

## Lewes District Street Trading Consultation Responses

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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 m<sup>2</sup>. 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 6m<sup>2</sup>, 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 &amp; 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.</p> <p>An example of good Street Trading is the Fruit &amp; 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></p> <p>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><b>Costa</b> 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><b>Paperchase</b> 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><b>NEW LOOK</b> 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><b>Specsavers</b> 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><b>Clarkes Shoes</b> 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><b>Clarkes Stationers</b> 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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!</li> </ol>
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 <a href="mailto:customerfirst@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk">customerfirst@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk</a> 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><b>Consultation on street trading</b></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 &amp; 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 <a href="http://www.eatouteatwell.gov.uk">www.eatouteatwell.gov.uk</a>. 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 235">Consultation Document for Street Trading 2019</p> <p data-bbox="496 271 1358 770">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="496 822 1347 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 1285">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 1337 1362 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 1677 1129 1751">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"><li>‘‘ Street traders must not discharge anything into the highway drains or into the highway.</li><li>‘‘ Any fees charged should only be for administration and not for use of the pitch.</li><li>‘‘ Highways England wish to be consulted on all applications for street trading on the A26 and A27 trunk roads.</li></ul>
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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"> <li>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.</li> <li>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 to pack 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 busy and people walking through the stall whilst setting up.</li> </ol> <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 vendors 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 &amp; 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	<p>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.</p>
56	Resident	<p>I understand that there is a review of the licence for Halls</p>

		<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	
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 timers 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"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> <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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

		<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 . 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.

		<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 greengrocer. 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"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.)</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The stall brings a vibrancy to the precinct, drawing people in to that part of town and therefore to the neighbouring shops.</li> </ul>
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 &amp; Friday, Fruit &amp; 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>