



Minutes of the meeting of the REGULATORY SUB-COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2019 at 6.30 pm

- Present:** Councillors Legg (Chair)
Councillors Cryer-Whitehead, Marlow and Trendall
- Officers:** E Fisher (Senior Practitioner), K Hulatt (Principal Solicitor - Litigation) and S Muir (Committee Manager)
- Also Present:** 4 members of the public (Objectors)
A Morella (applicant) and 1 Member of the Public

RSC05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made.

RSC06 REVIEW OF STREET TRADING ARRANGEMENTS IN HANSLOPE

Further to Minute RC08 of the Regulatory Committee held on 11 September 2019, the Sub-Committee considered amending street trading arrangements in Hanslope to allow street trading to occur with consent of the Council on Newport Road, Hanslope, which was currently designated as a road on which street trading was prohibited, following a request from a trader at the Regulatory Committee.

The Senior Practitioner explained the procedure for changing the status to a consent street to operate from the car-park of the Village Hall on Newport Road, Hanslope.

The Senior Practitioner clarified that a site inspection had been carried out and as the location was within 60 metres of a road, the permission of the Council to allow street trading to occur was required as well as permission from the landowner. However, permission from the Council could not be given unless the street trading prohibition was lifted.

The Senior Practitioner also clarified that this was not an application to grant consent to one trader but a decision to allow street trading in principle to trade in Newport Road, Hanslope. However, any trader wishing to trade in the Village Hall Car Park would also need consent from the Village Hall.

The Sub-Committee heard that representations had been received from the Parish Council, Hanslope Village Hall Committee, the local Public House and several residents in support of the matter and from ten residents in objection.

The Sub-Committee heard from A Morella of the Blue Marlin Fish and Chip Van who wished to trade from the Village Hall Car Park and the Chair of the Village Hall Committee which supported the removal of the street trading prohibition.

The Sub-Committee also noted that a submission had been received from Hanslope Parish Council in support of the Blue Marlin Fish and Chip Van that indicated that, in its view, a greater provision of services for an expanding village was needed. However, the Parish Council did have some concerns and would monitor litter and noise issues, suggesting that a trial period be put in place. The Parish Council, in its submission, also indicated that Mr Morello had traded in other parts of the borough without any issues.

Councillor Marlow commented that she had attended the site inspection and indicated that, in order to assist with parking at the Village Hall, an area of the car park could be designated for the use of the Fish and Chip Van and its customers to ensure that the public could park safely when attending both the Fish and Chip Van and events at the Village Hall, and also that it was important that adequate lighting was provided.

The Chair of the Village Hall Committee indicated that a designated parking area was being considered and also that the hours of trading did not currently clash with other bookings, but this would be monitored to ensure there was a not a displacement of cars.

The Senior Practitioner indicated it would be possible to remove part of the prohibition allow the Blue Marlin Fish and Chip Van to trade in the Village Hall Car Park.

The Senior Practitioner responded to a question from Councillor Legg, (Chair), with reference to possible traffic problems if trading on other parts on Newport Road was permitted, indicating that trading in the Village Hall Car Park would be a better arrangement to avoid potential traffic problems. The Senior Practitioner also advised that any other street trading vendors would have to apply for a street trading licence before they were able to trade.

The Sub-Committee also heard from Councillor Trendall during consideration of the item

Following a short adjournment, Councillor Legg (Chair) proposed:

- “1. That having considered all the objections and information submitted, and noting that the Senior Practitioner had carried out a full and thorough consultation, agreeing that the prohibition on street trading on Newport Road be rescinded so as to allow trading with consent within the curtilage of the Village Hall including car park only. Therefore, this part of Newport Road would become a consent street, with the remainder of Newport Road remaining a prohibited street for the purpose of street trading.
2. That the revised arrangements come into force without undue delay, which allowing for the statutory notice period would be 14 December 2019.”

This was seconded by Councillor Cryer-Whitehead and it was agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED -

1. That having considered all the objections and information submitted, and noting that the Senior Practitioner had carried out a full and thorough consultation, agreeing that the prohibition on street trading on Newport Road be rescinded so as to allow trading with consent within the curtilage of the Village Hall including car park only. Therefore, this part of Newport Road would become a consent street, with the remainder of Newport Road remaining a prohibited street for the purpose of street trading.
2. That the revised arrangements come into force without undue delay, which allowing for the statutory notice period would be 14 December 2019.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.40 PM