

## Guidance Notes for Street Trading Stalls in Bath and North East Somerset

These guidance notes should be read in conjunction with the Council's Street Trading Policy and Standard Conditions.

The aim of these guidance notes is to provide help to stall holders on what type of stall they should provide and the quality and design of the stall that the Council expects.

Primarily any stall should be visually appealing, be so constructed that it does not present a danger to the public or people working on the stall, it should not create an obstruction of the highway allowing the free flow of pedestrian traffic and it should not cause a nuisance or annoyance to the public or to local residents and businesses.

The Council accept that there is no one design which will be suitable for all locations or for all uses, so these notes are a general guidance and for further detail any stall holder, or potential stall holder, should contact the Council's Licensing Team first of all.

### General Stall Design

In general stalls should be of a portable ridged frame market umbrella system, they should be of robust construction, should be able to withstand all weathers, should not present any health and safety risk to the public or people working on the stall and should be suitable for the purpose that it is intended for whether it is a stall selling craft goods or a stall selling hot food.

- Stalls should be appropriate for the area that they are situated and should allow a thoroughfare of at least 2 metres for the free movement of the public. The 2 metre rule may be increased where there is particular heavy footfall or there are obstructions such as bus stops, bicycle stands, or benches.
- As a general rule no stall should cover an area larger than 9.0 square metres e.g. 3.0m x 3.0m. Stalls can only be larger than this if agreed by the Council and in some circumstances additional fees may be required for stalls which are larger than the 9.0 square metres.
- Stalls should have a suitable canopy which is designed for everyday use, is robust, adequately covers the stall and provides some protection to the customer.
- Ancillary equipment and stock must be kept within the footprint of the pitch.
- Trading from vehicles or caravans on paved areas will not normally be permitted due to the damage that may be caused to the paving.
- The use of loudspeakers will not normally be allowed due to potential noise nuisance to local residents and businesses.
- The stall holder will be required to provide their own power supply. Where a generator is used then sufficient precautions should be taken to prevent any possible nuisance from noise or spillage of fuel.
- Canopies and awnings must be secured to the support structures neatly and securely, with adequate tension and no sharp projections.

- Street trading consent holders wishing to advertise on or from their stall must, prior to any advertisements being displayed, seek written permission from the Council’s Licensing team.
- The use of advertising A-boards will not be allowed.

**Stalls in the Central shopping area of Bath**

The Council have carried out a trial of what it considers to be suitable stalls for the central shopping area of Bath. The trial consisted of three stalls at the top of Southgate Street and considered visual amenity and practicality of the stalls. The design of the stalls also took into account the importance of the central shopping area and the world heritage status of the city.

Following the success of the trial it has now been decided to expand this design to the rest of the central shopping area of Bath.

Canopies and awnings which are a pastel coloured are preferred. Examples of the preferred style are given below.



The main central shopping area consists of the central spine of Milsom Street down through Union Street, Stall Street and Southgate Street. It will also include other popular areas in the centre such as Kingsmead Square, Sawclose and Terrace Walk.



**Stalls outside the central shopping area of Bath**

Stalls should comply with the general stall design principles however, although the Council will not require the same standards as for the centre of Bath, the stall will still need to be in keeping with its immediate surroundings.

**Street Markets**

Applications for temporary street markets will be taken on a case by case basis and the general stall design principles will still apply. Details of the number of stalls, the area to be used, the

design of each type of stall, what each stall will be selling and the number of trading days and days taken to erect and dismantle the stalls will be required.

In certain circumstances planning consent may be required for street markets, for further information on whether or not this applies then the Council's Development Control team should be contacted.

### **Buskers Pitches**

The Council have set up specific pitches for people who busk to sell items associated with their performance. These pitches will be in predetermined locations in the city centre. Items to be sold from the pitch must be relevant to the performance.

### **Mobile Stalls**

These are the stalls such as ice cream vendors but do not include rounds men, which are exempt from the street trading legislation.

People intending to use a mobile stall should submit details of the vehicle or stall they intend to use, the items they intend to sell and details of the daily routes they intend to use.

### **Healthy eating**

The Council is keen to promote healthy eating (where possible) through the provision of street trading consents. The following website provides information on healthy options for street food vending.

<http://www.healthyplaces.org.uk/case-studies/>