

Camberley Town Centre Street Trading Policy

Introduction and Background

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The aim of this street trading policy is to ensure a high quality offer that compliments the regeneration of the remainder of Camberley town centre.

1.2 The policy recognises the importance of street trading to Camberley town centre and that it can add to the vibrancy and vitality of the town centre whilst not adding to nuisance and crime and disorder.

1.3 The policy only applies to street trading applications and will guide the Council's Environmental Health Team and ensure consistency when granting street trading consents within Camberley Town Centre (CTC).

2.0 Application of the Policy and Street Trading Legislation

2.1 If a street trading application is received and falls within the defined policy area the Camberley Town Centre Street Trading Policy will apply in addition to the existing requirements of Street Trading legislation which is contained in Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

3.0 Consultation

3.1 In determining this policy the Council has consulted the following:

- Camberley Town Centre Partnership
- The Atrium, Camberley
- The Mall, Camberley
- Retailers within Camberley Town Centre
- Town Centre Ward Councillors
- Surrey County Highways
- Surrey Police
- Surrey Fire and Rescue
- Surrey Chamber of Commerce
- Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health
- Camberley Town Centre Strategic Working Group

3.2 The views of the above persons and bodies have been taken into consideration when drafting this policy.

4.0 Review of the Policy

4.1 The policy will be reviewed every 3 years and all interested parties will be consulted. The first review will be after 1 year to allow for any changes that are necessary after the policy has been implemented. In addition the policy will be constantly evaluated and updated and any minor changes can be approved *by the Licensing Committee*.

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5.0 Camberley Town Centre Street Trading Policy

5.1 The following policy has been created to ensure clarity and transparency in the decision making process in granting street trading consents in CTC.

5.2 The Camberley Town Centre Partnership will be consulted on all applications.

6.0 Definition of Area of Policy

6.1 The Policy applies to the area of Camberley as defined in Appendix 1 and consideration will be given to the policy on any application for street trading consent that falls within this area.

7.0 Stall Requirement and Positioning

7.1 Stalls must be maintained in suitable condition and must be in sympathy with the surroundings and character of the town centre. Photos of the stall must be provided with the application form.

7.2 A stall is classed as up to 3 metres by 3 metres and if a stall exceeds this size the trader will be charged for the additional space.

7.3 Any electricity or gas supply must operate safely and not cause a noise or smell nuisance to neighbouring traders or residents. Details of supply must be provided with the application.

7.4 Appendices 2 to 6 identifies locations within Camberley Town Centre where street trading is deemed to be suitable, subject to approval by the Council's Environmental Health Team."

8.0 Product Type

8.1 Products on offer should be of high quality and contribute and complement the existing offer available in the town centre.

8.2 When considering the product on an application, the Council's Environmental Health Team will have particular regard to local shopping needs and product and service diversity and balance.

9.0 Special Events

9.1 For special events the Council will issue one consent to the person/organisation organising the event, rather than to each individual trader. This policy is aimed at promoting events and ensuring consistency and appropriate offer.

10.0 Night time trade (after 18.00 hours)

10.1 Consent for trading after 18.00 hours will only be granted if linked to an event in the Town Centre.

11.0 Permanent and Temporary Stalls

11.1 Currently there are no suitable locations and there are not the fixed facilities to provide gas, water or electricity supply to support a permanent trader in the Town Centre, so consent for a permanent stall would not be granted.

11.2 'Permanent' is defined as a stall that trades more than 2 days a week on a continuous basis or for more than one continuous calendar month. Where a stall has no requirement for electricity, gas or water it may operate up to 4-days a week on permanent basis."

12.0 Conditions attached to licence

12.1 A set of conditions will be attached to the licence as deemed appropriate.