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To: PSPOconsultation; Lynda Kilkelly
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re. PSPO Consultation

The city council needs to be aware of competition law and in that legitimate business's such as my own could also be adversely affected by the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order.

While I understand that local governments can pass regulations that create obstacles for certain kinds of businesses, an order such as this (and in its present format) is generally considered a breach of the law, in that it would negatively affect Granta's ability to do business freely and legitimately.

The proposed PSPO will also create a market condition that makes it difficult for consumers to exercise choice, and that it gives individuals an undue advantage over its competitors, resulting in higher prices and lower uncompetitive standards.

Any beneficial activity resulting from the PSPO restraint (which may include Visit Cambridge and Scudamores) could also be seen by the **CMA** (Competition and Markets Authority) as an infringement of the law.

Although officially recognised by the Cam Conservancy, it is generally accepted that Granta's location is somewhat off the main tourist path. Any restraint of business by the city council (or others) would be detrimental to the company's growth and success. In its present format the PSPO would create an unfair 'playing field' and monopoly. We simply ask to adjust the order slightly by allowing Granta's own regulated and recognised touts onto Kings parade - this would support a fairer system throughout, limit touts to a minimum and disregard any monopoly concerns from unlicensed companies opposing the ban.

Granta thrive on providing high standards and value. As we also rely on repeat business, it's in our interest continue this and be self-regulating in all we do - from the initial contact to providing safe moorings and unforgettable experience on the river.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email and that it will be included in the PSPO consultation.

Your sincerely

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