Designation of Streets – Briefing note

Oxford City Council are considering designating all streets within the Oxford City Council boundary as Consent Streets for the purposes of Street Trading.

There are two main reasons for considering this change.

1. **To simplify the current scheme and remove restrictions.**

   For example, under the current scheme if an organiser of an event/street party wanted to have stalls selling goods in a prohibited street (even if the event was properly organised and the proceeds were going to charity) they would not be able to do so.

   Parts of the City and indeed even parts of a street are currently prohibited. In the past this has made it difficult for event organisers and residents.

2. **To help stop the selling of cars on the highway.**

   A Street Trading Consent would be required to sell vehicles on the highway if the road is designated as a Consent street.

There is a thorough application process to be completed before a Consent is granted. Our Street Trading Policy sets out the requirements and conditions of a Street Trading Consent. Applications will also have to be approved by the Highways Authority at the County Council, Nightsafe, Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service, the Planning Authority at the City Council and Thames Valley Police. We will also consult with local residents and retailers.

**Impact**

Traders currently operating in car parks and industrial estates or places where the public have open access will be required to have a Street Trading Consent.

**Exempt**

To remove the designation of the Covered Market Walkways, the Clarendon Centre Walkways and the Westgate Centre Walkways as these areas are actively supervised and are locked once closed.

If you would like to participate in the consultation please visit our website [www.oxford.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/consultation). Or write to Miscellaneous Licensing, Environmental Development, Ramsay House, 10 St Ebbes Street, Oxford OX1 1PT.