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Dear Lynn

Street Traders Licence Conditions - Removing Traders from Stances

With reference to the Licensing Committee's meeting on the 12 September 2017 and the associated proposal that the current condition 9 be reviewed, I would comment as follows.

It would be unreasonable and impractical to request that street traders remove their occupations at the end of each trading day, merely to re-establish their pitch prior to trading on the following day. Each pitch is assessed and approved by the Traffic Management Section of Aberdeen City Council to ensure that there are no safety issues in terms of location, visibility and accessibility. There is the potential that if a trader is required to vacate their pitch, it may be unavailable subsequently if other vehicles park within the pre-approved footprint. This may lead to traders setting up as close to their existing pitch as possible, potentially in locations that are unsuitable, or unsafe.

The only way to ensure that the pitch could be retained for the use of the trader would be to formally designate the section of carriageway as 'restricted parking' (similar to Blue Badge spaces). This however would have a significant cost implication to the trader.

The introduction of any restriction(s) would require a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to be processed, along with associated road markings and signage. Currently, TRO's cost £2000 each, and can take up to nine months to approve. Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTRO's) can be introduced in the interim period, but these would still incur a cost of £1650.00. Signage and road markings required to make the restrictions enforceable would merely add to the overall cost.

There would also be issue with the enforcement of the pitches. As the majority of these pitches are located within Industrial Estates, with limited or no restrictions on the carriageway, any rogue parking encountered by the City Warden Service which prevented the trader from establishing their pitch, would only serve to impact on the

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revenue as generated by the affected trader(s)' as there would be a time delay in removing the offending vehicle(s).

Yours sincerely

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