

Report to Environment and Licensing Committee

Subject: Request for a variation of the Street Trading consent for the Arnold Market at Eagle Square Arnold.

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Purpose

To consider a variation to the street trading consent granted to Gedling Borough Council for the Arnold Market on Eagles Square to depart from section 4.1 of the Street Trading Policy to allow trading from a stationary van, cart, barrow or other vehicle.

Recommendation(s)

That Members:

Approve the variation to the street trading consent granted to Gedling Borough Council for the Arnold Market on Eagles Square to depart from section 4.1 of the Street Trading Policy to allow trading from a stationary van, cart, barrow or other vehicle.

1 Background

1.1 Schedule 4 of The Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act (1982) gives District Councils the power to designate any street as either

- 'a prohibited street' (all street trading is prohibited);
- 'a licence street' (street trading is prohibited without a licence from the council); or
- 'a consent street' (street trading is prohibited without the consent of the council).

This designation then gives the council the power to control street trading on that street. The Council adopted Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 on 6th June 1983.

- 1.2 In 2012 the Environment and Licensing Committee approved that the Front Street area of Arnold and portions of the streets that branch off it, be re-designated from a 'prohibited street' to a 'consent street'. This was due to the activities in town centres changing allowing for more markets, fairs and other events to take place whilst balancing the control of such events by the Council by way of a policy to monitor the type of trading and events that take place.
- 1.3 At the meeting held on 1st October 2024 consent was granted to Gedling Borough Council for the Arnold Market to trade in the consent area at Eagle Square until the end of December 2026. Since this date the Town Centre Manager has requested that the consent allows trading from a stationary van, cart, barrow or other vehicle which requires a departure from the street trading policy.
- 1.4 The Council's Street Trading policy is attached at Appendix 1. In Section 4.1 of the policy it states:

'The Council will not grant consent to trade from a stationary van, cart, barrow or other vehicle.'

The Town Centre Manager would like the Council to have the opportunity to allow other traders who have alternative means of trading such as mobile businesses to be able to be included in the consent for the Arnold Market on Eagle Square. A plan of the consent area that received approval on 1st October 2024 is attached for reference at Appendix 2.

2 Proposal

- 2.1 That Members consider a variation to the street trading consent granted to Gedling Borough Council for the Arnold Market on Eagles Square to depart from section 4.1 of the Street Trading Policy to allow trading from a stationary van, cart, barrow or other vehicle.

3 Alternative Options

3.1	To not allow the variation which would result in the Arnold Market being unable to offer pitches to traders that have alternative means of trading such as mobile businesses thereby restricting the range of goods and services offered by the Arnold Market to the public.
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4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 None

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 None

6 Equalities Implications

6.1 None

7 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications

A Climate Impact Assessment is attached at Appendix 3.

7.1 None

8 Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1 – Street Trading Policy

Appendix 2 – Plan of Arnold Market consent area

Appendix 3 – Climate Impact Assessment

9 Background Papers

9.1 None