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Our ref: 297968

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**REFUSAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR STREET TRADING CONSENT
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982**

Dear Mr Miller,

Thank you for your recent application, the consultation period for your street trading consent application has now ended. During this consultation period we have received responses from Cambridgeshire County Council Highways and HDC Planning Enforcement in relation to both the site you are trading from and the unit itself.

Highways have deemed this site unsuitable for trade due to unauthorised expansion of your trading operation, highway safety concerns, repeated breach of previous licence conditions and damage to the highway. Their full comments can be seen below.

Planning Enforcement have also made comment that the activity you are proposing would require planning permission due to the permanent nature of your unit.

As the landowner, Cambridgeshire County Council, have not given permission for the lay-by to be used in this manner and have raised highway safety concerns, the decision has been made to refuse your application for consent from this location.

Consideration has been given to Section 10.10 of the HDC Street Trading Policy which states:

Consent will not normally be granted or renewed where the proposed location or trading unit is unsuitable, where there is a risk to public safety, where the activity may cause nuisance or disturbance to neighbouring properties, or where it may contribute to crime and disorder.

A full copy of the policy can be found with the following link - [Street Trading Policy](#)

Any appeals must be made in writing to the Licensing Manager, within 21 days, who will then arrange for the appeal to be heard by the Licensing Sub Committee.

As the consent has been refused, I must inform you that you must no longer trade from this location as to do so would be an offence under Schedule 4, Section 10(1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. A person guilty of an offence under this paragraph shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £1,000.

If you wish to trade from another location within Huntingdonshire, please let us know and we can help to establish if the location will be suitable.

Yours Sincerely,



Claudia Deeth
Public Protection Manager

Comments received from Cambridgeshire County Council:

The Council objects to the renewal of this street trading licence on the following grounds:

1. Unauthorised expansion of the trading operation – The burger van has increased significantly in size beyond what was originally permitted in 2022. In addition, a lean-to/gazebo with seating has been erected for customers without permission from the Council increasing the footprint again. The layby site is not suitable or appropriate for a venture that has significantly grown since it first started trading. This is a material change.
2. Highway safety concerns – The level of custom now consistently results in queues of vehicles extending from the layby onto the live carriageway, creating a clear risk to road users. This is contrary to the Council’s duty to ensure the safe operation of the highway.
3. Repeated breach of licence conditions -
 - The original licence from 2022 requires that, “The container must be removed within 24 hours from the location if required by an authorised officer”. The container is never removed and has become a permanent fixture in breach of this condition.
 - Condition 15 of the 2022 licence states that, “The Council reserves the right to require the site to be vacated by the holder of the consent at any time.” The Council is therefore fully entitled to require removal of the trading unit particularly in light of the safety issues and unauthorised structures noted above.
4. Damage to the highway – The increased volume of vehicles attending the site generated by the popularity of the business has caused serious deterioration of the layby surface and drainage gully. Continued trading at this level exacerbates this problem causing further safety issues.

For these reasons, including unauthorised expansion, persistent non-compliance with licence conditions, proven highway safety risks, and detrimental impact on the public highway the Council considers the site unsuitable for continued trading and therefore opposes the renewal of the licence.

The Council would be willing to assist the applicant in identifying a more suitable and safer alternative location from which to trade.