

## **Dorset Council Street Trading Policy Consultation**

Paper consultations to be returned to Street Trading Policy consultation, Licensing team, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester DT1 1XJ by **Monday 27 Jan 2025**

### **Overview**

We want to hear your views on our draft Street Trading Policy for Dorset Council.

Street trading is the sale or offering for sale of items in a street. A 'street' includes any road, footway, or other area to which the public have access without payment (including service stations). It is not only the public highway – it can include publicly accessible areas that are privately owned, such as shopping centre car parks and open spaces.

Draft Dorset Council Street Trading Policy

The draft policy sets out:

- Designation of streets
- Exemptions
- Types of consents
- Choosing a trading location
- Suitability of applicant
- Goods for sale
- Making applications
- Appeals against decisions
- Enforcement, offences and complaints
- Relevant offences
- Standard conditions
- Our approach to pedlars

The draft policy aims to ensure that there is a clear and consistent framework for regulating street trading in Dorset Council area.

We are proposing that:

- all street traders will require consent to trade in accessible public areas, unless exempt by law or by local dispensation
- street traders will need to meet set criteria to gain consent
- street trading will be appropriate to the environment and in line with our corporate plan and health and wellbeing strategy

The policy will cover the Dorset Council area. It will replace any street trading policies from the previous district councils.

## Why your views matter

We will use your responses to develop the final Dorset Street Trading Policy. The policy will then be considered at Licensing Committee.

We will aim to review the policy every 5 years.

Please note any data collected follows Dorset Council's privacy policy which can be found here on the Dorset Council website:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/dorset-council-privacy-notice>

## Dorset Council Street Trading Policy Survey

Q1. Are you responding as:

*Please select only one item*

- a street trader
- a business premises operator
- a Town/Parish Council representative
- a Responsible Authority representative
- a member of the public
- other (please specify)

other - please specify here: \_\_\_\_\_

Q2. Please tell us the first half of your postcode in the box below e.g. DTX

This helps us understand if we have reached everyone we need to.

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Q3. Please can you tell us the name of the organisation you are representing

Name of organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

- not applicable

Q4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the new draft Street Trading Policy?

*Please select only one item*

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither agree nor disagree
- disagree
- strongly disagree

Q5. Do you have any comments regarding the draft policy?

Please tell us in the space below:

Q6. How did you hear about this consultation?

*Please select all that apply*

- Dorset Council social media accounts (e.g. Facebook, X (Twitter), Instagram)
- email
- letter
- our website
- another website
- word of mouth
- Town/Parish Council
- other - please specify below

If other, please specify here: \_\_\_\_\_

## About You

This section is optional. We use it to collect diversity information. This helps to ensure any changes do not unfairly impact specific sectors of the community. It also helps to make sure our consultation response comes from a representative sample of residents.

Q7. Please select your age group.

*Please select only one item*

- Under 18
- 18 - 24
- 25-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-64
- 65+
- Prefer not to say

Q8. What is your sex?

*Please select only one item*

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

Q9. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Q10. The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted or is likely to last 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed. Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Q11. At the previous question you stated you consider yourself to have a disability. Please state the type of disability which applies to you.

*Please select all that apply*

- Hearing (e.g. deaf, partially deaf or hard of hearing)
- Visual impairment (such as blind or fractional / partial sight) Does not include people whose visual impairment can be corrected by glasses / contact lenses)
- Speech (impairments that cause communication problems)
- Mobility (such as wheelchair user, artificial lower limb(s), rheumatism or arthritis, need for walking aids)
- Reduced physical capacity (such as inability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, debilitating pain, lack of strength, breath, energy or stamina, angina or diabetes)
- Physical co-ordination (such as problems with manual dexterity, muscular control, cerebral palsy)
- Difficulty learning or concentrating or remembering
- Social or behavioural issues (e.g. due to neuro diverse conditions such as Autism, Attention Deficit Disorder or Asperger's Syndrome)
- Mental illness (substantial and lasting more than a year, such as severe depression or psychosis)
- Long Term progressive condition (such as cancer, MS, HIV)
- Other disability (please specify below)
- Prefer not to say

If other - please specify here: \_\_\_\_\_

Q12. What is your ethnic group?

*Please select only one item*

- White: British
- White: Irish
- White: Gypsy
- White: Irish Traveller
- White: Other
- Mixed: White and Black Caribbean
- Mixed: White and Black African
- Mixed: White and Asian
- Mixed: Other
- Asian or Asian British: Indian
- Asian or Asian British: Pakistan
- Asian or Asian British: Chinese
- Asian or Asian British: Other
- Black or Black British:
- Arab
- Other ethnic group
- Prefer not to say

If other - please specify here: \_\_\_\_\_

Q13. What is your religion or belief?

*Please select only one item*

- Buddhist
- Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)
- Hindu
- Jewish

- Muslim
- Sikh
- No religion
- Other religion or belief (please specify if you wish)
- Prefer not to say

If other - please specify here: \_\_\_\_\_

Q14. What is your sexual orientation?

*Please select only one item*

- Heterosexual or Straight
- Gay or lesbian
- Asexual
- Bisexual
- Other
- Prefer not to say

If other - please specify here: \_\_\_\_\_

Q15. Have you previously served in the UK Armed Forces?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes, previously served in Regular Armed Forces
- Yes, previously served in Reserve Armed Forces
- No
- Prefer not to say

Q16. Are you currently pregnant or have you been pregnant in the last year?

*Please select only one item*

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say