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## Market operators Licence application – Angela Scott, Continental Markets Ltd

As the Council manager in charge of the street markets, I have to object to this application to operate the International Markets on Union Street in Aberdeen. These markets are run under contract, won by a tendering process, and the current contract is still running.

The present contractor pays [REDACTED] per annum to the Council, for the four events, and the road closures are currently limited to four per year, no more. This application is for 12 markets, one every month, this regularity would be disruptive, clash with other major events and as such could not be tolerated, and also the fees for such would be [REDACTED].

I have not agreed dates for next year as the dates would form part of the tendering process. To win this contract the applicant would need to outbid the present operator plus others both financially and in terms of ability to supply a quality market of this type, size and complexity.

The market contract will not go out to tender until the end of this year, at which time we will inform interested parties as to the strict conditions including: Company registration details; Public Liability certificates; insurance certificates; details of experience in running such large markets; guarantees on the supply of stalls in excess of 350 metres; guarantees on the type of stalls, electrical connections, power supply; ability to conform with the quality conditions; references from clients where they have established such markets.

However this will not be done until the end of this year, despite my advice on these matters to this applicant, they have chosen to go ahead with this application. They will not get permission to close the roads, or operate in competition with the existing contracted supplier, until the process has gone through, and only if they were awarded the contract.

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Tom Moore  
City Centre Manager/Street Markets Controller

