months, which may include those listed below or others as appropriate. A period of 28 days will usually be allowed for comments to be received.

- Sussex Police.
- East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service.
- The Highways Authority, Children's Safeguarding Team, Public Health and Trading Standards Service at East Sussex County Council.
- Various sections of Lewes District Council including Planning, Public Health and Noise Control Team, Commercial Food and Occupational Safety Team, Parking Team, Neighbourhood First, Enterprise and Regeneration Team.
- Relevant Ward Councillor of Lewes District Council.
- Relevant East Sussex County Councillors
- Town and Parish Councils.
- Local business groups or their representatives.
- Immediate neighbours, commercial and domestic (usually by Public Notice in the area).

8) Conditions

General conditions will be attached to every **Street Trading** Consent detailing the holder's responsibilities. Additional conditions may also be attached which relate to the type of activity and location for which the Consent is granted.

The conditions may limit such things as: the days and the hours when Street Trading is permitted; the goods which may be sold; the size of the trading pitch; or any other relevant matter.

Where consent is granted for the pedestrian precinct in either Newhaven or Lewes it may be necessary for a limited number of occasions to suspend street trading for community events or for operational and safety reasons.

For details of the conditions see the appendices to this guidance. Persons engaging in Street Trading (as defined in the Act) without a Consent or who fail to comply with the conditions may be liable to enforcement action including: prosecution; revocation; non-renewal of Consent and, in exceptional circumstances, use of its powers to seek an injunction. Decisions regarding enforcement action will always be made in accordance with the Council's Enforcement Guidance.

Other markets or special events e.g. farmers or continental markets or late night Christmas shopping events may require consent. In such cases the Council will issue a single Consent to the organiser which will cover all traders at the event.

Where a market has been granted consent they shall be exempt from being required not to sell similar goods to adjacent fixed businesses due the nature of them being a market selling a variety of goods. However there may be a requirement to limit the number of lines of particular goods.

9) Bonfire Night

Street Trading Consents that are granted for any days other than Bonfire Night will be prohibited from operating on Bonfire Night in the Town of Lewes. A separate application will be required to be submitted to the Council for Street Trading on November 5th or the preceding Saturday if this falls on a Sunday. Applications for trading, which are located on consent streets are unlikely to receive Consent. Consent on these streets will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and additional conditions to promote public safety will be attached to any Consent granted. Applications for other streets will be assessed on their individual merits in consultation with the normal agencies.

10) Complaints and Enforcement

Legitimate complaints will be fully investigated in accordance with our procedures. Consent holders are expected to liaise with the Council to resolve complaints about them. Substantiated complaints may result in enforcement action being taken or a Consent being revoked. Such decisions will be made in accordance with the Councils Enforcement Guidance.

Where it is necessary to revoke a consent for contravention of conditions the consent holder shall be able to appeal the decision of the Licensing Senior Specialist Advisor and a report shall be prepared and presented to the Licensing Committee.

Complaints may also be taken into account when considering an application to renew a Street Trading Consent.

Planning permission may be required for the use being applied for under the street trading guidance; pre application advice should be obtained from the planning department to ensure the correct permissions are obtained prior to the use being implemented. Please contact customerfirst@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk to ensure the use proposed does not breach planning regulations.

11) Review of the Guidance

This Guidance will be reviewed every five years. At the time of the review, the council will again consult all interested parties. As well as the five-yearly reviews, the council will continue to evaluate the guidance and may update it at any time. Any minor changes can be agreed by the Chair of the Licensing Committee in consultation with the Senior Specialist Advisor.

12) Exemptions

The following fall outside of the Council's Street Trading controls, but may require consent or approval from other agencies:

Charitable Stalls in Lewes District Council Precincts Newhaven and Lewes

A separate application will be required to trade on the Council's land available from the Licensing Team at the Council.

Pedlars - Pedlars operate under the Pedlars Act 1871 and must obtain a Pedlar's Certificate from the Police. Pedlars are people who sell from place- to-place and cannot sell from a fixed pitch; they must move around and not wait for customers to come to them, they cannot stand in any one place for a considerable time, nor can they exhort those passing, to buy their goods. Pedlars can carry their goods and can use a wheeled trolley to transport them.

Hair braiding, face painting, henna tattoos etc. - The law which governs Street Trading relates to the selling of articles and, as such, people who provide a service e.g. hair braiders, are not considered by the Council to be trading for the purposes of the legislation. However, if quantities of accessories used in hair braiding are also offered for sale then this would be Street Trading and may require a Street Trading Consent. Persons providing services in the street should take care not to cause any nuisance or obstruction as this could result in the Police or another authority taking action.

Busking – Can be controlled by the Council, in conjunction with the Police if need be. If a busker, or a group of buskers, act in such a way as to cause a nuisance, then they may be asked to cease and leave the area. Buskers using amplified music will not be tolerated.

News vendors/selling periodicals e.g. Big Issue - Selling or offering for sale newspapers or periodicals either with or without a stall does not require any Consent, however if the stall stands on the carriageway of a street, it must be less than 1m in length and width, less than 2m high and occupy less than 0.25m² of ground. Stalls larger than this or in contentious locations may require Consent.

Rounds Man - Selling, offering or exposing for sale things as a rounds man does not require a Consent to trade.

Markets/Fairs – Street Trading Consent is not required for trading at market or fairs which are established by virtue of a grant, enactment or order.

Streets Adjoining Premises – Street Trading Consent is not required for premises used as a shop or in a street adjoining premises so used and as part of the business of the shop.

A Trunk Road Picnic Area - provided by the Secretary of State under Section 112 of the Highways Act 1980.

A Petrol Filling Station - trading carried on at premises used as a filling station does not require Consent for Street Trading.

Highways Act 1980 the use for trading of an object or structure placed on, in or over the highway and the operation of facilities for recreation or refreshment under part 7A of the Highways Act 1980.

Street Collections the doing of anything authorised by regulations made under section 5 of the Police, Factories etc. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916.

13) Precinct Permits for A Boards, Tables and Chairs

The street trading provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 regulate the activities of traders and Farmers' Markets. However, they do not apply to shops/cafes that extend their business out onto the precincts, advertising boards or (for example) political parties, which are campaigning from a stall.

On 22 July 2020 ("2020 Act") the Business and Planning Act 2020 came into force. This permits the Council to issue licences for tables, chairs etc on highways including pavements. These are called pavement licences. The 2020 Act temporally replaces the relevant provisions of the Highways Act 1980 ("the 1980 Act". The 2020 Act which will cease to have effect on 30 September 2021 (unless further extended). It is intended that pavement licences will provide a quicker and simpler process to the 1980 Act regulatory regime.

In order to assist businesses the Council has decided to not charge an application fee for pavement licences.

Applicants can apply electronically to the Council who will consult with the Highways Authority and other key stakeholders. The application will have a consultation period of 7 days and then the application will then be determined within 7 days taking into account consultation comments and the details of the proposal. The whole process should take no more than 15 days and further details can be found on the Council's website.

Once the relevant parts of the 2020 Act no longer apply (expected to be from 30 September 2021) the following will again apply to precinct permits for A Boards, tables and chairs.

Precinct permits are usually controlled by Section 115 (A-K) of the 1980 Act. Lewes and Newhaven pedestrian precincts have the benefit of a pedestrian planning order and as such the use of the precincts is controlled by the District Council.

Street Cafes

Street Cafes requiring the placing of table and chairs for the purpose of serving refreshments outside businesses already having a premises in the Lewes or Newhaven precincts will require a permit.

Lewes District Council generally supports and encourages the provision of street cafés in town centres within the district, as they make a positive contribution by adding vitality, colour, life and interest to the street scene. They can help maximise the use of public spaces, aid the local economy and add to the facilities offered to people who visit, live and work in the district.

This guidance is intended to help businesses understand where street cafes might be encouraged and whilst the provision of street cafes is encouraged, it is important that they are properly administered and managed to ensure that they meet the legal requirements and the high standards expected by the Council.

Advertising Boards

Advertising boards placed immediately outside the frontage of the business are acceptable but any 'A' boards on a precinct not immediately outside the business will require a permit.

Street Collections

A street collection is permissible on a Farmers' Market Day - first and third Saturday each month. However, no additional permissions will be granted for use of Lewes pedestrian precinct on this day with the exception of tables and chairs permission.

On receipt of a satisfactory application the required date will be allocated, subject to availability, and a permit issued with a copy of the original application. All conditions of use must be adhered to along with any additional conditions that may be applied to a specific use on the permit.

General Criteria

Anyone wishing to apply for a Precinct Permit for A Boards, Tables and Chairs should read this guidance and detailed conditions to check that their proposal meets all the criteria.

Although each application will be considered on its own merits this guidance contains key points that must be considered in every case.

- a) The area for which a precinct permit is sought must be a highway as defined by S115A Highways Act 1980, namely a pedestrian planning order is in force;
- b) Before considering a precinct permit Lewes District Council must carry out consultations and publish a Notice in accordance with the Highway Act 1980. The Council must take into consideration all representations made to them when considering an application for a precinct permit.
- c) The Council will not permit any objects to be placed on the highway, which will cause a hazard or an obstruction to the free flow of pedestrians, prevent the normal access to premises adjoining the highway, access by emergency or service vehicles or to prevent statutory undertakers and operators of

electronic communications code network having access to any apparatus in, on or over the highway.

- d) Precinct Permits for tables and chairs will only be issued to cafes, restaurants, public houses or other catering establishments that serve food and drink within the premises and employ sufficient staff to provide table service to the outside area and have sufficient provision of sanitary conveniences for use by the public.
- e) In considering such applications the Council will give particular consideration to Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 therefore prior to granting any consent for tables and chairs within the highway, the Council will pay particular regard to any potential for crime or disorder arising either directly or indirectly from the consent and will give significant weight to the views of the local police.
- f) To protect the attractiveness of the streets, the council will require:-
 - The appearance of the tables and chairs must ideally enhance, or at least not be detrimental to the street scene.
 - The tables and chairs and their associated activity must not cause environmental problems or detract from the amenities of adjacent retailers/occupiers. For example, there must be no litter problem, smells from food sales, or noise, so as to cause nuisance or annoyance.
- g) The Council will ensure that the layout of the furniture will provide adequate access and circulation space for all customers including wheelchair users and those with push chairs, buggies, and members of the public with mobility issues etc.
- h) The Council will generally apply hours of operation between 9am to 6pm from Monday to Sunday for tables and chairs permits. The Council in approving such applications will have regard to an applicant's previous track record of compliance with the conditions attached to any previous permit or compliance with other associated conditions controlling their trade.
- i) The Council will require that all glasses, crockery and other ancillary items used in the permitted area, are made of a toughened material. All glass-bottled drinks, including alcoholic drinks must be served in toughened drinking glasses. Glass bottles are not allowed in the permitted area.
- j) The Council will not permit music to be broadcast on to the permitted area.
- k) The Council will not accept an application unless the following have been provided:
 - A completed application form
 - Correct fee
 - Plans (Pitch Layout and photos)
 - Evidence of public liability insurance

- l) The Council's standard conditions will be applied to all "Precinct Permits" for tables and chairs. In addition to the standard conditions the Council may also impose special conditions on individual precinct permits for tables and chairs.
- m) Tables and chairs placed on the precinct without permission are an obstruction of the Highway. Any person who has placed tables and chairs on the precinct without a valid precinct permit issued by Lewes District Council will be referred to the Highway Authority for enforcement action.
- n) Permits will be granted for areas up to a distance of 2 metres immediately outside the frontage to their premises

14) Guidance Appendices:

Applications and Renewal processes; Fees; General Conditions and specifically conditions relevant to:

- A. General Conditions
- B. Motor Vehicle Conditions
- C. Fixed Site Conditions
- D. Stall Design and Dimensions
- E. Food Related Conditions
- F. Gas Safety Conditions
- G. Public Service and Charitable Use of Lewes and Newhaven Precincts Conditions
- H. Use of Petroleum Conditions
- I. Precinct Permits

Advice and guidance regarding:

- J. Definitions
- K. Guidance on Criminal Offences
- L. Offences

Application Process for Street Trading Consents

Applications, Renewals and Fees

Application forms and guidance are available at Licensing Office (see below) or can be downloaded from the Council website <https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/licensing-and-registrations/>

Applications can be submitted by post to or delivered by hand to:

Licensing
Lewes District Council
Southover House
Southover Road
Lewes
BN7 1AB

Alternatively they can be submitted electronically to: customerfirst@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk

If you are in Seaford you will need to apply to [Seaford Town Council](#) directly.

Submitting a New Application

The following will be required to be submitted with the application:

- a. a completed and signed application form;
- b. two forms of identification of the applicant;
- c. two passport sized photographs of the Applicant;
- d. the full application fee which is refundable if the application is refused. This can be paid by card over the phone (01273 484354) or by cheque payable to "Lewes District Council";
- e. a copy of a certificate of Public Liability Insurance cover for at least £5,000,000 (five million pounds). You must not trade unless you have given us a copy of your insurance certificate. You must also give us evidence proving you have renewed insurance cover if it ends before the Consent does;
- f. if trading is to take place from a fixed site, a map should be submitted showing all streets within a radius of at least 500 metres of the proposed site. This should clearly identify the proposed location by marking the site boundary with a red line; and
- g. a plan which clearly shows the dimensions of the unit i.e. vehicle, trailer, stall, tent etc. and three colour photographs of the trading unit illustrating different elevations of the unit.
- h. For food businesses, evidence that it is properly registered with the appropriate Council and both applicant and assistants are adequately trained

and competent in food safety and hygiene, e.g. it is recommended that food hygiene training is completed to at least Level 3.

The following may be required with the application:

- i. Basic Disclosure and Barring Services check (also known as a Criminal Records Check). Not more than one month old unless a previous DBS check has been submitted to the Authority within the last 12 months.
- j. Written permission from land owner to use the site for the purposes of Street Trading.
- k. MOT certificate and, as a minimum, third party insurance documents where a motorised vehicle will be used for Street Trading.
- l. If appropriate, a current Gas Safety Certificate. This is to be kept up to date throughout the period of Consented Trading.
- m. Evidence that appropriate consents, permissions and licenses have been obtained or applied for e.g. Planning, Building Regulation, Licensing Act such as for late night refreshment, sale of alcohol or provision of entertainment.
- n. Such other particulars as the Council may reasonably require.

Renewing an Application

To ensure continuity of an existing Consent, application for renewal should be made **at least 28 days prior to the expiry** of the Consent. **Failure to do this may result in the Consent being cancelled and a new full application having to be made. The following will be required to be submitted with a renewal application:**

- a. A completed and signed renewal application form.
- b. The appropriate fee in full which is non-refundable unless circumstances are exceptional. This can be paid by card over the phone or by cheque payable to "Lewes District Council".
- c. New photos of the applicant if appearance has changed.
- d. A copy of a Certificate of Public Liability Insurance cover for at least £5,000,000 (five million pounds)
- e. a plan which clearly shows the dimensions of the unit i.e. vehicle, trailer, stall, tent etc. and three colour photographs of the trading unit illustrating different elevations of the unit.
- f. Such other particulars as the Council may reasonably require

Mobile Traders and Trading from Multiple Sites

Some applicants may wish to engage in Street Trading from a number of locations across the District rather than from a fixed location.

In such cases applicants must, when submitting the application, clearly identify, as far as reasonably practicable, all of the locations they wish to Trade from. If an applicant proposes to trade on streets where there is already an existing Street Trading Consent, commercial need will be a relevant consideration.

Sites that Attract Applications from more than One Applicant

Multiple Street Trading Consents may be granted to different applicants for the same site, provided specific trading days/periods are applied for do not clash. In normal circumstances only one Consent Holder will be permitted to Trade on a site and in its immediate vicinity (i.e. within 100 metres) at any one time.

Special Events/Markets

At such events/markets the Council will consider a single application and issue a single Consent, covering all Traders, to the person organising the event/market, rather than to each individual Trader. The Consent Holder will be responsible for ensuring that conditions are met by all Traders.

Charitable or Public Service Application for Consent to use Lewes or Newhaven Precincts

The Council offers the opportunity for the free use of these areas for the promotion of Public Wellbeing and Charitable giving or involvement in Public or Charitable service. This can include the incidental sales of related goods. This opportunity is subject to conditions applied in line with the Councils Guidance on Street Trading.

Service Standards for Processing your Application

The council aim to process your application within 6 weeks from the date it is properly received as complete and it is not contentious.

In this time the council will undertake several steps including:

1. Consult with some or all of the following before granting consent:

- Sussex Police
- East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service
- The Highways Authority, Children's Safeguarding Team, Public Health Network and Trading Standards at East Sussex County Council
- Various section of Lewes District Council, including: Planning, Public Health and Noise Control Team, Commercial Food and Occupational Safety Team, Parking Team, Clean/Green Team
- Relevant Ward Councillor of Lewes District Council
- Relevant East Sussex County Councillors
- Relevant Town and Parish Councils
- Local Business Groups or their Representatives
- Immediate Neighbours (usually by Public Notice in the area)

A period of 28 days will be allowed for comments to be received.

NB: It is unlikely that consultation will take place in respect of applications for a site that has an existing Consent (i.e. Renewals) or where Consent has recently expired, provided that no complaints have been received; the same goods are to be sold; and the application is largely the same as the existing or previous Consent. It is also likely that for new single day applications a trial day will be allowed without full consultation or with a much reduced consultation.

2. The Council's designated Licensing Specialist Advisor may display a Site Notice at the proposed site for 28 consecutive days for applications of 3 months or longer and if practicable.

3. The Council will maintain a register of consents, including mobile Traders which will be updated regularly.

4. The Council will make its decision as follows:

a) The Council's designated Licensing Specialist Advisor can grant most applications for Street Trading Consents under delegated powers.

b) However, where the Licensing Specialist Advisor believes the application should be refused or the application is very contentious e.g. because of objections, the Licensing Committee will be asked to make the decision. In addition, within the 28 day consultation period, local Ward Councillors have the option to request that the Licensing Committee consider any application about which there are serious concerns even if the Licensing Specialist Advisor is minded to issue Consent.

There is no statutory right of appeal for refusal to issue a consent.

5. Where the application is to go before the Licensing Committee:

- a. The Applicant is expected to attend and will be advised in writing of the date, time and place when the application will be heard.
- b. The Applicant can be represented by a solicitor or supported by a another person.
- c. The Applicant will be given the opportunity to make representations to Committee both in writing and in person.
- d. Written representations will need to be received by a set date to ensure there is proper time to arrange and inform Committee members. **This will usually be at least seven working days before the Committee meeting.**
- e. The Council's designated Licensing Specialist Advisor will prepare a report for the Committee regarding the application. The report will be made available to the Applicant at least five working days before the date of the meeting.

- f. When considering the application the Committee will ensure that all persons receive a fair Hearing and a formal process will be followed to ensure this occurs.
- g. The application will be decided upon at the end of the Hearing and reasons for any decision will be provided in writing following the Committee meeting.
- h. There is no Appeal available against the Committee decision.

Duration of Consents and Fees

Street Trading Consents will initially be issued for one of the following periods:

- a) Daily
- b) Weekly
- c) Monthly
- d) 3 Monthly
- e) 6 Monthly
- f) Yearly

Consents are not transferrable to other individuals.

Consent holders not able to make use of their Consent on the appointed day(s) can request that the Consent is carried forward to a date to be agreed with the Council. Such requests are likely to be agreed if conditions such as poor weather or serious family illness or bereavement are established.

All fees must be paid in full in advance unless an alternative arrangement has been agreed with the Council. The Council's fees and charges can be found on our website.

Applicants will be advised of the appropriate fee which may vary according to the type and regularity of trading.

Failure to pay fees may result in any Consent being revoked or, in the case of renewal, the Applicant not being permitted to engage in Street Trading once the previous Consent has expired. Non-payment of renewal fees may also result in any subsequent application being treated as a new application. Consent fees are set by the Licensing Committee.

Appendix A – General Conditions that will normally be attached to Street Trading Consents

General conditions will be attached to all Consents detailing the Consent Holder's responsibilities.

The general conditions may include provisions to ensure:

- maintaining public safety;
- preventing nuisance;
- generally preserving the amenity of the locality;
- limitations on the days and the hours when Street Trading is permitted;
- the goods which may be sold;
- the size of the trading pitch; or
- any other relevant matter.

Additionally, conditions may be attached which relate specifically to the type of Consent granted. These conditions may include special controls or be drawn from relevant sections of the following Appendices:

- a) General Conditions
- b) Motor Vehicle Conditions
- c) Fixed Site Conditions
- d) Stall Design and Dimensions
- e) Food Related Conditions
- f) Gas Safety Conditions
- g) Public Service and Charitable Use of Lewes and Newhaven Precinct Conditions
- h) Use of Petroleum Conditions
- i) Bonfire Night Plan

In addition the following Appendices provide guidance to be used in considering applications and Consent implementation:

- j) Definitions
- k) Guidance on Criminal Offences
- l) Offences

Failure to comply with conditions may lead to prosecution, revocation or non-renewal of Consent. Persons engaging in Street Trading without Consent may be liable to prosecution. Decisions regarding enforcement action will be made in accordance with the Council's Enforcement Guidance.

THE GENERAL CONDITIONS

The Consent Holder shall:

1. only Trade on the days and between the times stated on the Consent. Trading will not generally be permitted between 23:00 and 07:00 hrs or on Christmas Day, Easter Sunday or on Bonfire Night;
2. only Trade in the position, and way described or Trade in the articles stated on the Consent;
3. not begin setting up more than 120 minutes before any trading start time in the Consent;
4. at the end of any trading day, remove from the highway all goods, receptacles, structures and any other objects associated with trading no later than 120 minutes after the time shown on any Consent;
5. ensure that disabled people and wheelchair users can be adequately served. This may involve serving persons from outside the vehicle;
6. ensure that all goods, receptacles, structures and any other objects associated with trading are easily and immediately removable in the event of emergency access being required;
7. when carrying on business relating to a Street Trading Consent, be sober, conduct him/herself, and ensure persons under his/her control conduct themselves, in a proper, civil and courteous manner and not use behaviour or language which could reasonably be seen as abusive, harassing or intimidating;
8. at all times conduct business and position all goods, receptacles, structures and any objects associated with trading, or used in connection with his/her business, in such a manner to prevent danger to persons trading or likely to be affected by trading;
9. ensure all risks in connection with the trading activity are assessed and reviewed periodically. Ensure any identified risk reduction measures are put in place. Risk assessments to be made available to an Authorised Officer of the Council for inspection.
10. at all times conduct his/her business in a clean and tidy manner;
11. make a copy of the Consent immediately available, upon request, to an authorised Officer of the Council or the Police;
12. if appropriate, ensure a current Gas Safety Certificate is valid for the trading activities throughout the period of trading. A copy of this Certificate is to be provided to the Council;

13. wear, and ensure any assistants wear, any identification badges issued by the Council at all times of trading;
14. allow access to, and comply immediately with, all reasonable directions given by the Council, its authorised Officers or Police Officers regarding any Street Trading.
15. Ensure a responsible person is always in attendance and available to receive such directions;
16. report any change that occurs in the particulars and information contained in the application for the Consent, such as a change of address, to the Licensing Authority within 72 hours of it occurring;
17. indemnify the Council against all claims, liabilities, actions, demands and expenses whatsoever in respect of, or in any way arising out of any Consent to Trade granted by the Council and shall, without prejudice to the foregoing, maintain in force at all times with a reputable insurance company approved by the Council a valid Public Liability Insurance Guidance to a minimum value of £2,000,000 (two million pounds) and shall provide, on request, and to the satisfaction of the Council, the insurance certificate and evidence of full premium payment. If the Consent to Trade is terminated by the Council for any reason the Council shall accept no liability for financial or other loss of the Consent Holder; ensure that they comply with the requirements of the Council's guidance document on the safe use, handling, storage and transportation of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) used in mobile catering units or similar units, see Appendix B and F;
18. ensure all stalls and vehicles are provided with adequate and appropriate fire extinguishers, which shall be regularly serviced and certified accordingly. Where there is a potential ignition source present, including cooking facilities, a 2kg dry powder extinguisher which complies with the standards set out in BS 5423: 1987 must be provided. Where hot fat/oil cooking facilities are provided a fire blanket should be provided and so positioned as to allow the blanket to be withdrawn easily and quickly; and
19. ensure cooking and heating appliances are positioned well clear of tent, walls and roofs. Where bottled gas is to be used the Appendix B and E of the conditions for LPG should be followed as appropriate. Cylinders should stand outside any tent, or similar structure, and should be handled and changed only by persons fully conversant with the supplier's instructions. Precautions should be taken to prevent tampering with cylinders or valves, and to prevent cylinders (and associated pipework) being damaged or falling.

The Consent Holder shall not:

1. under any circumstances, Trade on consent areas in Lewes Town on Bonfire Night - November 5th or the preceding Saturday if November 5th falls on a Sunday;
2. cause obstruction or danger to people using the street. In particular, not block access for disabled people, disabled parking or force disabled people to use inappropriately surfaced areas.
3. place, store, sell, expose or offer for sale any article outside any specified trading area;
4. sell, expose or offer for sale goods similar to and in direct competition with fixed businesses or other Consented Traders within 100 metres without prior consent;
5. trade close to the boundaries of hospitals or care premises (within 250 metres) or schools (500 metres);
6. permit any person to assist in trading unless the details of that person have been supplied to in writing and approved by the Council;
7. sell, display or wear merchandise or items which are likely to cause offence or distress to any other person or which would be deemed an offence under any other legislation. The Licensing Specialist Advisor should be consulted if doubt exists on whether article/material could be considered offensive, his/her decision is final;
8. place or display advertisements or other notices in the immediate area of the trading site without the approval of the Council;
9. place any furniture or equipment in the immediate area of the premises other than as permitted by the Consent;
10. transfer any Consent or dispose of any Consent to any other person;
11. cause any nuisance or annoyance to persons using the street or to the occupants of any properties in the vicinity. No amplification equipment shall be used unless authorised by the Council;
12. leave rubbish or other waste arising from trading activity, or allow it to be left or accumulate, on or around any Consent site. Removal and disposal of rubbish must be to the satisfaction of the Council - this may require a special collection to be arranged and relevant details to be provided;
13. use any device for the generation of electricity, light or heat without the Council's permission.

14. use oil burning appliances for lighting, heating or cooking. No naked flames, including candles, should be used;
15. sell or display articles such as firearms, replica firearms, knives, tobacco or fireworks;
16. bring pets or other animals to the trading site without written permission from the Council;
17. sell or offer goods for sale as 'seconds', soiled or damaged, unless a clear notice is displayed stating this; or
18. make any excavations or indentations of any description whatsoever in the surface of the highway or fix any equipment of any description on or in the street surfaces.
19. discharge waste or waste water onto the highway or into a highway drain.
20. sell goods in plastic bags unless they are for raw meat products.

The Council reserves the right, if it considers it to be reasonably necessary, to alter or amend these conditions at any time.

Any Consent is issued without prejudice to any other statute, bye-law or regulation. Consent does NOT override any regulations regarding planning, parking, food hygiene, obstruction, noise nuisance etc.

APPENDIX B - Motor Vehicle Conditions

1. Any vehicles and trailers used for the purposes of Street Trading shall be removed from the highway when the Consent is not in operation.
2. Any motor vehicle used for the purpose of Street Trading shall at all times be in a roadworthy condition and have the relevant and up to date documents i.e. insurance, tax and MOT to make the use of that vehicle on a road legal. These documents will be produced by the Consent Holder to any Police Officer or authorised Officer of the Council.
3. Where the Trader trades from a stationary vehicle, that vehicle shall, in all respects, comply with the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986. Motor vehicles shall be capable of their own propulsion and shall not be towed into trading positions.
4. All vehicles shall be provided with adequate and appropriate fire extinguishers which shall be regularly serviced and certified accordingly.
5. The Trader must not park or site their vehicle within 500 metres of any school; 250 metres of any hospital or care premises or within 20 metres of any road junction.
6. The Trader must not trade from a point within 100 metres of an existing Trader of a similar nature without the consent of the Council.
7. The Trader shall comply with Appendix D and E relating to use of LPG and sale of food as appropriate.
8. The Trader shall retain with his vehicle or stall or other mode used for trading, any water used or waste produced until the end of each period of trading on each day of such trading and then remove it or dispose of it appropriately elsewhere and, in particular, shall not deposit any such waste near or into any street, drain or channel.
9. The Trader's vehicle must not obstruct the free flow of pedestrians or traffic at any time.
10. The Trader must not park, or site their vehicle, on a classified road or prohibited area at any time.
11. The Trader must comply with all reasonable instructions given by Officers from the Council, Police and/or Highways Authority regarding the initial location and relocation of sites and other such related matters. 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 appearance of vehicles must not be detrimental to the existing properties in the area in which the vehicle is stationed.

13. All goods shall be displayed on the vehicle and no freestanding racks or displays are permitted.

APPENDIX C – Fixed Site Conditions

1. The Consent Holder shall ensure that sufficient sanitary accommodation is available for both the Consent Holder and assistants when operating at a static site.

APPENDIX D – Stall Design and Dimensions

1. In the case of markets, stalls of traditional timber barrows, stalls of a metal frame construction, gazebos or umbrellas will be preferred. Stalls consistent with the majority of others in a particular market will be preferred in order to promote a co-ordinated appearance. All stalls should comprise protection from the rain and sun as well as tables or other suitable devices for displaying goods off the floor. Stalls may be of a walk-up or walk-in design but must have a valance between the table top and the ground to enclose stock, equipment and waste containers.
2. Market stalls and ancillary equipment and stock must be contained within the stall. The licensing authority may vary the pitch dimensions of the entire market or any individual stall in line with the relevant statutory procedures.
3. Canopies, awnings and tarpaulins with traditional stripes are preferred. These should consist of a bold traditional stripe on a white or cream background or solid colour. Canopies, awnings and tarpaulins must be secured to the support structures neatly and securely, with adequate tension and no sharp projections.
4. Trading from vehicles will not usually be permitted on the precincts. Generally, trading from vehicles will only be allowed from the pitches at the ends of the markets or from within a zone of a market designated for the purpose (for example, a cluster of food stalls). The vehicles should be appropriate for their prominent position in the market. Similarly, trading from trailers or caravans will not usually be permitted. If trailers are to be approved in locations such as those for vehicles, their visual appearance should not be damaging to their surroundings.
5. In every case it is expected that design, construction and maintenance of stalls will be of a high standard. Designs, materials, signs and finishes should be appropriate for the surroundings. Modern or unique designs may not be acceptable in traditional areas but will be considered in places where the surroundings are outside the areas designated as places of architectural or historic interest.
6. A simple, coherent and traditional colour scheme is required, avoiding the use of bright or garish colours. For example plain, darker colours including green, maroon, black or blue combined with white or cream will be acceptable.

7. Small canopies/awnings are permitted only for the purpose of weather protection. In certain locations the use of canopies/awnings may not be acceptable. Such canopies/awnings must be specifically set out in the documentation submitted for stall approval. No goods or unauthorised signage shall be displayed on the canopy or awning.
8. Stalls should not be used to display stock on the outside surfaces of the stall (including the roof and awnings) unless such display equipment has been specifically included within the stall's approval. The use of gaudy or luminous colours for any permitted sign or branding is not acceptable.
9. Merchandising: Consideration should be given to the merchandising of goods. Use of racking, baskets, displays and other equipment should support the overall brand image and complement the overall appearance of the unit. Use of third party branded equipment or make-shift equipment (such as commercial fridges or metal baths displaying canned drinks or plastic buckets for goods), will not normally be acceptable.
10. Lighting: Consideration should be given to the appropriate lighting of both the commodities and how these are merchandised. Excessive lighting or inappropriate lighting is unlikely to assist trade. Consent holders should consider how their stall appears both during the day and evening when operational. Large halogen lights are inefficient and inappropriate, often causing glare. Backlit menus, price lists or video displays should be avoided.
11. Neon, animated, flashing lights, LEDs etc., including their use to make up words or graphics, will not normally be permitted. However where a particular lighting solution plays an integral part on the overall design and branding of the stall and goods, then consideration for an exception to this rule may be undertaken. Pin spots, halo lighting and in some circumstances feature lighting may be acceptable.
12. Appropriate festive lighting for holidays or special events is acceptable, particularly in the darker winter months.
13. Prior to any Consent being issued or in cases where a licensed trader wishes to change the stall, prior approval must always be sought from the licensing service. Proposals must include all display equipment and any attached, projecting or free standing elements.
14. Stalls and structures that are allowed to remain in place overnight and any new area of highway used for street trading will need planning permission. Where a structure is left on the street overnight and does not have this permission, proceedings may be taken for a breach of the Consent and/or for highway obstruction. Consideration will also be given to seeking a revocation of the Consent for a persistent failure to remove the stall or structure.
15. Stalls shall not be greater than 2.3 metres in height nor occupy an area greater than 2.5 metres x 1.5 metres without prior approval from the Licensing

Authority. Market operators may set their own size and dimension requirements with their traders but must not exceed the agreed plan as stipulated in the consent.

16. A stall cannot be within 2.5 m of a shop front and there must be a break of 3m after every 6 m runs of stalls. This applies to markets and individual stalls set up next to each other.

APPENDIX E – Food Related Conditions

1. The Consent Holder, if intending to sell food from a stationary vehicle/stall shall operate from a purpose made vehicle/stall constructed and managed so as to comply with the relevant hygiene regulations currently in force and any subsequent changes to those regulations. There must be an up to date registration of the food business with the Council.
2. All hot food vans/trailers are required to comply with current legislation on fire safety, see Appendix F. Where gas cylinders are used an annual Gas Safety Certificate shall be required to ensure the safety of all gas cooking and heating equipment. A fire blanket and a foam fire extinguisher shall be provided in all vehicles selling hot food.
3. All hot food vans/trailers are required to carry a basic first aid kit.
4. The Consent Holder shall ensure that litter checks are carried out regularly in the vicinity of the trading area and litter attributed to the activity is collected and disposed of to the satisfaction of the Council.
5. A Consent Holder selling food shall at all times comply with any Food Hygiene Regulations in force at that time, and when required by the Council or its Officers, shall produce appropriate Food Hygiene Training Certificates for relevant food handlers.
6. The Consent Holder shall provide and maintain at his own expense adequate refuse receptacles for litter.
7. Odour from any flue used for the dispersal of cooking smells serving the site shall not cause nuisance to the occupants of any properties in the vicinity. It is recommended that any flues for the dispersal of cooking smells shall either:
 - i. terminate at least 1 metre above the ridge height of any building in the vicinity, with no obstruction of upward movement of air; or
 - ii. have a method of odour control such as activated carbon filters, electrostatic precipitation or inline oxidation.
8. The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme score must be visibly displayed at all times when trading. Traders are expected to achieve a score of at least “3”.

APPENDIX F - Gas Safety Related Conditions

1. Gas appliances, including pipework, should be installed and regularly serviced and maintained by a competent person (Gas Safe registered for LPG). A current Gas Safety Certificate to be submitted with each application and to be maintained throughout the period of trading.
2. Cylinders should be fitted with automatic cut-off valves and be protected from tampering.
3. Cylinders must be stored upright so that they cannot fall and be positioned away from heat and ignition sources.
4. Gas storage compartments in trailers or stalls must have complete half an hour fire protection. Access to the compartment must be from the outside of the unit and there should be adequate ventilation at high and low levels.
5. The cylinder must be secured in an upright position and be securely fastened during transit.
6. All gas pipes and fittings should be to the correct British Standard for LPG and kept as short as possible with appropriate crimp or compression fittings (not slip-on fittings).
7. All gas pipes should be protected from abrasion or mechanical damage (armoured if subject to temperatures over 50°C).
8. Flexible gas piping must be checked regularly and replaced if damaged or worn.
9. All gas appliances must be fitted with a flame failure device and be adequately ventilated.
10. All fryers should be fitted with an automatic high temperature-limiting device (operates at a fat temperature of 250°C or lower).
11. Suitable warning signs indicating: '**Caution – LPG**'; and '**Highly Flammable**' and should be clearly displayed.
12. People who change the cylinders should be properly trained and a safety notice on how to connect and disconnect the LPG bottles should be displayed in the gas compartment.
13. Cylinder valves and gas appliances must be turned off when not in use.

APPENDIX G - Conditions for Public Service or Charitable activity in Lewes and Newhaven Precincts

In addition to the General Conditions the use of the precincts is subject to the following:

1. As a general rule stalls, units, vehicles or displays should be positioned in the widest parts of precincts and obstruction reduced as far as possible.
2. All vehicles, unless an agreed part of the activity/event and in the agreed position, must be removed from the precinct.
3. The granite paving area of the Lewes precinct is able to be used only by activities, units, displays, stalls or vehicles that can be cleared immediately in the event of need for emergency access.
4. The “blue brick” area of Newhaven High Street shall be kept clear and not be used without express consent of the Council.
5. Public rights of way must be maintained as far as reasonably practicable.
6. Emergency access routes to be maintained clear to the satisfaction of the Council or Emergency Services.
7. Amplification is not permitted unless with prior permission from the Council.

APPENDIX H - Use of Petroleum

The use of petrol or diesel generators are not permitted due to the noise and air pollution created.

Any Trader using any petroleum fuelled device must complete a documented Risk Assessment, submit the Risk Assessment with their application, and must keep the Risk Assessment at the site where trading is taking place. The Assessment must be available to an authorised Officer of the Council or the East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service on demand.

The Risk Assessment must address at least the following matters:

- A) the position and siting of the device;
- B) the storage container for fuel for the device;
- C) the labelling of the fuel container;
- D) the number, type and maintenance of fire extinguishers at the site;
- E) the provision of fire blankets; and/or
- F) the prevention of hazard, nuisance from fumes or noise.

For guidance please be aware of and implement the following, as applicable:

- Fuel must be stored away from the stall in a container of a type approved under the Petroleum Spirit (Motor Vehicles) Regulations 1929 or Petroleum Spirit (Plastic Containers) Regulations 1982.

- All petroleum spirit, or other highly inflammable liquid used in connection with the device, must be stored in a metal container with a secure leak-proof cap not exceeding 10 litres or a plastic container not exceeding 5 litres capacity.
- The container to be labelled "Petroleum Spirit Highly Inflammable".
- The container shall be stored securely and remote from sources of ignition.
- Where there is a potential ignition source present, including cooking facilities, a 2kg dry powder extinguisher, which complies with the standards set out in BS 5423: 1987, must be provided. Where hot fat/oil cooking facilities are provided a fire blanket should be provided and so positioned as to allow the blanket to be withdrawn easily and quickly.
- Use of the device should not cause hazard, fume or odour nuisance.

APPENDIX I – Precinct A Board, Table and Chairs Permits

The following standard conditions shall apply to all precinct permits. Further additional conditions may be applied to permits.

1. This permission is not transferrable.
2. The tables, chairs and umbrellas shall only be placed outside the premises between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm.
3. The area so permitted to be used solely for the purpose of consuming food and drink purchased on the premises. It is strictly forbidden to prepare any food and drink in the area so permitted by this permit.
4. The tables, chairs and umbrellas shall be of such a design as may be approved by the Council in writing and be kept in good repair and condition at the Permit Holder's expense.
5. Nothing contained in this permit gives the holder permission to make fixtures to or excavations of any kind in the surface of the highway which shall be left entirely undisturbed.
6. The Permit Holder shall make no claim or charge against the Council in the event of the chairs or tables or other objects being lost, stolen or damaged in any way from whatever cause.
7. The Permit Holder shall indemnify the Council against all actions, proceedings, claims demands and liability which may at any time be taken, made or incurred in consequence of the use of the chairs & tables & other objects and for this purpose must take out at the Permit Holder's insurance approved by the Council in the sum of at least £5,000,000 (FIVE MILLION POUNDS) in respect of any one event and must produce to the Council on

request the current receipts for premium payments and confirmation of the annual renewals of the guidance.

8. No charge shall be made by the Permit Holder for the use of the chairs and tables and other objects.
9. Waste from the Permit Holder's operations must not be disposed of in the permanent litterbins provided by the Council.
10. Refuse and litter deposited on the highway in the vicinity of the chairs and tables and other objects must be removed each day by the Permit Holder at their expense or at more frequent intervals as may be required by or under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
11. The Permit Holder shall remove the tables, chairs and windbreaks from the highway outside the hours permitted or immediately if required to do so as to permit works in or the use of the highway by:
 - a. The Council, County Council, the police, fire & ambulance services, any utility operator, or
 - b. Builders' vehicles, hearses and furniture removal vans
12. The Permit Holder shall be responsible for any rates, taxes and other outgoings which may be charged.
13. The permission shall run from the date of this Permit for a term of one year.
14. The Council reserves the right to revoke this Permit forthwith if the Permit Holder breaches any of the conditions contained herein.
15. If the area to be licensed is contained within a Designated Public Space Protection Order then the area shall be clearly delineated by the use of barriers of a suitable nature to be agreed with the Licensing Authority.

APPENDIX J - Definitions

“Advertisement” - means any word, letter, model, sign, placard, board, notice, whether illuminated or not, the nature of, and employed wholly or partly for the purposes of: advertisement, announcement or direction and includes hoarding or similar structure or any balloon used, or adapted for use for the display of advertisements, and references to the display of advertisement shall be constructed accordingly.

“Awning” - means a sheet of canvas or other material, used as a protection against the weather, which projects as an extension of the roof beyond the structure of the stall.

“Assistant” - means a person employed by and acting under the directions of a Trader to assist him/her about the business of the stall and whose name and address has been notified to the Council.

“Bonfire Night” - November 5th or the preceding Saturday if this falls on a Sunday.

“Consent Holder” - the person granted a Consent by the Council to undertake Street Trading.

“Consented Street Trading Pitch” - means a pitch in any street authorised as a place at which Street Trading may be engaged in by a Street Trader, and includes any temporary alternative place approved by the Council or a duly authorised Officer of the Council.

“The Council” - means the Lewes District Council and primarily it’s Licensing or Environmental Health Service.

“Goods” - means any goods, wares or merchandise for sale at a stall.

“Premises” - means any shop, house or block of flats behind or adjacent to the consented pitch.

“Refuse” - includes any waste material.

“Stall” - means any structure used by a Trader for the display of goods, or in connection with his or her business and which occupies a consented Street Trading pitch; and includes all goods offered or to be offered for sale and any additional structure or equipment used as part of the stall or business. This also included all rubbish or refuse created as a result of the business.

“Street” - any part of a street and includes any road, footway, beach or other area to which the public have access without payment.

“Street Trading” – means the selling or exposing or the offering for sale of any article (including a living thing) or the supplying or offering to supply any service in a street for gain or reward.

“Street Trading Consent” – means a Consent granted under the Act. Please Note: The use of a street as a smoking area outside premises is not considered to be Street Trading. The Council will not therefore usually consider requests for Consent where the use is solely for these purposes.

“Trader” - means a person in whose name a current Consent is held authorising Street Trading.

“Temporary Consent” – means a Consent granted under the Act valid for a single day or for a period not exceeding 6 months.

“Vehicle” – includes any trailer, stall, barrow, cart etc., used in connection with trading.

Any other term not defined in these conditions shall have the same meaning as in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

APPENDIX K - Guidance on Criminal Convictions and Street Trading

Each case will be decided on its own merits however, the Council may refuse to grant or renew a Street Trading Consent on any of the following grounds:

- a. there has been a conviction/caution for an offence involving dishonesty, indecency, certain sexual offences, violence or drugs;
- b. there has been a conviction/caution for an offence under the relevant legislation; or
- c. any other reasonable grounds.

Some discretion may be appropriate if the offence is isolated and there are mitigating circumstances. However, the overriding consideration should be the protection of the public.

The following examples provide a general guide on the action to be taken where the applicant has a conviction or caution. These are examples will be considered by the relevant offence.

Offences involving violence

Generally at least five years should elapse before an application is considered.

Drug Related Offences

An isolated conviction for a drug offence, whether for unlawful possession only or involving the supply of controlled drugs, need not necessarily debar a candidate. Generally applications will be refused from applicants until at least 3 years from the date of conviction.

Indecency/Sexual Offences

Generally applications will be refused until at least 5 years from the date of conviction.

Dishonesty

Convictions for isolated minor offences should not debar an applicant, but in cases involving serious theft or fraud at least three years should elapse before an application is considered. When offences of dishonesty have been accompanied by violence, it is suggested that at least five years should elapse before application.

APPENDIX L – Offences

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 provides as follows:

a) Schedule 4, paragraph 10

(1) A person who:

- (a) engages in street trading in a prohibited street; or
- (b) engages in street trading in a licence street or a consent street without being authorised to do so under this Schedule; or
- (c) contravenes any of the principal terms of a street trading Consent; or
- (d) being authorised by a street trading consent to trade in a consent street, trades in that street—

- (i) from a stationary van, cart, barrow or other vehicle; or

- (ii) from a portable stall,

without first having been granted permission to do so under paragraph 7(8) above; or

- (e) contravenes a condition imposed under paragraph 7(9), shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) It shall be a defence for a person charged with an offence under sub-paragraph above to prove that he took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid commission of the offence.

(3) Any person who, in connection with an application for a street trading licence or for a street trading consent, makes a false statement which he knows to be false in any material respect, or which he does not believe to be true, shall be guilty of an offence.

(4) A person guilty of an offence under this paragraph shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.