

Appendix D: General & Sunday Charter Market Regulations Trader Comments

Trader Comment	Management Response
<p>we would like to express our concerns regarding the proposal to remove wooden boards from the market. As you may be aware, I personally have been trading on the market for 27 years, the provision of boards has always been an inclusive part of the many "contracts" which I have signed, and also part of the calculation of market rents. We currently trade from 4 pitches, which is entirely our choice, however, it is and has been for many years ,a choice based on the provisions made by the council for traders, a large part of this- the agreement to provide boards. To put this basically, if we need to provide enough tables to fill our pitches,we will have no space to transport our stock, this will of course mean that we have to seriously consider whether we are any longer able to trade on the market .As I have mentioned, having trading for over quarter of a century, when the majority of other traders seem to be rather "transient" to say the least ,this would seem a very sad state of affairs. Obviously, this is our main concern re: the proposed new regulations, but I would also like to query, whether there will be a rent reduction with the removal of this provision ,as I mentioned, this has always been a provision put into the calculation of market rents. Also, will the market management team ensure the ALL stalls with any form of fitted table etc are totally stripped of all their fittings in order that all traders are treated /charged in a fair/transparent /equal manner ?</p>	<p>The proposals are to no longer supply the wooden boards on the market. The only boards that will be removed are those left discarded or not returned to the board store on the market.</p> <p>The provision of market boards currently costs a few pence per day per stall and no rent reduction is proposed. The proposals are not concerned with saving money but tackling the issues that prevent the market being cleaned effectively, consistently cited by traders as their biggest concern with the market.</p> <p>The proposals include a new regulation that requires any trader to remove any fixture/fitting and so within seven days if required to do so by the Market Management Team.</p>
<p>I couldn't see the regulation saying wooden boards would be no longer supplied, as in your covering email. Does that mean the existing very useful boards, suitable for my own stock, will not be available in the board store? In the past 9 years my husband and I have benefited greatly from not having to squeeze tables</p>	<p>Wooden boards stored in the board store will be available for traders. Only wooden boards left discarded on the market will be removed.</p> <p>The proposals aim to ensure that hot food traders must have</p>

<p>into our small car!!! I personally note with approval several of the proposed regulations relating to food traders in particular, although I myself am not such. But clearly, on Tuesdays, at E1 I am surrounded by them. I welcome the proposal for flame retardant sheeting all round (21.5), since I am next to a naked BarB Q with real smoke and flames; and my fragile stock is weekly covered in greasy smelly smoke, which I have to clean. (A BarBQ in a tent is not really a good idea, is it, since the smoke has nowhere to go except over the sides to the next stalls!!!) 11.4. states that 'all vehicles must be removed from the market by 9-30'. I am sure this is the regulation now- but hardly any of the food traders in rows D and E on Tuesdays take any notice, blithely driving their vehicles even on to the market cobbles at 5 to 10. Does the regulation simply mean 'from the roadway beside the market stalls', or 'from the whole market area'? And if vehicles continue to ignore the rule, what will the come-back be, or penalty? 20.9. Puts the onus on food traders to provide recyclable cartons; great! Let's see the end of those horrible yellow polystyrene ones! But where will visitors put them? The existing bins are full to overflowing by 1-00 at the middle of the market, where most people sit to eat; and currently do not distinguish between recyclable and non-recyclable. I hope new bins for recyclable will be provided!!!!</p>	<p>flame retardant sheeting around all sides of their pitch adjoining others to minimise their impact on others.</p> <p>If a trader is parked on the market cobbles in contravention of the regulations then they will be subject to the disciplinary process. If a trader is parked on the public highway they are subject to traffic regulations.</p> <p>There are more recycling bins for cardboard, food and plastics than there have ever been before on the market square.</p>
<p>I object to the proposal to stop supplying wooden boards. A handful of traders, myself included, travel to the market by bike or bus. We can not bring our own boards or folding tables with us. You encourage traders to use biodegradable packaging and recyclable food packaging yet us cyclists are doing our bit to help the environment and we are now being discriminated against. If the boards will go missing I will be unable to set up my stall.</p>	<p>The only boards that will be removed are those left discarded or not returned to the board store on the market. Traders can leave their boards at the board store.</p>

The principle of 'established practices' is relevant to paragraph [15.5] of the draft CMR. I object to this amendment because it is an 'established practice' for me to leave the backing sheets on my stall, since the 1990's. Other traders have been doing this even longer.

Paragraph [15.5] is unnecessary because the Council has already given numerous permissions to traders to erect solid wooden partitions to their stalls in lieu of backing sheets so it is unfair to treat traders with sheets differently to traders with fixed partitions who would not be expected to remove their fixtures which were erected with the Council's consent.

Paragraph [15.5] places an onerous burden on traders with more than one pitch. I estimate that it would take me an additional 20 minutes to enclose my 3 pitches. This amounts to 40 minutes a day and 4 hours a week.

Paragraph 15.5 should be consistent with 15.7 which states that equipment can only be left with the written permission of the Market Management Team and therefore I would agree to this rewording.