

Responses

Public Comment 31/07/2025

I would like to give my feedback as requested in the document as follows
I ,would love there to be a street market in Huntingdon High Street every Wednesday and Saturday. This should extend from the the Barclays Bank Front down the high Street to as far as is possible. It should be placed in the central road so public access can be made available from both sides. There should be clear indications as where the public toilets are and the actual market square be left open for carts like mine for disabled to et near to the market

Huntingdon Bid 13/08/2025

Looks good and much needed with cases like the pan pipe people who often appear in Huntingdon and the odd chancer food trucks!
A few points that come to mind on it:

Page 5 / 1.9 – Does this cover things like our Vegan Markets? Beats & Bites events etc? It does mention around non-commercial etc however these are traders who are trading for commercial reasons but for an overall community event to promote the town centre. It states the any 'markets' operated by HDC or HTC are not required, can this include BID(s) I fear that we will be held to fees for our events under this if not?

Page 6 / 1.15 – This seems to imply that in Huntingdon the Market covers Market Hill, Market Square, Chequers Court and St Benedict's Court, I'm pretty certain the 'charter' only covers the Market Square so is it realistic to include private areas (Chequers Court and St Benedict's Court) under restriction? I appreciate this is around protecting the market however with those areas not technically part of the market it could be perceived that HDC are regulating land to their own advantage. If it's not the case of simply protecting HDC's market (which it does read to be) then other streets should be included such as St Germain Walk in Huntingdon (outside B&M / Sainsburys) though again this is private land (Churchmanor).

Page 8 / 7.1 Fees – What are the fees? Have they been agreed? There's no listing or appendix of them.

Section 8 – thank you for including BID in the partnership section for site assessment, this is really important that people outside of just HDC are involved in the decision process, we deal with the businesses on a daily basis and are aware of some of the issues that some of these traders can cause. It's important that our voice is included here.

Page 17 / Noise – Should this specify that it is refereeing to amplified music? I understand it but for an outsider 'preventing public nuisance' is very vague in terms. One of the main issues I can see here is in relation to buskers, something we have a great many of in Huntingdon. Amplified music was never permitted for buskers, though I think that may have changed (?) as some of them play at an incredibly loud volume and get VERY angry when challenged. My questions here would be where is the defined line between an acoustic busker and an amplified one who is selling CD's etc? surely the later would fall under street trading?

Could there be some additional note or reg around ensuring that the trader retains the licence and must show to any relevant/authorised individual when requested? As you know, most of what happens in town gets reported back to us and is often down to us at BID to escalate to you guys or other bodies, it would be good, if we are to remain the first point of contact for many of these, that we could be shown the licence by the trader upon request. Failing that, are licences going to be shared to all relevant partner groups as they are granted and signed off so that we are all aware on who and where has licences in place?

Thanks again for sharing, it is important that we are kept a part of this.

St Ives Town Council 14/08/2025

Our Planning Committee discussed the Street Trading Policy Consultation in their meeting yesterday.

The Committee reviewed the new Street Trading Policy, and one question did arise. Members queried the DBS check requirement for vendors, which specifically focuses on ice cream truck vendors.

Members suggested an amendment to include DBS checks for all vendors that come into contact with children and vulnerable adults.

Could this please be considered?

Rebecca Tomlin – Economic Development 27/08/2025

From an ED perspective my only thoughts were:

Outside Seating

- **Tables and Chairs Restrictions:** The policy prohibits placing tables, chairs, or other structures outside the trading unit without prior permission. This could discourage traders from creating inviting, café-style setups.
 - **Suggestion:** Could we add a hyperlink to the guidance for applying for outside seating to make it easier for people to apply.

Vibrancy of Town Centres

- **Advertising Restrictions:** The policy prohibits most forms of advertising, including A-boards and illuminated signage.
 - **Suggestion:** Could we allow temporary signage to help traders attract footfall, especially in quieter areas or during off-peak hours.
- **Music Restrictions:** Music is generally prohibited unless essential for product demonstration.
 - **Suggestion:** Could you consider allowing low-volume ambient music during events or in designated zones to enhance atmosphere. (Huntingdon already has speakers along the high street which they pay a yearly licence for)

Huntingdon Town Council 27/08/2025

The draft street trading policy was discussed at the Town Council meeting on Thursday 21st August. Members decided to make no comment.

Environmental Health 24/09/2025

Thank you for consulting Environmental Health on the proposed Street Trading Policy. I have read the Draft Street Trading Policy and have the following comments to make:

I am in support of this policy as it ensures that if a street trader wants to sell food and/or drink from a street within the district they are registered as a food business and have a good (4) or very good (5) food hygiene rating. The consultation period and conditions will also allow us to prevent nuisance (e.g. noise and odour) being caused at the application stage and respond robustly if complaints are received after a street trading consent has been granted.

Could point 5.5 and condition 8.2 be amended to take out the reference to 'star' and just refer to a minimum food hygiene rating of 4?

Whilst I support condition 2.1 from a public health perspective, the restriction isn't mentioned earlier in the Policy and I think it should be to assist the applicant and to provide the reasoning around the condition.

I note section 4 around Ice Cream traders and the specific require for a basic DBS check, there are increasing numbers of vehicles selling ice cream based desserts that may not view themselves as a traditional ice cream van but may also have close interaction with children and I wonder if it is worth expanding this section to include this type of business too?

10.4 I think Businessfc should read Business