

Report of the Head of Regulatory and Supporting Services

STREET TRADING DESIGNATION – CENTRAL SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT

1. Background

- 1.1 At its meeting of 6th January 2015 the Committee agreed its intention to change the street designation of part of Central Square from a licence street to a prohibited street.
- 1.2 The reason for the change is the forthcoming redevelopment of the Central Square area, due to start Summer 2015, which will mean that the current licensed street trader, Mr Timothy Harris, will no longer be able to trade from that location. Mr Harris is licensed to sell hot drinks and hot food such as jacket potatoes and burgers.
- 1.3 There is also a licensed street trader, Mrs Paula Yeates, located on Great Western Lane. Mrs Yeates is currently licensed to sell fruit, vegetables and flowers from her stall. Her trading pitch will be affected during the second phase of the redevelopment (expected end of 2015/beginning 2016); relocation will need to be considered at a later date.
- 1.4 Council Officers have had a number of meetings to try to identify suitable alternative trading locations for Mr Harris's stall; Working Street has been identified as the only viable option.
- 1.5 The Committee is requested to consider the relocation of Mr Harris's trading site.

2. Consideration of Alternative Sites

- 2.1 Officers from Licensing, City Centre Management, Highways and Major Projects have met to discuss possible alternative sites for the trader. When determining suitable locations consideration has been given to the following: the amount of footfall in the area, existing power supply, risk of obstruction, surrounding businesses, location of City Centre events/activity sites, vehicle access, the likelihood of objections to the change in street designation/Traffic Regulation Order and whether any future development will take place in those areas. As a result, only Working Street within the City Centre has been considered suitable.

Alternative sites suggested by Mr Harris such as Hill Street, The Friary, Frederick Street and Churchill Way have all been considered by Officers but have been ruled out for various reasons such as lack of power supply, current location of Council Activity Sites and possible future redevelopment.

- 2.2 Working Street has the highest footfall within the City Centre. It runs from the Hayes at the Old Library to St Johns Street at the corner of St John's Church. Part of the street is currently designated as a licence street for an existing licensed street trader selling fruit and vegetables adjacent to St John's Gardens, the rest of the street is designated a prohibited street.
- 2.4 Working Street is the location of the annual Cardiff Christmas Market which runs for 3 weeks along St Johns Street, Working Street and part of The Hayes. The Market also runs for a week in the Spring and 2 weeks in August. The existing licensed trader is positioned in a purpose built hut that fits in with the market-style trading receptacles, and effectively becomes part of the Market during that time.
- 2.5 There is an existing power supply available for street traders in Working Street. It is considered that a suitable location for a new street trading pitch would be adjacent to the existing licensed trader as shown in the Plan in Appendix A.
- 2.6 Although there are no other permanent food outlets other than the existing street trader on Working Street, there are numerous food outlets in the surrounding streets such as the Hayes Island Snack Bar, Greggs (St John Street) and outlets within Queens Arcade and Central Market. A number of the Christmas Market Traders also sell food.

3. Consultation

- 3.1 Mr Harris has been consulted regarding the development plans and has been asked for his views on the suggested relocation sites. He has accepted the offer of Working Street as an alternative trading site.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 There is no statutory requirement for the Council to relocate the street traders that are affected by the Central Square Redevelopment. However it is acknowledged that people's livelihoods are at stake and consideration of suitable relocation sites has been made by Officers.
- 4.2 If the Committee are minded to relocate Mr Harris to Working Street the Committee must indicate its intention to change the street designation of that part of Working Street to a Licence Street.
- 4.3 Licensed street trading must take place in accordance with Cardiff's Street Trading Licence Conditions detailed in Appendix B

5 Financial Implications.

- 5.1 The Licensing Section is required to be self-financing within the limitations of statute.
- 5.2 The current fee for an annual street trading licence is £563.00.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

Consider the relocation of Mr Harris's street trading site to Working Street, and if approved, the Committee agree an intention to:

- a) Rescind the current designation as a prohibited street for the purposes of street trading of the area of 6 square metres on Working Street's south west side from a point 5 metres of its junction with the footpath known as Dead Mans Walk for a distance of 3 metres south east
- b) Designate the area of 6 square metres on Working Street's south west side from a point 5 metres of its junction with the footpath known as Dead Mans Walk for a distance of 3 metres south east, as a Licence Street for the purposes of street trading..
- c) Authorise the County Solicitor to publish a legal notice of the Committee's intention and report to the Committee in due course so that it may consider passing the necessary resolution.

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This report has been prepared in accordance with procedures approved by Corporate Managers.

Appendix A – Plan of Working Street

Appendix B – Street Trading Licence conditions

Background Papers: Public Protection Committee 6th January 2015: Report of the Head of Regulatory and Supporting Services: Street Trading Designation –Central Square