



## Street Trading – Frequently Asked Questions

### What is street trading

Street Trading as specified in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 is:

- The selling or exposing or offering for sale of any article (including a living thing) in any street.

### What do I need to do, if I want to trade on the street in South Kesteven ?

You need to apply for a Street Trading Licence. These licences cover stalls, mobile food and ice cream vans and certain shop forecourts, as outlined in the Policy. A consent fee is payable for street trading. The fee involved depends upon the trading you undertake.

The term “street” defined under the Act has been interpreted widely by the Courts. South Kesteven District Council consider a street to be defined as the following:

- Any road, footway or other area to which the public have access without payment; or
- Any part of a street, road, footway or other areas open as a matter of fact to the public without payment; or
- Any area that is 30 metres from the centre of any (or part of any) road, footway or other area to which the public have access without payment.

### Where can I trade ?

You need to tell us where you would like to trade. We cannot provide a list of locations as the whole of the district is a consent area. We then consult to see if the location is appropriate.

If you wish to trade within Stamford Pedestrian Precinct there are specific rules and restrictions that apply to trading days and locations.

### Do I need consent to trade from my own private garden which the public do not normally have access to?

If trading takes place entirely from your garden you will not need consent. However, if you trade over your boundary, for example a fence, and people queue/are served on land which the public can normally access you will need consent.

### How do I apply for a licence ?

You will need to complete an application form and email it, with the requested documents to [Licensing@southkesteven.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@southkesteven.gov.uk) or send it and the necessary documents to South Kesteven District Council, St Peters Hills, Grantham, NG31 6PZ



If you do not complete the form correctly or send in all the necessary documents, we will be unable to process your application and your application or renewal will be delayed. You cannot trade until you received a valid Street Trading Consent.

### **What do I need to provide with my application ?**

Here is a list of the evidence that is/may required:

- Proof of right to work
- Photograph of the stall
- Photograph of any advertising on display whilst trading
- Plan or map of location to be traded from (must be specific)
- Permission from landowner to trade if private land
- Proof of public liability insurance (minimum of £5million indemnity)
- Valid MOT certificate & road taxed (if a vehicle)
- Food hygiene inspection (no older than 3yrs) if a food stall/vehicle
- Current valid gas safety certificate (if applicable)
- Basic Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate (no older than 30 days old otherwise will have to apply for a new one)

### **How many days in advance should you apply for your new Street Trading Consent or Renewal ?**

#### New applications

Please allow at least 6wks to enable the application to be processed, including consultations and any location visits and/or inspection of the stall/vehicle to be undertaken.

#### Renewals

An application to renew a trading consent must be received by the Licensing Authority at least 6 weeks before the expiry of the existing consent

**All application should be accompanied by the appropriate fee or a payment link requested to enable payment prior to consent issue and all relevant documentation.**

### **Why do I need Public Liability Insurance?**

Public liability insurance is needed to cover you for any accidents, including personal injury or death to anyone shopping at or around your stall. Public liability insurance protects market traders for any compensation that may have to be paid including legal costs.



### **How old do I need to be to apply for a street trading consent?**

You need to be 17 or older to apply for a Street Trading consent within South Kesteven.

### **How much do street trading licences cost?**

Please visit our Fees and Charges page on our website [www.southkesteven.gov.uk](http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk) for a full list of our current licence and application fees.

### **I want to trade in several locations. Do I need separate street trading consents for each location?**

Yes, unless you hold a mobile street trading consent. If you have one stall and trading takes place at different locations during the week you will need a street trading consent for each location.

If you have several stalls/vehicles, you will need a street trading consent for each stall/vehicle and provide the names of the assistants who will be named on each applicable street trading consent.

Each location you trade from will be included on your consent, and each location will be subject to consultation.