

ID	Do you agree with the re-designation of the Borough to Consent Streets? Please share your thoughts on this proposal	Please indicate which group you are from
1 Yes	This re-designation and new policy will give the council greater control over the businesses trading in the borough. This will have a positive impact on other businesses within the Borough as well as give residents more peace of mind when it comes to using these businesses to needing to complain about them.	Other
2 Yes	The whole borough needs to be included, and its a good ideal to know who is trading where	Responsible Authority (Police, Fire and Rescue, Trading Standards etc.)
3 No	<p>Until this consultation, I had no idea that Hadlow was treated differently to most of the rest of the Borough. This seems extremely unfair. And extending it to the rest of the Borough appears to be merely a money-raising exercise.</p> <p>I am particularly concerned about what the policy means for events such as village fetes or Christmas Fairs. These are often attended by stalls who sell goods for profit, but make a donation to the organising charity or school etc and help add to the overall atmosphere of the event. These are often people who sell items they have made, eg jewellery or pictures or Christmas decorations, Yet the policy would maintain that these would constitute 'street traders' and they would therefore have to apply for consent and pay the fee. This level of bureaucracy and cost would mean that our Christmas Fair would be unlikely to take place.</p>	Resident
4 Yes		Resident
5 No	The new rules are too vague for certain situations such as a mixed Xmas Fair. Why is Hadlow specified.e.g Xmas Lights. Are we on the naughty step? Lone traders will be discouraged from community events by having to apply for a licence for a few hours.	Resident

6 No	On first sight it appears to be a draconian measure to fix a foreseeable problem that does not yet exist. It will potentially eliminate many small scale community initiatives that tend to be part commercial part charitable with participants making their own arrangements with the organizers.	Parish Council
7 Yes	I wonder if you need to consider counter terrorism in the policy (e.g. make mention of it - perhaps if someone has a conviction linked to this?) Would you also consider where the street trader is going to be based (in case of any suspicions around why they might want to trade here?) Also, we do occasionally get reports of anti-social behaviour caused by street traders - would this be covered in those who could have their licence removed?	Other
8 Yes	There is no good reason for street traders to escape the control and regulation of the traders with permanent premises.	Resident
9 Yes	I feel it is essential to have control	Councillor (Borough Council/ County Councillor/ Ward Member)
10 Yes	Farmers Markets should remain exempt. Christmas Lights should not be exempt as there are several street traders that can pay towards the cost of the street trading permit.	Resident
11 Yes	Tighter control needed on who can or cannot trade	Resident
12 Yes		Resident
13 Yes	I presume it means cafes, pubs etc can have tables and chairs on the pavement, if that's the proposal I agree with it	Resident
14 No	Your definition of streets is so all encompassing that it could include recreation fields and other areas where a wide range of village fetes, fun days, jubilee celebrations, etc are held. As any trader taking any proportion of money taken for themselves, such as ice-cream vans, cards, photographs, or gift sellers, would not be exempt from these events. As there is an extremely complicated application process, they would then be entirely unable to participate in such community events, which will have a chilling effect on a wide range of these events. A large number of community events would be required to apply for exemption for which no criteria have been set.	Resident
15 Yes		Current Trader in the Borough
16 Yes	Fetes. Fairs and stalls food vendors at these fund raising events held on council property	Resident

	<p>borough, with no legislation to monitor their activities. They weren't inspected by EHOs either. A need to regulate all street food trading is appropriate to ensure poorly run businesses are not allowed to trade unregulated. It has been a very hard time for street food companies over the last 2 years, with significant loss of earnings, and no real support from either central or local government. Many have gone in to liquidation, and those that have survived have done so through supporting themselves and their families through other means. With the current significant increase in costs for street food businesses from the war in Ukraine affecting costs, food prices rocketing, oil & fuel prices rocketing, and the general cost of living crisis impacting on trade, further cost increases that will come from the implementation of this policy will have further impact on our ability to survive. Any costs associated with the implementation of this policy should be minimal, and should be specific to the individual application. Some applications will be for 5 days all day trading in a specific location, where as others will be for just 1 day, and a few hours. There is clearly a huge difference in revenue for these two examples, yet if costs associated with the application are the same, then the policy is not correct.</p>	
17 Yes		Current Trader in the Borough
18 No	we want less bureaucracy	Resident
19 No		Resident
20 No	Not needed	Resident
	<p>Is there a problem with the traders that are not 'approved' by the council? I assume that food safety standards ensure that people are not selling food without the relevant accreditation and Trading Standards officers control the sale of unsafe goods. What is the problem that this regulation extension is intended to solve?</p>	
21 No		Resident
	Totally unnecessary bureaucracy. The council should stick to delivering core services and not make life more complicated than things are already	
22 No		Resident
23 Yes	As long as any licensing can be dealt with at reasonable speed for traders.	Resident
24 No		Resident

duplicate what we do now (i.e. informing Environmental Health, Planning as to our existence. FMs are regularly checked by Environmental Health.) We are also concerned that this could be used as a method for charging additional fees.

Following our conversation, I now understand that members of the Kent Farmers Market Association are exempt from this policy. (Note the Association defines markets as Farmers, Community or Village Markets depending on the proportion of non food stalls so customers realise what they sell)

One of the key objectives of Kent Farmers Market Association is to help improve overall standards (see <https://www.kfma.org.uk/ManagingAFarmersMarket> and <https://www.kfma.org.uk/SellingAtAFarmersMarket>) and we are keen to work with Environmental Health Departments throughout the County

I now understand that our members (see www.kfma.org.uk) and any new ones in the Borough would be exempt from this policy. They are:

- Aylesford Farmers Market,
- Hadlow Rural Community School (to open in August)
- Hildenborough Farmers Market
- Shipbourne Farmers Market
- Reuthes Farmers and Craft Market
- Tonbridge Farmers Market
- Wateringbury Community Market

25	Yes		Current Trader in the Borough
26	Yes	All traders should be licensed and therefore regulated	Resident
27	No		Current Trader in the Borough
28	No		Current Trader in the Borough
29	No	If you want to encourage enterprise and creativity then you should be offering support for market stall holders not charging them increased fees - this is how many successful businesses start out	Current Trader in the Borough

30 No	The implementation of a licence will have to be passed onto traders. Times are tough enough !!	Current Trader in the Borough
31 No	As a producer and seller at west malling farmers market i strongly disagree with the idea as at the present time it is harder enough to make a living and this would simply make it impossible to do so.	Potential future trader in the Borough
32 No		
33 No	I understand this would involve a fee. I already pay insurance, pitch fee and the cost of receiving bank card payments. I make and sell hand made soap and skincare which my customers who have skin conditions find very helpful, but it is a hobby for me and I only just about break even, or make a small loss over the year. If another fee becomes payable I would have to cease trading.	Current Trader in the Borough Potential future trader in the Borough
34 No		Potential future trader in the Borough
35 Yes		Potential future trader in the Borough
36 No		Current Trader in the Borough
37 No		Potential future trader in the Borough
38 No	It's an extra burden on small businesses at an already difficult time with rising costs etc., In other areas where street trading consent is in operation there is always a lot of confusion when street trading consent is required at a location	Current Trader in the Borough
39 No	Implementing licence fees for traders would kill businesses and discourage them from attending markets. These markets are a great place for the town and the residents and a great way for them to shop local.	Current Trader in the Borough
40 Yes	The policy is outdated and needs to be reviewed in line with current legislations	Parish Council
41 Yes		Parish Council
42 No	I'm a baker and currently trading at the Farmers market. It is not feasible to pay another fees after paying for market stall and insurance. We all trying trying to be sustainable as much as possible and using locally sourced products but this will only push us away from this.	Potential future trader in the Borough

	<p>This would just damage small business. Many small business' would not be able to afford this added cost.</p> <p>In a time where we have a cost of living crisis, a fuel crisis and people can barely afford to feed themselves this proposal is unthinkable.</p>	
43 No		Business owner
44 No		Current Trader in the Borough
45 No		Potential future trader in the Borough
46 No	<p>your only doing this to make more money. In this economic climate people are trying to make money where they can and you imposing a licence that is just another bill is unfair.</p>	Resident
47 No		Current Trader in the Borough
48 No	<p>I am very aware of the fact that the council needs to be able to control street trading and I understand that all the markets and events I'm involved in should be exempt. But I have also been told about other councils that have started off like this and things have changed over the years, with some small markets having to close due to charges being levied, with no standard policy.</p>	Current Trader in the Borough
49 Yes	<p>West Malling Parish Council is in general agreement with the proposals however would ask TMBC to consider if the changes would have any impact on the likes of the Big Issue seller that frequents West Malling High Street - the Council would not wish her to be disadvantaged.</p>	Parish Council
50 Yes	<p>Overall a thorough document however the process of acquiring exemption should be transparent and simple - it is not clear from the document why the events listed as exempt do and it is not clear how to apply for this status. We would like to include local/community charity raising events that we hold annually - Plaxtol Duck Race.</p>	Parish Council