

Summary of Responses to Proposed Street Trading Policy

Consultee	Observations	Comment / Action Taken	Amendments to Policy
Baldock Area Committee	The consent street / prohibited street designations need re-visiting to allow for trading in the High Street and other new areas as a result of the Town Redevelopment.	Agreed. To prevent this situation arising again the policy is to propose that all streets within the towns of North Hertfordshire be designated as consent streets.	See paragraph 2.2 of the Policy
	Local community and charitable organisations should not be charged	Agreed	See paragraph 8.5 of the Policy
	Baldock Town Centre Partnership (BTCP) to be issued with annual consents, not the Town Centre Manager (TCM)	Flexibility to be included in the Policy for any person to apply for an annual consent renamed as Town Centre Consents	See paragraph 3.6 of the Policy
	Provision for BTCP to charge for uses of their consents by commercial organisations	Agreed	See paragraph 3.6.4 of the Policy
Hitchin Area Committee	No prohibited streets within Hitchin	Agreed	See paragraph 2.2 of the Policy
	The proposed Town Centre Manager Annual Consent Area be supported	Flexibility to be included in the Policy for any person to apply for an annual consent renamed as Town Centre Consents	See paragraph 3.6 of the Policy
	That not-for-profit organisations be given every assistance in applying for consents by charging on a cost recovery basis only	Agreed, not-for-profit organisations will be exempt from fees	See paragraph 8.5 of the Policy
Letchworth Area Committee	Consents for Howard Park and Broadway Gardens should remain under the control of the Council rather than included in a Town Centre Manager (TCM) Annual Consent	Agreed, new provision made in the Policy for Council Land Consents	See paragraph 3.8 of the Policy
	Consents for Broadway Walk should be included in a Town Centre Manager (TCM) Annual Consent	Flexibility to be included in the Policy for any person to apply for an annual consent renamed as Town Centre Consents	See paragraph 3.6 of the Policy
	The TCM should not charge for use of his Annual Consent by charitable organisations	Agreed, not-for-profit organisations will be exempt from fees	See paragraph 8.5 of the Policy
	Charges from the Council for a TCM Annual Consent should only reflect administrative cost recovery; enforcement costs should be charged on a case by case	Separate enforcement cost charging and the associated invoicing and administration would increase fees unnecessarily.	See paragraph 8.1 of the Policy
	Letchworth Gate and associated lay-bys should be designated as prohibited streets	The proposal is for all streets within the town centres to be designated as consent streets with a Schedule in the Policy listing streets where consents will not ordinarily be granted	See paragraph 2.2 of the Policy

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Letchworth Area Committee	Event organisers that are using Council land, such as Broadway Gardens, should be required to present details of their event for approval by the Safety Advisory Group (SAG)	Agreed, new provision made in the Policy for Council Land Consents with the condition that the applicant consults with SAG	See paragraph 3.8 of the Policy
Royston Area Committee	Parks and open spaces within Royston should be considered for Town Centre Manager (TCM) Annual Consents	Flexibility to be included in the Policy for any person to apply for an annual consent renamed as Town Centre Consents	See paragraph 3.6 of the Policy
	All streets within Royston should become consent streets	The proposal is for all streets within the town centres to be designated as consent streets with a Schedule in the Policy listing streets where consents will not ordinarily be granted	See paragraph 2.2 of the Policy
	Commercial organisations should pay charges that cover administrative cost recovery and the cost of enforcement action, but should not become a money making exercise	Agreed	See paragraph 8.1 of the Policy
	Fees for TCM Annual Consents should be set to cover cost recovery only so not-for-profit organisations costs are kept to a minimum	Fees will only cover the Council's reasonable costs and not-for-profit organisations will be exempt from fees	See paragraphs 8.1 and 8.5 of the Policy
Southern Rural Area Committee	Permit costs should be set at a level that ensures full cost recovery for the Council's administrative and enforcement costs	Fees will only cover the Council's reasonable costs	See paragraph 8.1 of the Policy
	Town Centre Manager (TCM) Annual Consents should be offered to charitable organisations without charge	Agreed, not-for-profit organisations will be exempt from fees	See paragraph 8.5 of the Policy
	Consent and prohibited street designations should be re-visited to ensure that Town Centre areas are made available where practicable	The proposal is for all streets within the town centres to be designated as consent streets with a Schedule in the Policy listing streets where consents will not ordinarily be granted	See paragraph 2.2 of the Policy