



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Emma Thornton- Head of Tourism and City Centre Management

TO: Licensing Committee –13th October 2014

WARDS:

Designation of St Andrews St for street trading

1) INTRODUCTION

1.1 On 8th August 2014 the Council published a notice, using the Council's Urgency Powers, in accordance with the requirements set out in Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, of its intention to pass a resolution to designate St Andrews St as a Consent St for the purposes of Street Trading. A record of this Urgent Decision and a briefing note setting out the background to this decision are set out in Appendices 1 and 2.

1.2 This reports summarises and considers the representations that have been made following the publication of the intention to pass this resolution and the notice as above, and sets out the next steps to the designations as set out in legislation.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 To consider any representations received to the public notices.

2.2 To pass a resolution to change the designation of St Andrews St from a prohibited street to a consent street in accordance with the requirements set out in Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

2.3 To publish a notice that the resolution as set out in points 2.2 has been passed.

3. **BACKGROUND**

3.1 The background to this recommended designation is set out in detail in **Appendix 2** to this report.

4. **CONSULTATIONS**

4.1 The Council has consulted widely on these proposals through publishing its intention to pass a resolution to change the designation of St Andrews St in the Cambridge News for two consecutive weeks on 8th and 15th August 2014. Details of this consultation also featured on the Council's website. Representations were requested in writing by the 8th September 2014.

4.2 The Council has received no objections to the proposed resolution and two representations. One is from the County Council and is attached as **Appendix 3**. This representation is standard in its format and requests that due consideration is given to avoiding any obstruction of the highway when considering street trading in this area. The second representation is from John Fenton, Chair of the Cambridge Street Traders Association. This is a testimonial in support of RJ's Grill, currently trading on Pitch 22. This is attached as **Appendix 4**.

The Council is not actively seeking to increase street trading in St Andrews St, merely to regularise the current street trading activity in the location of Pitch 22. The location of this pitch was agreed following consultation with the County Council in 2007 and there have been no subsequent complaints received about the location of this pitch from a highways perspective.

5. **Next steps for the designation of new consent streets**

5.1 Following the passing of the resolution, notice must be published in a local newspaper for two consecutive weeks in accordance with the requirements set out in Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act 1982. The first publication must be not later than 28 days before the designation is to come into force. The resolution will come into force on **30th November 2014**

5.2 Officers in the council's legal teams have been consulted in the development of these proposals.

6) CONCLUSIONS

The re designation of St Andrews as a Consent St will resolve the status of the street for the purposes of Street Trading. This is important because the City Council has granted street trading consents for Pitch 22 on St Andrews St since 1st April 2007. The same trader has held Consents to trade from this pitch since this date. The trader is well established and has recently invested significantly in his street trading unit.

7) IMPLICATIONS

(a) Financial Implications

(b) Staffing Implications

There are no staffing implications to these proposals.

(c) Equality and Poverty Implications

A full Equalities Impact Assessment on the new Street Trading Policy was undertaken in October 2012 and is available to view on the council's website. The proposals set out in this report are consistent with this policy.

<http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/ccm/content/council-and-democracy/how-the-council-works/council-policies-and-plans/equality-and-diversity/equality-impact-assessments.en>

(d) Environmental Implications

The Council will consider any environmental implications put forward to them through the consultation on these proposals.

(e) Procurement

There are no procurement implications to these proposals

(f) Community Safety

The Council will consider any environmental implications put forward To them through the consultation on these proposals.

- 7) **BACKGROUND PAPERS:** The following are the background papers that were used in the preparation of this report:

Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

- 8) **Appendices:**

Appendix 1– St Andrews St – Urgency Powers – Record of Decision

Appendix 2 – St Andrews St – Re designation – Briefing Note

Appendix 3 – Response from Cambridgeshire County Council to the consultation

Appendix 4 – Letter from Mr J Fenton, Chair of the Cambridge Street Traders Federation.

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