

Street Trading - Policy Statement

Portfolio	Health & Wellbeing, Public Protection
Business Unit	Public Protection
Service Area	Licensing

Underlying Principles

1. Street Trading is regarded as an acceptable activity in Telford & Wrekin and all streets are designated as consent streets.
2. The Council is the responsible authority for granting Street Trading Consents in Telford & Wrekin and will ensure that traders operate in accordance with conditions attached to such Consents (Appendix B).
3. The Council accepts that Telford & Wrekin comprises distinct areas with differing historic and commercial characters, and varying streetscape qualities, which should be individually developed and promoted.
4. The Council may consult with the following agencies:
 - The Highways Authority
 - The Chief Officer of Police;
 - Public Protection – Compliance Team
 - Public Protection – Food, Health & Safety
 - The Planning Authority
 - The Councils Street Scene and Community Services Team;
 - The Council's Community Safety Team;
 - Public Protection - Trading Standards;
 - The Parish Council (if any) in which the Trading Unit is to be located;
 - The Ward Councillors; and
 - The owners/occupiers of any properties near to the proposed location of trading site.
 - Any other relevant agency
5. The Crime and Disorder Act (1998) stresses the need to take positive action to combat crime and the fear of crime. Therefore, prior to granting any Street Trading Consent the Council will pay particular attention to any potential crime and disorder arising directly or indirectly from the Consent and will give significant weight to the views of the Police and Community Safety Officer.
6. The Council may issue a Consent for up to one year or a lesser period where appropriate if the trading activity is seasonal or of a temporary nature.
7. Applications will only be considered where an applicant has completed an application form and will not be granted unless an applicant has paid the appropriate Consent fee.
8. Applications for a Street Trading Consent will be considered and determined under the Council's Scheme of Delegation by the Principal Licensing Officer, or otherwise by the Council's Licensing Committee.

9. Where more than one trader applies for Consent to trade from an approved site, the applications will be referred to the Council's Licensing Committee.

Criteria for Considering Applications for Street Trading

When considering an application for a Street Trading Consent, the Council will take into account the following matters when reaching its decision:

1. Responses from Consultees and other interested parties.
2. The proposed siting and design of the street trading vehicle and whether or not it enhances the area within the immediate vicinity.
3. Any potential obstruction to the free flow of pedestrians or of vehicles in the street, with special regard for the visually impaired.
4. Road safety, either arising from the siting of the street trading vehicle or as a result of customer visiting or leaving the site, including existing traffic orders and waiting restrictions.
5. The nature of the proposed goods to be traded and whether this will create conflict with the trade of adjacent, established shops.
6. Whether the proposed siting of the street trading vehicle obstructs the frontage of adjacent established shops.
7. The numbers, distribution and location of existing street trading consents.
8. The likelihood of excessive noise, odour and litter being generated.
9. Whether the proposal would conflict with any other policies of the Council.