

Regulatory Committee

12.30pm, Monday, 5 February 2024

Street Trading and Markets – update after consultation

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 Regulatory Committee is asked to:
 - 1.1.1 Note the content of this report;
 - 1.1.2 Agree to the creation of a member officer working group, as set out in paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6; and
 - 1.1.3 Agree that no changes shall be made to the current street trading policy, including not issuing street trading licences in areas of the High Street, Hunter Square and Playfair Steps, pending the conclusion of the member officer working group.

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 As a result of a public consultation to inform the future of Street Trading and Market Operation in the city, this report recommends setting up a Member Officer working group to consider the areas in which Street Trading in the city centre could be supported and whether markets out with the city centre would be possible. The report also asks the Committee to reaffirm certain conditions with respect to the operation of markets, pending the conclusion of the working group.

3. Background

- 3.1 Street Trading and Market Operator are optional licensing activities under the [Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982](#) ('the Act'). In 1983 the City of Edinburgh Council exercised its powers by way of resolution to adopt these activities, and developed a Street Trading policy.
- 3.2 The Street Trading policy provides the ability to control and manage activity. It ensure/s that traders operate within the same general constraints that apply to any other business, including that they comply with relevant legislation and meet the same minimum standards that any responsible business should observe.
- 3.3 Certain city centre locations have been redeveloped to improve the quality of the public space. This has led to competing demands for the use of public space, and there has historically been an increase in the volume of licence applications for street trading. Areas particularly affected by this demand and lack of available space include Castle Street, High Street, Hunter Square and Grassmarket.
- 3.4 Public realm space continues to attract significant demand from street traders, market operators, parades and processions and event organisers. The Culture and Communities Committee approved a new approach to the [use of public spaces for events and filming](#) in October 2023. It is essential that all strategic aims of the Council are considered, and that the Street Trading policy is consistent with these.
- 3.5 Committee considered reports on the subjects of Street Trading and Market Operation on [21 October 2019](#), [18 January 2021](#) and [2 December 2021](#).

4. Main report

- 4.1 The City of Edinburgh Council regulates Street Trading and Market Operators under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.
- 4.2 As a result of developments in the [Street Trading Policy](#), there is a presumption against licensing street trading in the city centre. In recent years Edinburgh's city centre has evolved and changed, resulting in a further reduction of opportunities for Street Trading.
- 4.3 On 1 May 2023, Committee agreed to [review](#) the current Street Trading and Market Operator Policy, particularly with respect to the licensing of these activities in the city centre. A consultation was posted on the Council's website between 20 September and 13 December 2023, inviting responses to questions about Street Trading and the operation of markets in the city. The consultation was directly highlighted to licence holders and community councils and was publicised on the Council's social media channels.
- 4.4 The consultation received 145 responses, and results are attached at Appendices 1 and 2. Topics raised by consultees included:
 - 4.4.1 Strong support for Street Trading of local products to continue in city centre;
 - 4.4.2 Support for markets as destinations potentially outwith city centre;
 - 4.4.3 No support for Council-branded stances;
 - 4.4.4 Respondents seek quality control/prevention of the sale of substandard products (however it should be noted that the 1982 Act does not provide a mechanism for this);
 - 4.4.5 Support for mobile trading; and
 - 4.4.6 Support for new businesses/pop-ups.
- 4.5 After consideration of the consultation responses, officers recommend that a short life Member/Officer working group should be convened to further examine appropriate city areas for street trading which could be managed directly by the Council. With a view to the improvement of customer choice and the range and quality of available products, officers recommend consideration of:
 - 4.5.1 A management model similar to those which currently exist in [Westminster](#) and [York](#); and
 - 4.5.2 Reaffirming conditions that markets with a minimum of three stalls must provide toilets within the defined market area and must identify a manager.
- 4.6 In order to assist policy development, officers suggest that the Member Officer working group is provided with the following information:
 - 4.6.1 Summary of existing trading locations within city centre; and
 - 4.6.2 Confirmation of any appropriate locations outwith the city centre for market trading.

- 4.7 Two areas for which officers recommend retaining the status quo pending further discussion are:
- 4.7.1 Maintaining the current pause on issuing licences at the Playfair Steps areas; and
 - 4.7.2 Minimum and maximum trading hours.
- 4.8 Officers have liaised with Police Scotland and National Galleries. Feedback so far indicates that they would support maintaining a policy of no licences being granted at Playfair Steps and the Mound Precinct pending final decisions on changes to the policy. Correspondence from National Galleries is attached at Appendix 3.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 If the recommendations are agreed, then the service will liaise with Committee Services to convene a short life Member Officer working group and include this work within the workplan.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 None arising from the report.

7. Equality and Poverty Impact

- 7.1 None arising from the report.

8. Climate and Nature Emergency Implications

- 8.1 None arising from the report.

9. Risk, policy, compliance, governance and community impact

- 9.1 The development of policy in respect of licensing of street traders is part of a wider placemaking role for the Council. It is essential that all strategic aims of the Council are considered and that the Street Trading policy is consistent with these aims.
- 9.2 The policy framework and conditions continue to support:
- 9.2.1 A safe, clean and well-maintained environment;
 - 9.2.2 A more attractive environment for those living in, working in and visiting the city;
 - 9.2.3 An improved, more diverse, retail offer; and

9.2.4 An environment that promotes and protects the economic wellbeing of the city.

9.3 Destination markets and street trading can be a draw for tourists and can bring a wide variety of stalls, commodities and cultures. Licensed street trading activities can also assist in the prevention of illegal street trading, by displacing undesirable criminal activity and hawking. Conversely, if poorly managed, street trading and markets can have a negative effect on an area leading to obstruction to pedestrians, a visually unappealing and untidy street scene, sale of poor-quality goods which do not meet local needs and an increase in complaints to the Licensing Authority.

9.4 There is a need for a common set of rules that would apply to all street traders and market operators. As with any business, these should not cause nuisance or inconvenience to their neighbours, or to the community within which they are located.

10. Background reading/external references

10.1 None.

11. Appendices

11.1 Appendix 1 – summary of responses to consultation

11.2 Appendix 2 – responses to open-ended questions

11.3 Appendix 3 – email from National Galleries Scotland dated 22 January 2024

Street Trading and Market Operators

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/street-trading-and-market-operators>

This report was created on Wednesday 03 January 2024 at 15:01

The activity ran from 20/09/2023 to 13/12/2023

Responses to this survey: **152**

1: What is your name?

Name

There were 145 responses to this part of the question.

2: What is your email address?

Email

There were 142 responses to this part of the question.

3: What is your organisation (if relevant)?

organisation

There were 71 responses to this part of the question.

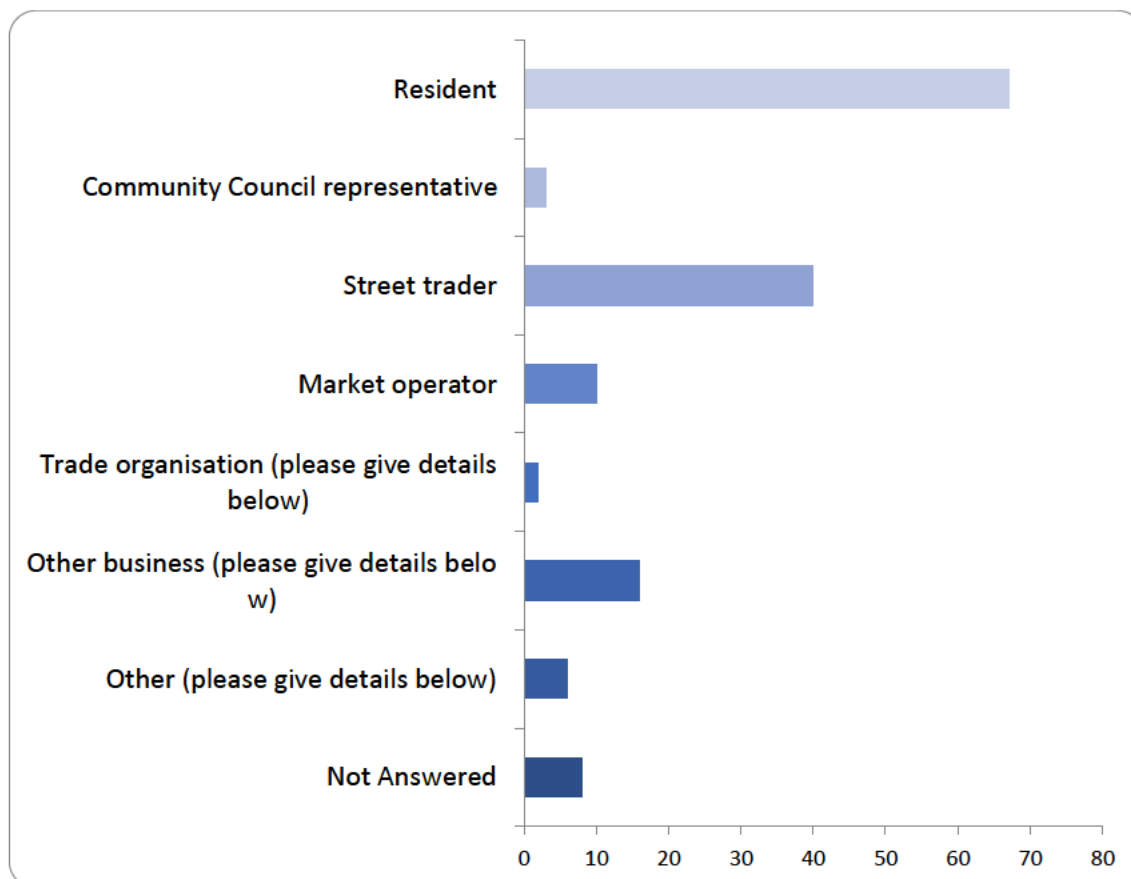
4: Please choose which of the following best describes you.

Respondent organisation

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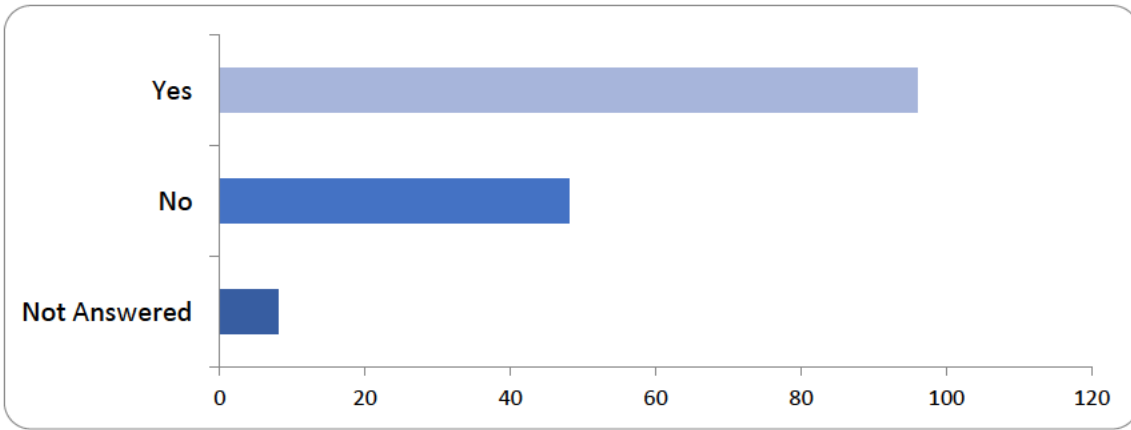


Option	Total	Percent
Resident	67	44.08%
Community Council representative	3	1.97%
Street trader	40	26.32%
Market operator	10	6.58%
Trade organisation (please give details below)	2	1.32%
Other business (please give details below)	16	10.53%
Other (please give details below)	6	3.95%
Not Answered	8	5.26%

There were 46 responses to this part of the question.

5: Would you like to see more street trading in Edinburgh, for example food and drink stalls?

There were 144 responses to this part of the question.



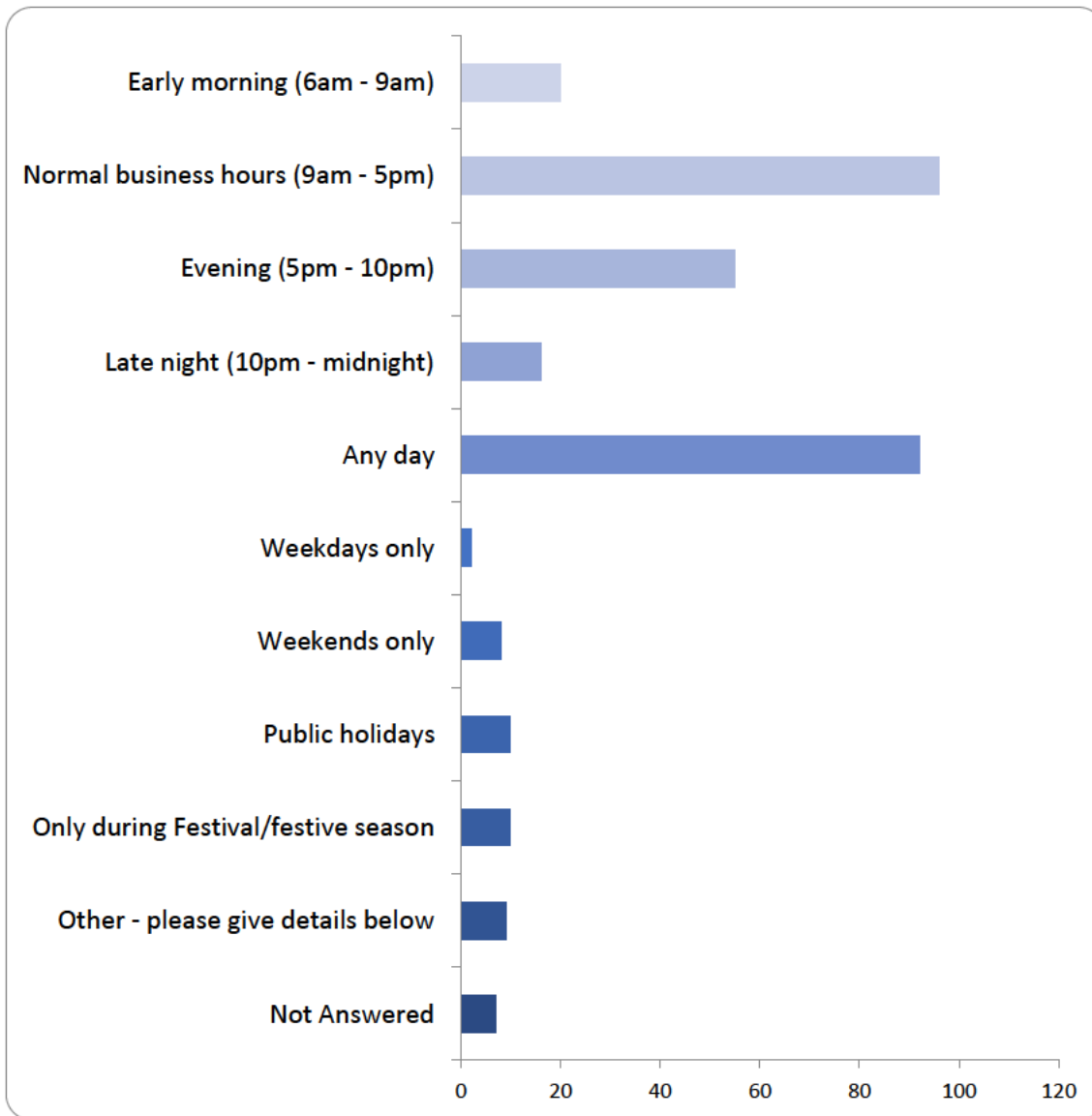
Option	Total	Percent
Yes	96	63.16%
No	48	31.58%
Not Answered	8	5.26%

If yes, please tell us what goods/services you would like to be available in the street.

There were 85 responses to this part of the question.

6: When should street trading be allowed?

There were 145 responses to this part of the question.

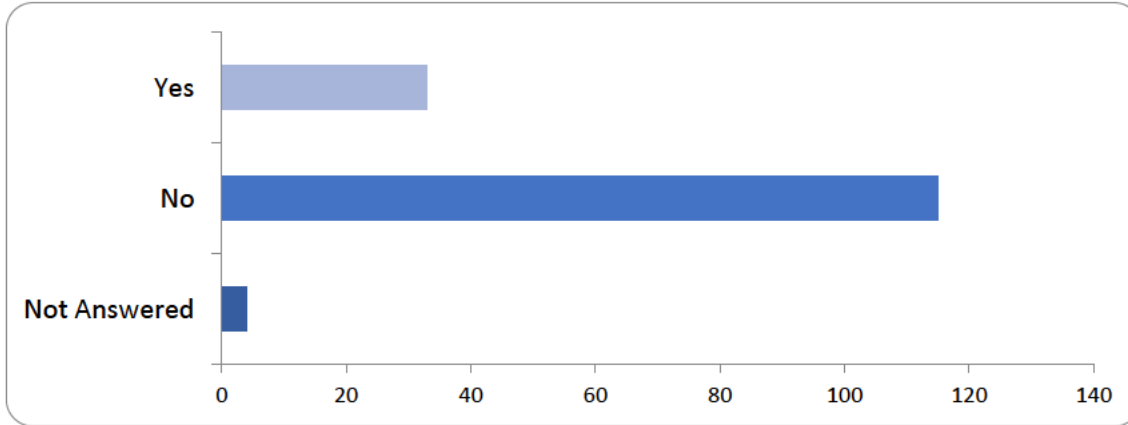


Option	Total	Percent
Early morning (6am - 9am)	20	13.16%
Normal business hours (9am - 5pm)	96	63.16%
Evening (5pm - 10pm)	55	36.18%
Late night (10pm - midnight)	16	10.53%
Any day	92	60.53%
Weekdays only	2	1.32%
Weekends only	8	5.26%
Public holidays	10	6.58%
Only during Festival/festive season	10	6.58%
Other - please give details below	9	5.92%
Not Answered	7	4.61%

There were 15 responses to this part of the question.

7: Should the Council consider providing all stalls and making them all look the same?

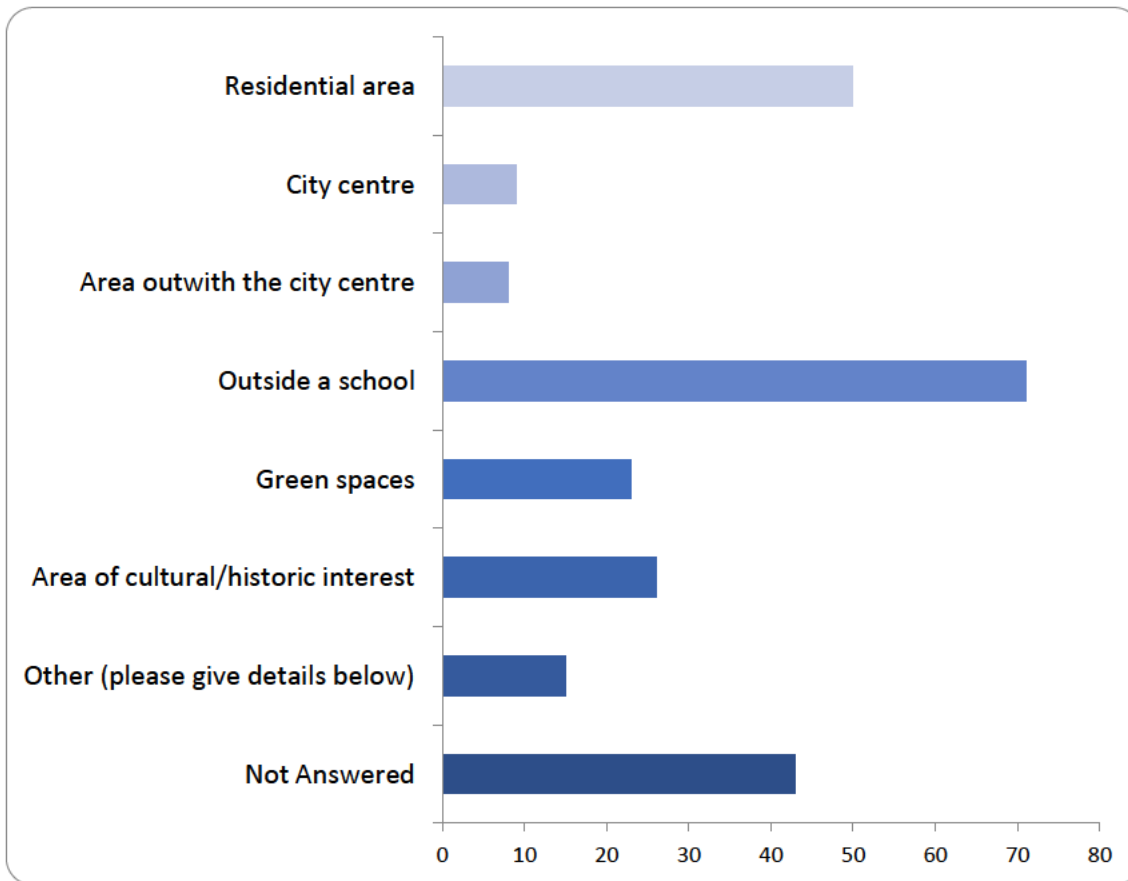
There were 148 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	33	21.71%
No	115	75.66%
Not Answered	4	2.63%

8: Is there anywhere that street trading should not be allowed?

There were 109 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Residential area	50	32.89%
City centre	9	5.92%
Area outwith the city centre	8	5.26%
Outside a school	71	46.71%
Green spaces	23	15.13%
Area of cultural/historic interest	26	17.11%
Other (please give details below)	15	9.87%
Not Answered	43	28.29%

There were 42 responses to this part of the question.

9: What are the benefits of allowing street trading?

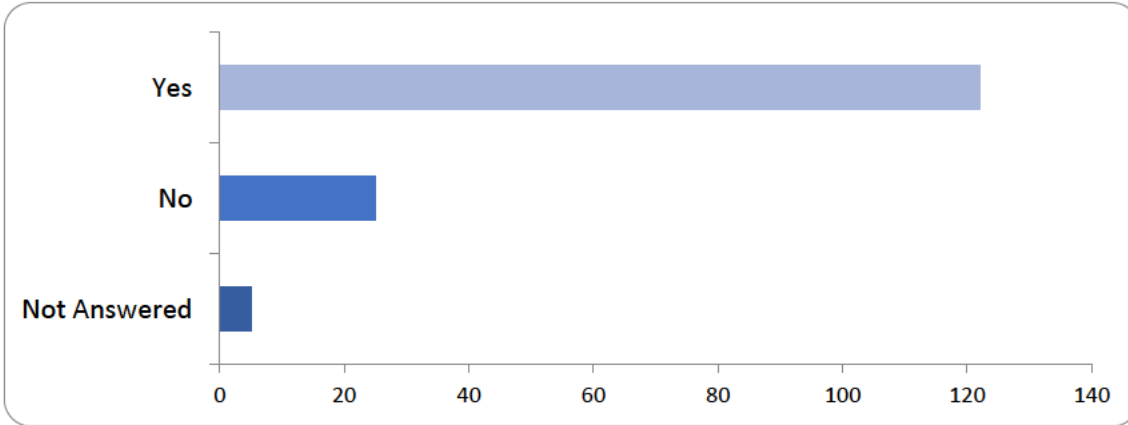
There were 134 responses to this part of the question.

10: Are there any drawbacks to allowing street trading?

There were 125 responses to this part of the question.

11: Would you visit an Edinburgh market that was outwith the city centre? For example, Leith, Gorgie, Queensferry.

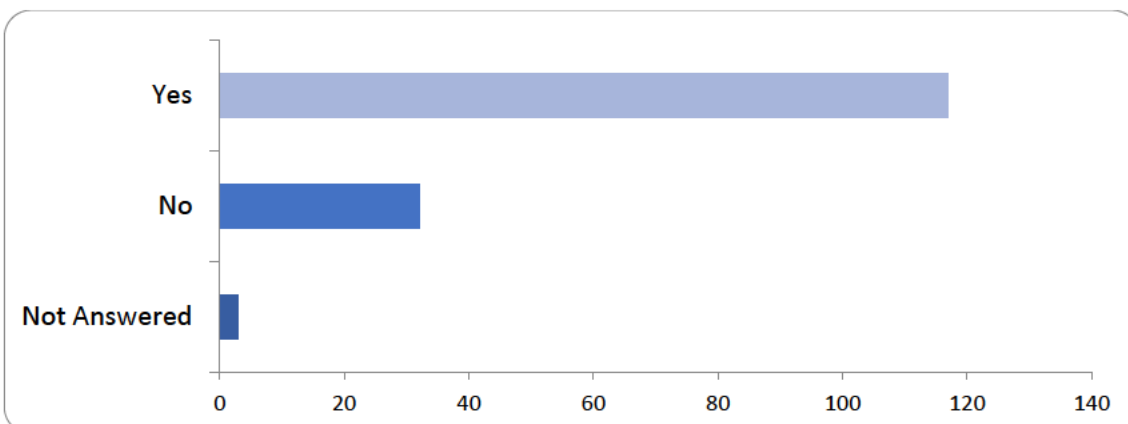
There were 147 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	122	80.26%
No	25	16.45%
Not Answered	5	3.29%

12: The licence has requirements for providing customer toilets. Is it acceptable for those toilets not to be within the market itself?

There were 149 responses to this part of the question.

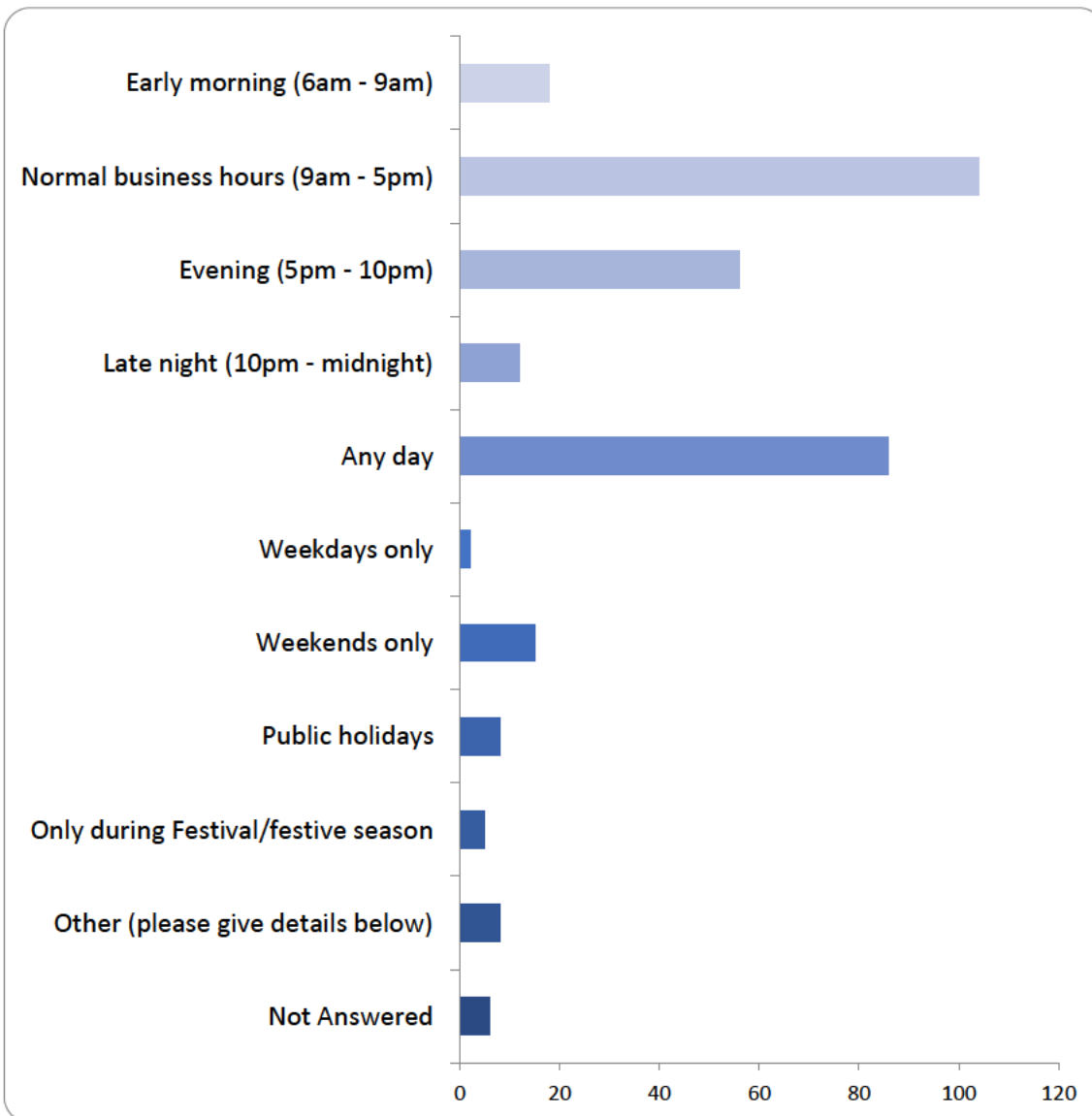


Option	Total	Percent
Yes	117	76.97%

No	32	21.05%
Not Answered	3	1.97%

13: What opening hours and days are appropriate for an Edinburgh market?

There were 146 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Early morning (6am - 9am)	18	11.84%
Normal business hours (9am - 5pm)	104	68.42%
Evening (5pm - 10pm)	56	36.84%
Late night (10pm - midnight)	12	7.89%
Any day	86	56.58%

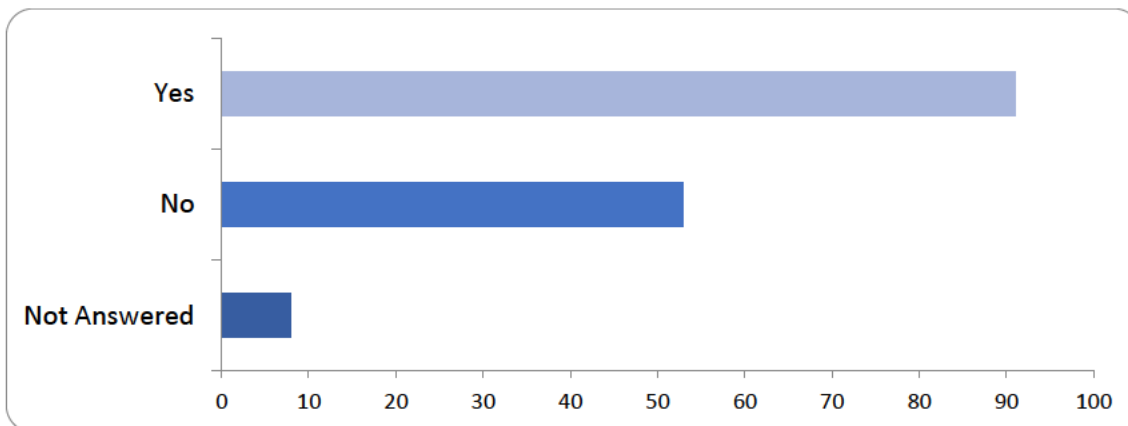
Weekdays only	2	1.32%
Weekends only	15	9.87%
Public holidays	8	5.26%
Only during Festival/festive season	5	3.29%
Other (please give details below)	8	5.26%
Not Answered	6	3.95%

Other (please give details)

There were 16 responses to this part of the question.

**14: Should mobile trading be allowed in Edinburgh city centre?
Please give further details below.**

There were 144 responses to this part of the question.



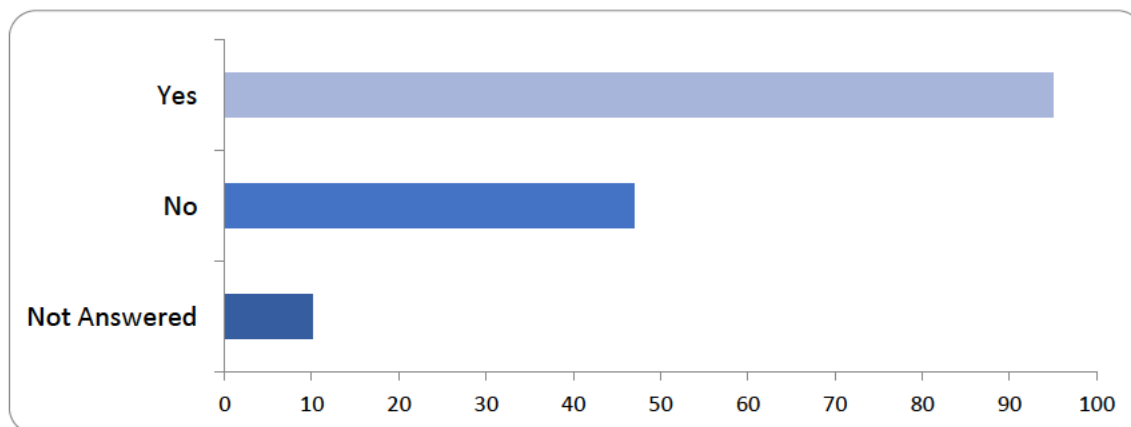
Option	Total	Percent
Yes	91	59.87%
No	53	34.87%
Not Answered	8	5.26%

Further details - mobile trading in city centre

There were 73 responses to this part of the question.

15: Should the Council allow more types of goods be sold from mobile vehicles? Please give details below.

There were 142 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	95	62.50%
No	47	30.92%
Not Answered	10	6.58%

There were 67 responses to this part of the question.

16: Would you like to make any further comment about street trading, operating a market or selling from mobile vehicles?

There were 93 responses to this part of the question.

The remainder of the consultation asked demographics questions and these will be made available on request.

Appendix 2

Q5 - Would you like to see more street trading in Edinburgh, for example food and drink stalls? - If yes, please tell us what goods/services you would like to be available in the street.

1	Food stalls in areas like George Sq and Waverley Bridge could be good, but only in locations where there aren't existing cafes on the street
2	Lots of different wares, Crafts, food, small businesses
3	Yes, where suitable locations can be found and where there are not already existing Street Traders
4	Food and drink, coffee, street food. Arts and crafts from local artists and artisans.
5	Edinburgh should allow more/better showcasing of local food sellers, small businesses.
6	Absolutely, in my opinion small businesses bring a local charm which is enjoyed by locals and tourists alike. They bring the personal touch that large organisations cannot or do not offer.
7	Any at all. The most important thing is that these should be for local small businesses and not big companies
8	I think more variety would be welcome providing they are placed in sensible places and do not impact current street traders (ie not much point in having the same type of business like 5 coffee vendors situate near each other).
9	Small specialist market areas only. No alcohol. Otherwise, fresh fish vans and ice cream sellers should be allowed.
10	Such facilities are an obvious convenience for city centre users and visitors to an important tourist area
11	Market traders and regular food sellers
12	local produce or Scottish in general
13	good quality not rubbish food
14	Coffee and food. Make Edinburgh more like the beautiful European cities with bustling outside cultures.
15	If the right places and the quality is good.
16	I love the two street markets I attend, leith & Grassmarket. I love the mix of food and crafts but particularly candles that are hand poured and have essential oils.
17	A wide variety of well run food/drink vendors bring a bigger choice to the consumer
18	Like to see more market stalls available around the centre of Edinburgh.They add atmosphere and visitors love them
19	really good food stalls and support from the council

20	not in the city centre
21	Locally made produce that allows small independent businesses (who cannot afford to own a shop front) to highlight their products, arts, produce.
22	More food stalls
23	More street food and drinks would be wonderful. It's great for it to be available in more spaces.
24	Small vendors selling homemade fare
25	Local craftsmen and food vendors.
26	Food and drink as long as they are of high standard.
27	fruit and vegetable stalls, groceries, bakery
28	Food and drink, crafts
29	I think most applications have their own merits and need to be considered on an individual basis.
30	It is always great to be in a vibrant and culturally representative city. So street food from different cultures, arts and crafts stall, music related trader etc would be great choices.
31	More independent food trucks
32	Food, small brands, new starts
33	Tourists love having small independent craft stalls so more opportunities for these would be a bonus for the city and the tourist industry
34	More small artisan businesses providing a wider array of food and drink. This would need to be provided in an appropriate place/season of course.
35	Local crafts
36	artisanal, genuine food and drink from different countries
37	Good quality artisan food trucks; interesting locally produced goods - not mass produced rubbish
38	A mix of food and crafts. It gives the city a buzz and access to products not available in the shops.
39	Scottish Foods
40	pop up stalls are very popular and there are already xmas markets that have stalls that do very well and are well visited

41	Anything! But especially independant local makers and sellers goods.
42	Food, drinks, homemade gifts, art
43	Craft/artisan but definately NOT food and drink
44	local goods and services
45	Small food and drink stalls, coffee outfits like that at west-end
46	More local produce
47	More small/independent food and drink outlets to give consumers more and better quality choices.
48	Great to support small local businesses rather than big supermarkets. Quality is better and a reason to go out in the city
49	It offers more diversity and a chase for people to get something new.
50	A variety. Markets are on the. Rise in popularity
51	Local businesses offering good quality local produce at affordable pricing
52	Farmers markets and local products I do not agree with the Xmas market at the mound where it's all imported stuff
53	Hand made and home made, more from the Highlands and Islands
54	more local food and healthy rather junk food. People don't get enough options, also for new traders it is impossible to enter and find a suitable spot.
55	There should be a range of independent operators available, from food, goods, tours, and so on. Vetted to ensure it is in keeping with the quality we wish to see. I.e. not permitting cheap knock offs, phone case vendors and the like
56	If it's a yes then it needs to be fair and open. I.e. maybe there is a pitch or 2 but it should operate on a rotation. Whether that be for 24 hours a week or a month. If it does become available it shouldn't be that one trader gets it indefinitely.
57	Coffee and hot snacks
58	It's not so much about a specific product, but it would be great to see a selection of street food in more areas than now. Eg. High Street or Princess Street

59	I would like to see more arts and crafts being sold on the high street from those living and working in the city. For too long, whether the fringe festival market, or the Christmas market, had been handed over to companies outside the city, and the stalls have been poor quality run by folk from other cities. When will local folk living and working in the city get a chance - particularly the few high street and mound stalls that were available, have now been suspended.
60	Traditional and ethnic food, home made goods
61	More original retailers
62	Focus on the well organised markets would be preferable
63	Seasonal/local produce or ethnic food
64	Wider range of products and competitive pricing
65	This is dependent on suitable locations of course and a variety of stalls supporting local business/ goods should be priority.
66	I would like to sell my handmade products, mainly from wood, clocks, placemats, chopping board
67	Street trading could undermine the parlous economic position of shops for example at Roseburn Terrace.
68	I would like to see small vendors (not apart of big chains) selling handmade crafts or food. I feel it brings alot to a city and brings life to the street. It provides opportunities to small businesses to grow.
69	We're not adverse to them, provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - they don't unfairly compete with local businesses - they don't add to local issues e.g. public littering - they are supported by nearby access to public toilet facilities
70	A mobile souvenir stalls might be good for old town. But products must be made by local artists, not import.
71	Quality hand crafted goods
72	Pop up's & street food.
73	Coffee, pastries and hot food
74	More makers market venues
75	More sites where pop up type markets for makers could operate
76	Food and drink as I feel we are behind as a capital city where, for example in London, there is an abundance of markets which makes for a more vibrant city.
77	Encouragement of small local businesses.
78	Encouragement of small local businesses.
79	More local produce provided by independant suppliers, where suitable locations can be identified with a bias towards local small businesses.

80	Provision should support established local small businesses and should be focused on providing additional opportunities for services which are rarer than others - such as ethnic food and arts and crafts.
81	No view
82	Crafts
83	I would like to see more local Artists
84	More local traders especially local artists
85	More food and drink small businesses, particularly local businesses

Q9 - What are the benefits of allowing street trading?

1	Hopefully a fairly dynamic food scene for new small business owners and more options for people in the city centre as it can be surprisingly hard to find a decent sandwich on a day out.
2	Edinburgh for a capital city is seriously lacking by not having a market. It allows small traders who cannot afford premises or wish to sell part time their wares
3	People can get a coffee from an old Police box where there may not be a cafe.
4	Street Traders are (almost always) local people running small family businesses. Local small business should be supported and encouraged by the Council as it supports the local economy and local people.
5	<p>Outside of the city centre would benefit from more pop-up shops/stalls and a variety of traders and markets as there are less options outside the city centre for shopping. regular markets for all kinds of shops/stalls in pre-agreed locations around the city would be welcomed.</p> <p>For example, I live near Gracemount, there are very few shop or cafes in walking distance of my house. If I want to buy anything other than groceries it is a 45 minute walk to the nearest shops. Many people are not capable of making a journey of that length. There are large spaces, both green and paved, all around this area where traders or small markets could pitch and sell to locals, There is definitely a market for some of these things. I have spent the last seven years walking my kids to school and longing for a coffee stand somewhere nearby to get a decent coffee. I have also been frustrated by the lack of variety in the local shops which sell absolute essentials only. I also know that there are lots and lots of local artists, makers, and small businesses who would love somewhere to sell their products but are priced out of the competitive city centre festivals market. Small towns often have makers markets but to sell in edinburgh you have to either pay through the nose to be in a craft fair or go on a waiting list. SO I know more opportunities for small businesses would be welcomed. Regular days and times for markets or vendors on rotation would both increase customers and create community both among the vendors and the locals, giving locals somewhere to go. It would also benefit elderly and disabled residents who struggle to get into the city centre or out of town shopping areas.</p>
6	to fill in gaps between established licenced permanent premises
7	Questionable and depending on the products traded
8	More diversity

9	We could really support small businesses and support the local economy. Local businesses are part of the community and will respect the city and brand.
10	Competitive prices. Reduce unemployment. Personal touch.
11	Supporting local businesses and small businesses. They add a vibrancy to the city,
12	Variety of choice for public/tourists, supporting local businesses, support local economy.
13	few
14	Limited, but may offer choice and allow specialist and startup businesses to get established.
15	There are none to my business or staff
16	Provides an important visitor attraction
17	Supporting small businesses in a difficult time where large corporations seem to be taking over
18	Encourages local businesses and provides an outlet for local produce
19	Similar to pop-up shops they allow new businesses to set up with minimal overheads. They can test the concept without risking too much money.
20	None
21	To show variety in terms of options.
22	Convenience in the parks
23	Increase foot traffic and provide extra amenities
24	income and tax generating for provision of good quality food. Hate the cheap scottish items for sale on Royal Mile. Makes Edinburgh look cheap.
25	Tends to allow small local businesses the opportunity to trade. Adds to the atmosphere of the area. Offer customers choices other than enclosed businesses.
26	Bring some life back to the city. Stop the conglomerates taking over. Give Edinburgh a soul.
27	Brings business to traders around the market-eg cafes etc
28	Gives people a chance to show off their talents and earn money at the times that suit them and their lifestyle
29	Promoting small businesses rather than huge retailers always making the profits.
30	Small business get noticed and visitors can interact with local crafters and businesses which they love
31	It gives a sense of community. People love a farmers market. It gives local traders an opportunity to sell direct o public without huge overheads
32	Encourages small start ups to test the water of retail without a big capital outlay

33	They add atmosphere. Tourists and locals love them. They also give more variety to what is available in shops. They are missed on the Royal Mile and the Mound.
34	It allows for diversity for the shopper, it provides a place for the small trader to sell without huge overheads
35	Supporting small businesses
36	Vibrancy. starter incubators for all sort of businesses that go on to be pillars of the independent sector, much needed when chain offerings are so samey and no different in Edinburgh to London ... or eg Rome Very often cheaper . Innovative.
37	Build closer community, support local, small independent traders.
38	Greater choice, interaction with makers, more character to locations
39	Small business can actually operate without extortionate rent and rates. Allowing a variety of business rather than your usual fast food and coffee chains like Starbucks. Local businesses actually operating in the city rather than a cookie cut version of every other city in the country.
40	Allows for a more diverse and different shopping experience to the high street. I like supporting small businesses
41	Allowing small businesses access to the same footfall as larger businesses with bricks and mortar premises. These businesses provide diverse foods and crafts, making the city more interesting, attracting trade and improving the local economy.
42	It provides market access for smaller traders who might not be able to access fixed property or provide the volume required to sell in regular stores. If only fixed shops can access the market in Edinburgh, then only large corporations will be able to afford to access it, pricing out any local businesses.
43	Better offer to tourists/occasional local visitors/residents.
44	Allows people wandering the streets to be exposed to multiple unquiet small businesses and also helps these businesses
45	diverse businesses
46	Increasing diversity of goods available to residents, support for small businesses, increased appeal for tourists by adding to the character, friendliness, and liveliness of the city
47	It allows people to start a business they might not otherwise have been able to start - in terms of cost, commitment, investment. Natalie who used to make jewellery from old Scottish Maps was a great example of that, she had very small non-obtrusive pitch by railings nears Grey Friars Bobby. Tourists/visitors loved it - it adds to charm uniqueness of the city. Many visitors tell me its great to see it because it doesnt happen much in other cities - which are now looking the same as they all have a McDonalds and the same franchises and chain stores everywhere. Most tourists prefer to interact with local people as part of their visiting Edinburgh experience.
48	A space for small independent business to reach customers and continue trading. It offers the public an opportunity to buy from local makers and away from mass produced items.

49	It would definitely attract more national as well as international tourist. As a tourist in different cities, one of this activities I enjoy the most is visiting street markets. In addition to that, it might help the mental health of residents of the city as street markets create a positive atmosphere.
50	Potential access to niche products unavailable in supermarkets, potential for supporting artisan producers whose bottom line is other than profit; ie socially rewarding, sense of community or simply the reward of making and selling great food and drink with wonderful ingredients.
51	It allows visitors to & residents of Edinburgh, an opportunity to meet Artisans who make & sell their products. These products are bespoke and quality items. There are too many Tartan Tat shops up & down the Royal mile high street, bridges etc there are some lovely shops too, Being a trader on the market allows an opportunity to bring a smile to peoples faces chatting to people from all over the world leaving them with a great lasting impression of the friendly peoples of Scotland
52	Help small businesses, local people and independent business to make a living
53	Good for the economy, vibrancy, freedom, peoples well being and mental health to get them out.
54	Different food Grab a coffee
55	Encourages visitors and shoppers.
56	Gives opportunity for small independent traders who cant afford retail premises to sell direct to the public. Gives the city centre a buzz and allows a greater selection of goods from quality traders for locals and tourists
57	I don't found any benefits
58	Allowing small businesses run by the local resident community should be an important part of what Edinburgh is about. This helps to give part of the local economy some identity and without this Edinburgh becomes just another city in the crowd.
59	It reinforces the culture of community, provides a focal meeting point for locals as well as visitors, encourages small and local artisan businesses to produce and sell in the city, reduces the carbon and mile footprint of items bought, provides varied alternatives to uniform, mass produced, chain and corporate trading.
60	Adds interest to shopping in the city centre for both tourists and locals. Make sure its local businesses such as handmade crafts, and not tourist tat made in China.

61	<p>Allowing street trading in Edinburgh has several benefits, particularly for the growth, enhancement, and visibility of small, family-run businesses that specialize in genuine, handmade, and unique products. By permitting street trading, these businesses gain a platform to showcase their offerings directly to the public, attracting a diverse range of customers. This not only fosters economic growth for these local enterprises but also contributes to the overall vibrancy of Edinburgh's street life.</p> <p>Street trading can serve as a catalyst for cultural exchange and community engagement, as residents and tourists alike have the opportunity to discover and support local artisans and their distinctive creations. Furthermore, the presence of street traders adds character to the cityscape, creating a more dynamic and appealing urban environment.</p> <p>In summary, allowing street trading in Edinburgh is beneficial as it provides a valuable avenue for small, family-owned businesses to thrive, enriching the local economy, fostering community connections, and adding a unique charm to the city's streets.</p>
62	Diversity of choice for consumers/chance to see and acquire local and non mass produced food and artisan products/chance for local makers and growers to sell in a central place with good footfall but with realistic overheads
63	Adds interest and colour to the streets and gives access to a different range of products
64	Supporting small businesses that can't afford an all year around rent
65	It gives small businesses a chance to compete with large established companies in an area where renting indoor space is too expensive for many.
66	Diversity of quality produce from small independent producers
67	It adds to the diversity of what Edinburgh has on offer and is an avenue for small, independent businesses.
68	economic aspects for (local) traders
69	Showcasing scottish products from makers who couldn't afford a permanent shop
70	I rely on markets for a lot of my income, some of them are indoor and some are street trading. I think street trading is a huge benefit to local Edinburgh culture and to tourism; local makers can show off their wares and provide goods for the city inhabitants and visitors, whilst not having to commit to the huge overheads in owning a bricks and mortar shop. Markets and single traders fit the aesthetic of Edinburgh's old town and it's always lovely to see stalls set up, amidst the bustling crowds.
71	Small business have the opportunity to trade without the expensive overheads of a shop. Local people and residents have local produce and items to buy and markets provide a cultural and cared for environment.
72	Diverse range of products, more handmade artisan products, allow folk to start new business. Create positive and interssting atmosphere in city.
73	<p>it brings people both local and tourists into the centre creating a vibrant lively atmosphere and so benefits local businesses.</p> <p>it gives smaller local traders an entry point to get established without the costs of a long term lease on premises</p>
74	Helps support small local business which in turn the local economy. Potential attract more visitors. With competitions ensures no monopoly and fair price for visitors.

75	It allows small producers to sell and gives customers other places then supermarkets to buy high quality non-processed foods.
76	It helps with small producers keep their business sustainable. At the same time, local people and visitors can experience the good quality produce the city can offer.
77	It allows small producers to sell their products and gives customers other places than supermarkets to buy high quality non-processed foods.
78	Support local businesses. Better quality. Gets you out & about (hood for well being)
79	Community, independent traders all year round rely on them, locals and visitors generate plenty of trade and contact
80	Diversity, small business development, makes options more available
81	Start up businesses have an opportunity to sell goods The public have a choice to small independents.
82	none?
83	Diversity of fresh produce made and delivered by local residents
84	Creating a better atmosphere and feel of the city, showcasing small local businesses
85	Cultural colour, variety of produce available, a chance for small businesses to grow.
86	Introduction to Scottish produce
87	Adds character to the city. Helps local business.
88	Events generate revenue for local businesses in addition to their normal footfall.
89	Give more options for entrepreneurs to start businesses before having a shop. People love to sport small businesses and not big companies.
90	This would be a huge draw to encourage residents to WANT to head into the city centre. It feeds directly into the local economy whilst also offering something wholesome for tourists.
91	It allows interesting an new concepts and ideas to be practiced in a metropolis setting. That wouldn't otherwise be able to via barriers of renting traditional shop space.
92	Gives visitors access to all ranges of services, without having to search for refreshments. Gives the smaller trader a chance to expand and maybe offer employment to others.
93	As mentioned in the opening statement, a variety of offerings. Usually provided by a family owned stall which ideally offers a high quality quick treat for customers they not usually find or can not as quickly access
94	Allows trading without the need for permanant premises

95	Street trading allows local artists and crafts folk to sell their work. As part of the cultural fabric of the city, why shouldn't they be allowed to sell their works to tourists and locals alike? It would be good to consider vetting stall holders to provide goods are locally made and sourced or of a high quality. There has always been talk to bring the artists and crafts folk back to the city, which is now becoming year by year a Disney world of cheap Chinese made goods, over priced and of poor quality. All the shops seem the same. There is no sustainability, both environmentally and culturally. Where is the vibrancy? Where are the local arts and crafts? Where are the small local independent businesses that offer an alternative to the same old same old?
96	Allows a small business to provide services in an area that might not sustain a permanent shop
97	Lower waste, more variety.
98	Direct contact between buyer and maker is a unique opportunity to reach unique and unusual goods.

Q10 - Are there any drawbacks to allowing street trading?

1	Yes, depending on location and how the stall affects the flow of people moving around, but also in what type of stall is allowed. We don't need vendors selling tourist tat and plastic crap.
2	Giving licenses to mass produced or tartan tat sellers
3	Noise, queues obstructing pavement access for wheelchairs etc.
4	No - provided there are procedures in place to licence them, as there have been for many years.
5	Potentially messy. Potential for stalls to look messy and ugly. Pre-built stalls could help with that as well as rules and regulations. Noise, if late at night food vendors are attracting drunk people to a previously quiet area. Health and safety - fire hazards, food safety, rubbish etc. Obviously all of these could be overcome with regulation and planning.

6	Litter and Litter and dirt I have seen CEC Salt Bins full of discarded coffee cups etc
7	Impact on cleanliness, noise levels, mobility and space for pedestrians
8	Litter Safety (cars etc)
9	I think if it's managed effectively through appropriate licensing etc then I don't think there would be any drawbacks.
10	None whatsoever.
11	No
12	None although I would add so long as the process for licensing is fairly straightforward so not to make it a complex arrangement for local businesses.
13	litter and more litter
14	Litter, noise, additional traffic (foot and vehicle) and possibly loss of trade to businesses in the locality who have higher overheads (such as paying rates).
15	Take up valuable pavement space Take business away from Established businesses who pay rates even in the quiet months More places for EHO to inspect
16	Potential litter issue but it is no different for any fast food outlet so just needs to be controlled with the traders taking a key responsibility
17	No, as long as there's appropriate licencing
18	Assuming street traders abide by their license terms or similar then I can't see any
19	Misuse of pedestrian space. Inconsiderate parking by traders.
20	1. They can do diminish the viability of permanent shops. 2. They can easily destroy their aesthetic value of a historic city like Edinburgh 3. They create extra street litter 4. They frequently create unnecessary noise by playing loud music. eg coffee caravan on the Meadows 5. Where there is more than one street trader, it can easily give the impression of a shanty town, not a European capital city 6. They create unnecessary obstructions for pedestrians; not good for promoting active travel 7. They run fossil fuel generators, causing both noise pollution and air pollution, as well as burning fossil fuels. Even though advertising electrical operation, like the ice cream van in Holyrood Park, they run the vehicle engine to keep themselves warm. 8. They seriously diminish historic settings, like the Royal Scottish Academy and the National Gallery, as well as the Castle Esplanade.
21	Lots. Unfair competition against rate paying permanent traders mainly.
22	Potential an increase to the anti social behaviours through noise.
23	Too much exploitative tat being sold. There should be priority given to local traders
24	It takes custom away from shop owners who are hard pressed
25	Blocking or reducing space on streets for walking and buggies/ wheelchairs
26	Rubbish in the streets

27	more rubbish bins and collection needed
28	There can be refuse, noise and smell issues but if operated correctly, there shouldn't be any issues.
29	Complaints from residents. Complaints from the big companies.
30	As long as carefully set up and supervised then no!
31	Sometimes a lot of cheap tat is sold and people don't clean up after themselves
32	Not that I'm aware of.
33	Some people try to be dominant when street trading making it difficult for other small businesses to get involved
34	Just needs to be well run and monitored by reliable market managers
35	Cant think of any
36	None as long as it is run y good traders
37	No
38	not per se.. Most are about management or that management allowing ripoff merchants to proliferate thus not doing the citys reputation much good... but its minor. As they are nearly all episodic they dont take business from bricks and mortars vendors or if they do it is usually compensated for by increased footfall in the area.
39	If not monitored appropriately, it may cause disruption to local residents. Perhaps trial period with feedback and room for improvement should be rolled out to test pilot projects before final approval.
40	Possible noise, traffic, litter, inability of people to access locations
41	No.
42	I think as long as its not all the time and the vendors who are invited produce the goods allow for a different and enjoyable experience for the shoppers.
43	No.
44	Vehicular is something that needs to be considered. All markets should have plenty of loading spaces and access to nearby parking, otherwise there is a risk of roads being clogged by traders unloading at setup and takedown. So long as there is space to park/unload out of the way of traffic, the actual road burden is minimal.
45	Could be litter problems.
46	local shops may suffer - no more coffee or sandwich places required. Rubbish needs to be collected.
47	None

48	<p>I could make up plenty examples of things that COULD go wrong and be called drawbacks, but in my opinion and experience most Street Traders know that their behaviour/actions directly affect their livelihoods. And the vetting and application process, etc seems to be at the right level of control.</p> <p>With regards to think it has been sensibly marshalled and monitored in Edinburgh. If traders are properly vetted and they have a product which sustains/justifies them being there then its all good.</p>
49	<p>The high cost of stalls at 'Edinburgh' Christmas market means local traders cannot take part. Trading is dominated by large importers from other areas of UK.</p>
50	<p>It is important to keep the hygiene and safety levels at the standards as stalls can cause unhygienic conditions and attract unsafe activities. So some certain standards had to be maintained</p>
51	<p>Monitoring quality and consumer confidence</p>
52	<p>No unless the person does not have a license to sell goods. People have traded at markets for millennia. Markets& traders are an essential part of life</p>
53	<p>Must be well checked by environmental health especially for food traders for safety both of public, staff and themselves.</p>
54	<p>Litter</p>
55	<p>Clogs up neighbourhoods.</p>
56	<p>Late night in residential areas can be a problem</p>
57	<p>Heath and safety issue, hygiene problem, noise, overall looking. Even the council is requested to withdraw all the A broad from the retails shop and fine the pavement parking, so why the street trader can allowed and it will block the pavement as well.</p>
58	<p>No, as long as there are appropriate checks on the individuals trading before licenses are issued.</p>
59	<p>As long as it is controlled and safe, I don't see any.</p>
60	<p>More tourist tat made in China</p>
61	<p>Not at all</p>
62	<p>Not unless they are loud/noisy/unhealthy</p>
63	<p>Rain is no fun</p>
64	<p>No it brings people.out to buy and engage in.healthy food</p>
65	<p>potential litter issues</p>
66	<p>Visual impact and potential litter (if food/drink traders)</p>

67	Traffic and parking could be problematic.
68	I do not want smelly burger vans etc, stinks and creates litter.
69	it could increase littering so any traders must be monitored
70	If well managed there shouldn't be and ensuring support services are in place, eg increase in trading, more litter, but not an issue if bins are available and cleared regularly
71	None
72	No
73	Potentially litter from street food stalls.
74	Occasionally parking but not a real issue
75	It should be licensed and monitored
76	None - all positive
77	unregulated transactions, decreased standards
78	No
79	Only if they go on too long, eg the Christmas market below princes st.
80	No if you spread it around the city more. Craigmillar area has nothing much at all
81	No. As long as they are licenced.
82	As long as market operators are responsible then no.
83	It definitely should be regulated because it can cause a disturbance and dirtiness in the city, but it should be regulated to facilitate small and more sustainable entrepreneurs to be part of the system.
84	In my view, nothing that would seem it unnecessary or negative. The positives far outweigh the negatives.
85	They could be unprofessional and amateurish.
86	No, this would give visitors and workers more variety
87	Depends on the area, I do not see any in the area we trade as long as you get along with your neighbouring businesses or residential properties.
88	Could potentially cause congestion if not regulated
	Stall appearance could be considered a drawback if not properly addressed. Professional looking stalls would add to the city streets. Also, folk with multiple shops should not be allowed to have stalls
89	No
90	Unless managed carefully, Potentially issues with drop off for setting up and taking g down for traffic issues.

91	<p>Dear Andrew Mitchell Is that a cough you have ? could it be cased by Carbon Monoxide Poisoning on Rose Street No its not your division If its not your division then what other division showed I be writing to other than Environmental Health Please tell me ? Dose the Ed council believe that climate change is taken place ?</p> <p>I try to tell you threes a problem with Carbon Monoxide Poisoning coming from petrel generator operated by street trader corner hanover street rose street Dose a street trader licence come with the right to run a petrol generator in the city centre or can anyone who has a trading licence run a dirty petrel generator? Third world country's are now turning away from using them yet the trader is aloud to use with impunity</p> <p>We now know carbon monoxide kills people you cant see it Its a powerful "climate forcer", absorbing warmth from the sun and contributing substantially to global heating. It is also a major component of fine particle air pollution It also cause asthma and effects the bran</p> <p>battery power is better for the enverment cars and vans now use battery power around the city centre please take dirty petrel generator off the street let use breath cleaner air dos no one care as long as it doesn't effete them personally ?petrel generator in use rose street</p>
92	Competition for bricks and mortar business.
93	Possible low quality or overpricing of goods being sold
94	<p>Licencing is too slow and cumbersome, I understand wanting to keep trading to a standard however the council seem to just use it as a money making scheme, take temproray market tradaers licence for example, the costs for this are ridiculously too high, we recently applied for a christmas market licence for small two day christmas craft fair to support local business, the cost of the licence was £1,000 this is absolutely extortionate for a small christmas fair - This stifles oppportunity and hurts small businesses, not only do we have to pay the licence fee but also venue hire fees, marketing costs, staffing costs. insurance, and others. It makes it completely non viable from a financial point of view to pay such ridiculous costs for a small and simple craft market and fair - which by the way was hosted in a private building. I understand the need for safety and to ensure that markets are well organised but there needs to be a line between markets taking place on the street in public, or ones that are hosted in schools or churches or halls. imagine paying £1,000+ for a small school fair with 25 stalls. ridiculous. Also the process is far too slow and long this entire process needs to be much much quicker, other wise you are agian harming small and local businesses and preventing more successful events from taking place.</p>
95	None assuming that suitable licensing protocols are in place
96	<p>Food smells - city stinks rats rubbish</p>

97	I do not see any negatives from that
98	Impact on shops Litter
99	Creating a system that monitors Street trading can be a challenge.
100	Unfair competition to local businesses who are operating within same peer business. Access to power that's both affordable *AND* minimise noise pollution!
101	Unemployment increases. Economic growth rate decreases. Damages the free-market.
102	Noise in a residential area. Evening licences in these areas should be restricted. Pavement obstruction. Consideration should be given to how wheelchair users & other users of mobility aids are impacted and how accessible the stall is.
103	yes - if its not regulated it can look a mess
104	No
105	Mess, litter, crowding, low quality imported tat and diesel generators for ultra processed food outlets, a lack of quality
106	If no power available, generators can make noise, adds to pollution if needing to drive away and back everyday, can cause conflict if traders are in close proximity
107	noise, pollution, litter, crowded streets and thoroughfares, aesthetically unpleasant.
108	Can become taken over by the likes of market at the foot of the mound which is mostly generic tat
109	Potential for too many like the "German market" with bought in goods
110	Detriment of rate paying local businesses
111	Needs to be controlled to ensure the quality of goods sold.
112	Needs to be control of goods being offered both in terms of quality and safety.
113	It would require effective management and control to ensure quality of goods and safety.
114	None known
115	The " Christmas " market has become intrusive and is of poor quality
116	No, Assuming there are basic licensing protocols in place.
117	No - if the organisers are responsible and look after the site, before, during & after the market
118	So long as there is a proper system of licensing/planning in place, there should be none.
119	Street trading should not be encouraged if it undercuts or reduces the scope for ordinary trade by shops etc
120	Unightly, attract litter, not becoming of a UNESCO city of culture
121	None

122	A lot of public walking space is taken up
123	No assuming they are licensed and health and safety checked.
124	Clutter on pavements, possible litter, unsocial activities in residential areas.

Q14 - Should mobile trading be allowed in Edinburgh city centre? Please give further details below.

1	Just don't see a need for more coffee vendors in town...
2	It would be better to grant a proper Street Trader Licence to a small business to, using the example given, sell coffees at Waverley. If there is an appropriate place for a mobile trader to stop for some time, there must be an appropriate place for a permanent Street Trader pitch.
3	No mobile trading at places such as Waverley where there are plenty of established permanent outlets. Ditto none at museums or galleries, sports places that already have their own facilities
4	I'm a little unsure on this. My preference would be they are licensed and have a location to trade.
5	I would prefer for a fixed pitch
6	Why not just give them a permanent pitch? More vans driving around the city centre doesn't seem very desirable
7	I do not see why this would be required if a fixed place of trading could be secured. Also returning customers would not know where to go if trader is moving all the time.
8	when a pedicab coffee stall operates in the Dean Village there is more litter directly connected to the operation
9	Already established businesses operating there
10	Trading should be from a permitted fixed position
11	Not without a set pitch or licence, could cause traffic problems or pedestrian path blockages and safety
12	Traders should be granted fixed pitches as this will regulate numbers
13	But only if pedestrian space and safety isn't impacted by either the trader or their vehicles.
14	There is no need for any mobile traders in the city centre. All they do is lower the tone of the city and create smells of cheap burgers or fish or chips. They do absolutely nothing for the City. It is quite plain the city is prostituting to itself to these traders, as many of them are based in London, so they must be making huge amounts of money to make it worth their while coming here. The only justification for a mobile trader will be if there is no local provision with an a quarter of a mile e.g. coffee, or if it allows a premium producer to get a foothold in the city. In the latter case licenses should not be renewed after three years, but instead passed to new traders.
15	Why not?

16	Would block walking or road traffic and there's already a lot of services provided
17	good quality items for sale. not cheap tatty scottish stuff
18	Again, it is all about allowing things to happen within reason and taking in to account the surrounding areas. Any licence needs to have conditions about noise, rubbish etc.
19	Don't see why not if controlled properly
20	There are already too many coffee shops
21	I think got drinks, snacks and that type of goof is well suited to mobile trading
22	You do the German market. where is the local, afootdale markets. pushing out local traders in favour of European marketers isn't good. Pricing is crazy as well.
23	Dubious... The police kiosks work..
24	Should add a maybe option above for choice. In some instances, it could negatively affect other existing business, which may not be so fair. Probably need to be assessed on individual cases and more closely monitored.
25	Fish, meat, veg and coffee mobile vans would be great and allow for these community trades to bring quality produce to an area - giving a choice to the consumer versus the supermarket
26	While stationary stands only cause congestion during setup and takedown, mobile traders will risk blocking streets and bicycle lanes throughout the day.
27	The presence of 'coffee carts' or the like around Waverly and similar transport hubs would be useful for travellers, providing more variety along side the fixed venues.
28	If what's being sold is apt and it is serving a need/demand then yes.
29	As long as certain standards maintained and the mobile vehicles do not obstruct normal living conditions, I am always happy to see more options for food and coffee.
30	No problem whatsoever with this except for limit to numbers per location
31	Why not but there might be some complaints from coffee shops who pay business rates etc
32	Only in designated areas
33	More variety and interesting looking
34	Can't think why this would be required. Perhaps an answer would be to provide a license for a fixed place to trade.
35	I think it would supplant existing facilities.
36	But no more than is already available
37	Already plenty of shops, lack of parking for essential vehicles and if more stalls then it would be very congested

38	Parking restrictions and clean air zone will make it impossible to have a vehicle parked temporarily in the Centre without using up a parking space or partly blocking pavement areas (public realm).
39	Stops large companies monopolising city centre and gives more choice.
40	No there is enough
41	depends very much on the product : ice-cream, coffee, yes. Meat, fish, cheese etc would seem more suited to areas with a sufficient residential population to support them
42	believe allowing mobile trading would be harder to control, therefore concern on quality and potential impact on some tradition traders. it wouldn't be a level play field and therefore providing others with unfair advantage.
43	It would give more life to the city centre.
44	The idea of a mobile coffee is good. Local businesses rather than large chains such as Starbucks. Supports small & local
45	Within reason and not restricting traffic or pedestrian flow and not cheap bulk produce like burgers kebabs etc
46	Don't know
47	Under market conditions in specific area
48	if the business has a sustainable base. I wouldn't allow regular fish and chips, burgers van I would allow business that helps the planet and educate people about it.
49	Again, an offering of street foods which are so popular. Offering something additional to tourists.
50	If there is a demand for it or it offers something novel.
51	This would be of great service to visitors and workers, who need quick and available service. I am shocked this is not available in the first instance.
52	Yes as it could offer a range of interesting street foods to compete and offer an alternative to existing provision.
53	Anywhere there is demand and where traffic will not be obstructed
54	Should be available every where
55	Businesses paying rates should have precedence
56	Coffee and snacks
57	Something that offers a product that others don't, could easily be allowed.
58	This would help small business and local traders and provide a much welcome service to the communities.
59	It give opportunity for people who wants run their business
60	Should have specific areas, times .. as they have to move about.. safe routes need to be planned

61	Especially not when using blasting and distorted loudspeaker(s)! Ice cream vans might have their charm though, but they may also fill a gap in a market that's likely seasonal - e.g. has anybody seen the QUEUES outside Mary's Milk Bar at the Grassmarket on sunny/warmer days?!!
62	Permission should be granted in agreed mobile trading zones.
63	Within reason. Either a location where multiple vehicles can operate, or a rotation of vehicles in certain spots, dotted about
64	In areas where public transport and pedestrian safety are un-affected,
65	Mobile trading would increase street clutter and impede pedestrians. There is a requirement for diesel generators which are as polluting in both noise and air pollution as cars, something the council refuses to address even whilst implementing the LEZ
66	Would allow small traders who couldn't sustain a shop presence to sell at busier times of day or year
67	Pricing for trading licenses needs overhaul though. We operate a very successful high end market at the foot of Lothian Road throughout the festival period but because the address is technically Princes Street our licence is eyewateringly more expensive than the site a few meters further up the street at Festival Square. We are looking for venues to run more events throughout the year but outwith the apparently arbitrary central zone because of the cost
68	Why should businesses with premises paying rates be subject to cheap competitors
69	encourages small businesses
70	If there are places for mobile traders to go, why not grant them a fixed pitch as a street trader.
71	It is difficult to see how this could be policed properly and there are difficulties enough with parking in the centre.
72	Why not give people a fixed pitch, thus eliminating the possibility of multiple traders in a small area and also diversifying the market
73	There are sufficient outlets in the city centre

Q15 - Should the Council allow more types of goods be sold from mobile vehicles? Please give details below.

1	Any type of practicable food should be allowed.
2	Within reason, I can't see any reason why not.
3	literally anything within food hygiene and health and safety limitations (not alcohol obviously)
4	and strict rules on frying because the smell extends for scores of metres from such stalls eg Castle Street which by the way is in the City Centre
5	Undecided
6	On a case by case basis and depending on proposed locations.
7	Yes, as long as this supports local small business

8	As above...I don't support mobile traders.
9	only food that has to be cooked and hence unlikely to result in littering
10	Should be limited to fresh fish vans and ice cream sellers only.
11	Provided it is appropriate and done from a permitted fixed location
12	as long as the above is adhered to
13	Can't really answer this one as I'm not sure what the current limitations are
14	snacks and coffee
15	I don't think any form of mobile trading should be encouraged in the city, and certainly no more than is currently the case. And there should definitely be no extensions for non-food products. The centre of town is already bad enough with the profusion of identical shops selling tourist tat.
16	To give a nice variety of what's on the offer.
17	I'd particularly like gluten free food - but generally variety can be interesting
18	as long as the quality is good. Some of the Xmas Market stalls are filled with cheap, not good quality items.
19	Should stick to food related
20	As a dog owner/lover something like dog treats/poo bags in popular dog walking areas would be useful service
21	Arts and crafts ,antique pieces ,Edinburgh gifts
22	not sure Fruit and Veg maybe !
23	Perhaps refills to reduce unnecessary and polluting plastic packaging. And to reach areas where there are no refill shops available. Also to reach residents (elderly and people with disabilities etc) who may have difficulty in getting to places due to lack of easy transport.
24	No just usual cheap ice cream.
25	Fish,meat, bread, veg would be great
26	All trades, food and services should be allowed.
27	Provided hygiene rules are followed, and the products don't cause inconvenience (a kazoo seller near a library), there's little reason not to broaden the scope.
28	too many vehicles in Edinburgh already without adding food trucks.
29	While the presence of markets and street front stalls would add to the atmosphere and appeal of the city, I don't believe a large number of mobile vehicles trading would have the same effect.

30	I think if it was apt and giving a small local (or a new business) and helping hand up then yes. ie If someone was selling second hand books near a university, if someone was cutting keys or repairing mobile phones in a station then that a good idea so long as there was no similar existing businesses nearby. An existing established business (ie one that sold Tartan plastic souvenir tat) that was just looking for somewhere else to sell even more of the same, then no.
31	Particularly food from a variety of cuisines would be great.
32	Why not as long as it's a designated place for vehicles
33	Delis, hot food
34	Coffee Burger's Food
35	I think this needs to be kept regulated
36	Health and hygiene issue
37	Drinks, street food.
38	Artisan and interesting foods
39	If there are specified market areas that should suffice and take into account other comments
40	I'd like to see soup, bread and flowers.
41	not sure what but I would specify that the goods were local and handmade, something different to add to the area. There is enough imported generic tat already on sale in Edinburgh, we don't need any more.
42	as long as there are suitable controls and standards in place
43	To give consumers greater choices.
44	Think so. Most are positive and add to the offering
45	Butchers, fish monger, cheese etc
46	food trucks are great
47	Plant-based food.
48	Again, loosen the grip- follow the trend of modern, unique and dynamic trades who are offering new and innovative ways to trade.
49	Yea but they should be of a certain quality or craft. Rather than ice cream from a carton.
50	I have a coffee van and seel hot and cold snacks, giving us more opportunity to open up our services would be nothing but beneficial for Edinburgh and its visitors.

51	No idea
52	As above
53	General grocery, hot food. Do not set limits, rather let traders propose and let them figure out what people want to buy
54	Impossible to reply yes or no a shtis is a question that requires more information
55	Ethnic foods.
56	hand made products
57	Better quality souvenirs
58	Think should be specific for small businesses.. Crafts. unique goods
59	No if the question was about whether to allow selling a wider range of goods, as this would make it more difficult to assess, in terms of granting permission &/or enforcement?
60	All types of food & drink (except alcohol)
61	There is no need for mobile vehicles, apart from for revenue from the LEZ they take away from local traders who actually pay rent taxes vat etc
62	Where I live there is a fish van once a week, if there was also a vegetable van or a baker or a butcher for example that would save driving to supermarket as little other choice at the moment
63	encourages small businesses.
64	To encourage Diversity.
65	Subject to licensing control.
66	Yes. Mobile traders should be modernised. Rather than treats or unhealthy snacks more alternative goods should be promoted
67	The answer of yes is caveated in that perishable goods such as fish and greengrocery should be allowed in residential areas along with ice cream vans to provide a service to those with mobility issues. Mobile coffee, snacks etc should not be allowed especially if you are considering town centres.

Q16 - Would you like to make any further comment about street trading, operating a market or selling from mobile vehicles?

1	Support small businesses by allowing market trading
2	Supporting local business should be a priority for the Council. Given that most Street Traders/Market Traders are local people running small businesses and many are long standing businesses, they should be supported by policy and in practice. Priority should be given to small business over large companies when operating, for example, street markets.
3	I would like a website or leaflet for locals that indicate the days/times of regular local mobile trading. I lived in my house for four years before discovering that the annoying car horn I heard at seemingly random times was in fact a mobile butchers van. I wish I'd known sooner.
4	Litter Litter such places generate litter I think that there is sufficient for all outlets mobile and permanent alike to have to brand their

	packaging - some already do - AND for them to be charged for any of their litter found on the street
5	Ensure cleaning public services and planning do consider places where street trading takes place so existing and new street trading do not impact negatively cleanliness. Edinburgh is significantly dirtier than similar cities. Furthermore ensure Street trading does not impact negatively mobility and space for pedestrians. It should be done only if it improves the quality of public space both for residents and visitors and not only tourists
6	No
7	<p>There are some regular markets and some long standing traders who have enhanced the experience of the residents and visitors to the city.</p> <p>I feel there could be more opportunities to other local businesses. I've attended many events away from Edinburgh and I'm surprised how many, unknown to me at the time, Edinburgh traders (food stalls mainly) are at these events. It would be good to see more of them, more locally to support them and our economy. Anything to encourage them and make it a simple process to get them set up should be looked at.</p>
8	<p>I'm not sure what changes to layout in the mound and playfair steps have taken place. Other than the steps being closed for a long time.</p> <p>Street trading is a welcome alternative to the local community especially for those not wanting to deal with staff working in shops where they have no vested interest and as such offer a lesser experience.</p> <p>Let small traders continue to trade and make a living. Don't take away their livelihood and essentially make them unemployed.</p>
9	<p>This consultation suggests that the layout of Mound and Playfair Steps has changed - it hasn't. What happened was the steps were closed for years due to the Galery extension The only difference in layout is that the art and craft stalls are no longer along the path between the steps and the Mound square.</p> <p>The Council's policies should focus on supporting small businesses particularly those who have been trading in Edinburgh for a long time and which have struggled since 2020. Where there are new places to support new Street Traders or Markets, this should be done on a case by case basis. The city needs its small businesses and shouldn't place additional barriers to them succeeding.</p>
10	<p>As stated before I think it is a good idea to support more street trading especially with a view to giving more choice of different types of businesses. This leads to a greater customer experience and helps local businesses and the local economy. I think the council should avoid putting on more restrictions on local businesses as this only stifles what is already a tough environment for them. I would fruther like to add that you state the layout of Mound Precinct and Playfair Steps has changed. I do not think it has changed and has recently reopened after the works done to the Gallery.</p>
11	<p>Temporary stalls, whether at the festive markets or not, should not be selling alcohol. This takes trade away from licensed venues in the city who pay rates and require seasonal trade to survive. Any market should be family friendly and there is no need for them to trade late into the night. We dislike the town centre during December and now avoid it.</p>

12	Why not support existing businesses who are finding trade tough at the moment
13	Periodic markets like farmers' markets are always popular and draw people to the area
14	There are many long standing street traders that help both the economy and vibrancy of the City Centre. As long as there's space and a bit of control over who and where it's going on
15	Street traders present an additional option for residents for both selling and buying. They provide a benefit to the local economy and can be the only outlet for local produce. There are also areas in the city centre that can be used for such without any impact such as the Mound precinct.
16	The use of motor vehicles should be restricted to roads and designated car parks only, they should not be driven over or parked on footways, cycleways or any green areas.
17	I think more attention should be given to the closest. There are opportunities for small pop-ups in the ruins of mediaeval buildings in some closes, and opportunities for low nuisance stalls like Luckenbooths in places like Lady Stairs close. And on the subject of Luckenbooths, those stalls outside the City Chambers should be permanently removed
18	Should be encouraging shop owners rather than street trading
19	Continuity is important for markets to retain a customer base - and anyone with a property nearby would have been aware of the market.
20	make sure all items are good quality, be they food or other items
21	Obviously as market operators we have a vested interest. We are aware that since we started operating Stockbridge Market in 2011, there are a lot more markets in and around Edinburgh, indeed all over Scotland. On the whole, we believe this can only be a good thing in terms of providing customers choice and enabling smaller businesses the opportunity to sell their wares without having to operate from shop premises with fixed costs. The ability to buy goods at markets give a unique shopping experience. They are outdoors, nearly always accessible and family friendly. There is however a huge difference between local, weekly markets, and annual events. Like many other residents and businesses in Edinburgh, we feel that events such as Edinburgh's Christmas are too large and over commercialised. They do not offer value for money for traders or customers. There is little thought given to the product being sold and it is a pile them high bring the money in venture from our experience. There is a balance between providing an opportunity to experience Christmas in Edinburgh and appealing to a lot of people. As a market operator, we don't feel that is being achieved at the moment. Our markets serve very different demographics. Leith is primarily a local residents market, Grassmarket a tourist market and Stockbridge a mix of the two types of customers. At all times, we do our best to fit in with the local community and indeed enhance it as best we can. Our markets provide people the ability to buy product direct from the producers and to a lot of our customers, the provenance of the goods they are buying is so important. Markets give people to ability to meet producers in person.

22	Can bring a real good atmosphere to an area- very common in big cities in Europe- people like markets!
23	I'm lucky to have been able to show and sell the bags I make at a stall at Leith Market. Its well run and controlled properly and sells good quality items. If new markets are available and managed like this I'm all for it.
24	Street trading should be made fair and on a rotation basis to allow new and innovative small businesses to have a chance
25	No other comments
26	I think markets and individual stalls are integral part of a nice lively atmosphere in the city centre. The markets that do exist in Edinburgh at the mo. They are fantastic in what they offer. The stockbridge and grassmarket are wonderful places to go and think a lot of local businesses such as cafes pubs nearby benefit.
27	Keep getting better, Regulate skin care products and ask for Product certification. People pay a lot to get certified and there are those that do not get there products tested and harm people giving everyone a bad name.
28	<p>Edinburghs established markets are good well attended and much appreciated. The footfall trend is upwards since Covid as more people choose them as a place to shop regularly. there will be a need for one in West Edinburgh before long... Edinburgh Park maybe</p> <p>Dont know about demand now but could consider licensing something on the Parkand Ride sites which are not full at weekends/ early evenings in summer that might attract edge of towners and boost P&R coffers.</p> <p>Street trading/ van trading has more potential for adverse impacts and may need more checks and balances.</p>
29	<p>Would be nice to have farmers markets where prices are more reasonable for everyone to access and not only the well off and wealthy people. This may be due to high rental fees, which traders need to pass on the cost to cover for the running of the markets. While people are keen to support locals and local economy, the council also need to play their part in keeping the cost affordable for small businesses.</p> <p>City of Leeds has a massive market, where farmers, producers and small business have the chance to sell their products directly to consumers, making the prices affordable and not relying on big supermarkets that often squeeze the money out of hard working small farmers and have the majority of products imported (with high carbon footprint), overly packaged (with unnecessary and polluting plastics).</p>
30	Having more of this in Edinburgh would bring a more local vibe to Edinburgh opposed to the usual commercialised massive companies dominating the city.
31	No
32	<p>Street markets are regarded well across the city and a draw for those outside. Cities throughout the UK embrace markets and the small businesses that trade at them.</p> <p>They should be preserved and any barriers to their operation should be removed.</p>

33	<p>I am a small trader at weekend markets in the centre of Edinburgh. A large part of my income rests on being able to access these markets. However, I don't see much scope for pushing markets into inconvenient places and times. Markets should not be located in cramped spaces where they might cause congestion, and they should be limited to normal business hours. That way there will be tendency for markets to occupy spaces that people already frequent (and so not massively increase the noise) and not interrupt residents later in the evening when they might reasonably expect some peace and quiet.</p> <p>Market traders and street traders have a community of their own, and while I would love to see more markets in spaces that can easily accommodate them, I also feel that trying to push boundaries too much will result in significant local pushback, particularly if they are seen to negatively impact green spaces. Markets are bustling and fun places to be, but they are also a large logistical operation, albeit at a smaller scale, with all the loads inherent in that.</p> <p>A park with a market in it is no longer a park, and disused parking lot with a market in it is no longer a disused parking lot. It really depends on whether people feel they are losing or gaining by the market's presence.</p>
34	<p>The market in Castle Terrace on a Saturday is excellent for purchasing fresh food and other products as is the Stockbridge market on a Sunday.</p> <p>Both of these are preferable to the so-called Christmas Market in Princes Street Gardens...over-priced tat. No doubt it attracts tourists and others but in my view it "cheapens" Edinburgh.</p>
35	<p>Leith and Stockbridge markets are an excellent example of the types of outdoor trading that should be encouraged. Look to other countries market stalls.</p>
36	<p>The presence of street front stalls and in particular regular markets in central locations not only supports small businesses, it adds to the appeal and charm of the city.</p>
37	<p>I hope that any public opinion in opposition to some of the bigger - annual/event type - markets, ie ones in Princes St Gardens, is not being confused with / held against the smaller more local weekly markets. In my experience the weekly markets are all supporting local traders with local businesses, and provide community spirit.</p> <p>With regards to Steeet Trading, many of my customers from Europe and the USA like the charm/uniqueness of individual stalls, and as said before they dont travel to Edinburgh to see another branch of McDonalds. We get chatty, I tell them where the other good record shops in the city are, what pubs are good for gigs etc, sometimes the club and gig history of the city. I spend a lot of time giving info to people who need directions/somewhere local to eat etc. I consider myself - like most other market/street traders are good ambassadors for the city. Its in our interests to be friendly and chatty and most of us are anyway.</p>
38	<p>Markets provide an alternative for customers by offering independent, local and handmade items as well as an interesting offer of street food. They give the city character and variety. They need to be well run for health & safety and care taken to the type of food & products sold. Without access to a regular market many small business would close down. I have traded for several years in both Grassmarket and Stockbridge market and know that both tourists and locals appreciate the atmosphere those markets create. Both are very well run, rules and regulations are followed strictly.</p>
39	<p>Of course, more free flowing businesses will require more management and more auditing. Hence council might not have enough resources to maintain good levels of standards while allowing more businesses to trade. However, I believe in general, if it done right, it would increase the attractiveness of our city.</p>

40	Some markets are required to stay open until 4pm as part of their license - this is often unnecessary and results in empty looking markets in late afternoon which does not give a great impression so should be allowed to close for day at time at discretion of market operator
41	Like I say trading is part of our communities every one loves a market even if folks aren't buying it's the atmosphere and buzz of walking down a pedestrian space in the City and enjoying the experience of our great Capital City
42	Street trader operated by the owner and council cannot well organise every single one, so that it could be out of control. Operating market can provide more variety products and create the unique experience for the consumer and travelers, the market manage by operator and easy to follow up by council regarding the complain by residents or visitors. Mobile vehicles can convince for special event and or location.
43	Having lived here for over 30 years now I have seen that the large event companies have taken over a larger and larger chunk of business in the city centre. I think this has led to the city having a more inauthentic plastic feel to it for visitors. I also do not believe that these large corporate entities provide good value for money for local residents or visitors. I feel existing small businesses should be given more support and new sites provided to small businesses to strengthen the local economy.
44	I currently love the outdoor markets that are in Edinburgh. I regularly go to Leith Market, it really makes the area more vibrant and brings local people and tourists into the area who then use the other shops, restaurants and cafes. I also love Stockbridge Market for similar reasons. It's great for the area and a great Sunday day out. The Grassmarket Market and Castle Terrace Farmers market are also great markets which I enjoy visiting.
45	Market trading is essential for people to see and buy diverse local goods made and produced by people who do not have the circumstances to sell in any other way. Markets are sociable places where customers build a regular rapport with traders- valuable in an age of automated shopping. They are vibrant and bring greater trade and commerce to local establishments when they are on.
46	Most of the markets in Edinburgh are highly regarded by tourists and locals alike and bring visitors into the city and run well.
47	I'd like a unified high quality and safe appearance of market stalls, but not necessarily on Council expense. Maybe a guideline which needs to be met before a trading permit is given.
48	Markets and street trading creates interest and diversity in the city it should be affordable for folk to get a license.
49	Street trading, markets and mobile selling can be a good thing for Edinburgh. A diverse set up could be an attraction to Edinburgh. I think of London were street stalls can be found around the city selling a wide variety of products, services and goods. Bringing people together and giving people a reason to come into town. It is also good for small businesses and a benefit to long-standing family set-ups. If done well would give other small traders and business an opportunity to start up but needs to be done so there is no impact on existing traders. If this was handed over to corporate/bigger business the opportunity for others would be lost.
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53	Markets are great and should be encouraged
54	Street traders are a vital part of the community, and provide independent holders with an income without the expense of owning/renting premises, they allow flexibility for those with other commitments, health issues, family issues, and are a regular point of call for locals and visitors. The massive town markets should not be compared with local indi traders who rely on regular spots for their income
55	As long as its registered and comply with regulations I think it's a great idea
56	Having access to markets was invaluable for establishing our business. The customers we meet are lovely and have a huge commitment to support local.
57	Markets are good options for local small traders bringing in their produce into town. But when every shop in Princes Street is being replaced by a Candy store, the council should consider to give more support to these sites rather than allowing street trading all around the City making it like a town on wheels with shops in every high Street disappearing at an alarming rate- Edinburgh is becoming a ghost town with betting agencies and gift shops for plastic tartans as the only options for a day out.
58	It would be a great shame to close the existing markets that we have u
59	I notice you named castle terrace was a concern. I love the farmers market that trades there and has done for many years.
60	Street trading adds a real depth of interest to any city. Great for nurturing small businesses. Bring traders and customers closer. Interesting to tourists. Licensing should be as easy and affordable as possible, not seen as an income source for the council.
61	Spread it out more, ot everyone wants to go the crowded city centre
62	Edinburgh has some great city centre markets. Farmers market and grassmarket on a Saturday and others out with the centre. Could there be a designated space where all types of traders could operate under market conditions without impacting local business Sunday-friday?
63	Add colour and vibrancy to the city. Provides jobs for local people.
64	The system is not easy. It should be a map with all the licences granted and a more accurate requirements guide. To say it depends on each case is very vague, and it seems the licences are always held by the same companies. Edinburgh Council should do as East Lothian council, designate areas publicly and allow people to apply.
65	And remove the ludicrous 'non-permanent advertising' section for existing street traders. Claim its additional risk to pedestrians, whilst having knee height bollards right down the royal mile.... I've seen more people falling over and injuring themselves over those bollards in my time compared to people falling over a restaurant A-board...
66	We think that there is a great opportunity here form the city and for enterprise. But curation of it is key to success.
67	Don't make is as hard as it was for me to obtain the license, if applicants have all documentation in place, they adhere to all that is required, help them don't hinder them, support them don't suppress them.
68	The council should revise the forms that charities are expected to complete when requesting a Street Trader Licence as these are not relevant as they are designed for those in business.

69	<p>Street trading has a long history in Edinburgh, and indeed, most cities of the world. Most folk visiting a city look to see where the local markets are, to get a feel and idea of what that city is about and has to offer, ie arts, crafts, small local independent businesses selling locally sourced goods. It is what makes a city vibrant and sustainable. How can you expect local artists and crafts folk to live and work inn a city if they are not allowed opportunities to sell their wares and make a living from it? I came to Edinburgh to study and stayed on after finishing. I have been here for over thirty years, trying to earn a living from my art and craft. It has been extremely difficult giving that the council decided to close the few opportunities I had to make a successful living from it, by suspending the street trading stances oil both the mound and the high street. Other cities actively encourage folk like myself to trade, as it is not the easiest thing to do in Scottish weather. I am now in a situation where I am looking to leave the city, and go to a city that is street trading friendly, so that I can make a living. Very unfortunate and regrettable.</p>
70	<p>The application process for a street trader's license is onerous and stressful. While the policy document states that the council wishes to encourage food vans in industrial estates and other underserved areas, much of it focuses on the city centre and the (necessary) restrictions there which don't apply to the foregoing objective. In areas which don't have the concerns of e.g. The Royal Mile, a simpler process would be effective.</p> <p>The evaluation process for a license is opaque. The steps along with minimum and median timelines should be published on the council website. The spreadsheet of applications should be updated weekly as promised (current version is Nov 20 2023, nearly 3 weeks old).</p> <p>Guidance should be offered on locations. Council staff are not allowed to advise applicants on how to choose a good location, and there are no objective rules published. Applicants risk losing the substantial fee and a lot of time to a rejection. A simple "what about here?" ... "yes, that looks good but I can't guarantee it will be approved" would be incredibly helpful. Some councils (e.g. Fife) have pre-approved locations for food vans in keeping with the policy of encouraging them in underserved locations, which an applicant can choose from. It would behoove the City of Edinburgh to curate such a list.</p> <p>The council appears indifferent to the fact this is someone's business and livelihood at stake, and the impact the process has on mental health. Some sensitivity to that situation would be appropriate. There is a culture of not saying "yes" to anything, perhaps in fear of accountability.</p> <p>The council should offer guidelines on how to legally operate while waiting for a license, e.g. as a home based business. Referrals to Scottish Law are unhelpful since every council makes its own interpretations. The council should be transparent about the rules it (not Holyrood) uses to make enforcement decisions.</p> <p>The council should introduce a policy of presumed consent, as used by many councils in Scotland and throughout the UK - if an application is prima facie reasonable, and there are no immediate objections during the first two weeks of consultation, grant the applicant a temporary license to trade pending a decision on the full license.</p>
71	<p>Markets such as Stockbridge and castle terrace give customers / visitors an opportunity to experience the amazing variety of goods that can only be accessed through markets. This is a proven attraction for visitors and a service to locals alike. If organised and run correctly it supplements the local shops and economies, adding an add! To the the other business communities.</p>

72	<p>The market operators licence is not suitable for private commercial events such as music concerts at premises that require ticketed entry (royal highland centre)</p> <p>Changes to layouts are normal, expected and part of dynamic assessment on site - and should capacities change we may require more food and drink vendors to supply the public. Currently such changes invalidate a MOL and this makes it difficult to satisfy the current licence requirements.</p> <p>In glasgow and other cities an MOL is not needed for private ticketed events, and these vendors are vetted and signed off by environmental health during the TPEL process.</p>
73	<p>Markets that offer local good quality products are beneficial and supported by the local communities. It's a great opportunity to offer to the residents products that they can't have anywhere else.</p>
74	<p>Some consideration for licence fees to be on a sliding scale to markets operating in a community setting and for non profit organisations. Length of licence could also be considered, it costs us the same for 1 day as it would for 28 days.</p>
75	<p>Again reduce the temporary market traders licence application fees they are not sustainable for small business or small operators. We would love to host a quarterly arts and craft fair in edinburgh but the fact we have to pay £1000+ everytime we want to apply for a licence it is just not sustainable to pay for either us or the small businesses and artisans we work with.</p>
76	<p>There seems to be a good balance of street trading and markets at the moment which is meeting the public need and great for local business. It would be really positive and beneficial to continue in this vein, without any additional restrictions being placed on these small businesses - many of which are long standing and should continue to be supported by council policy. Any new street traders should also receive the same consideration as and when there is suitable space for them.</p> <p>As for mobile vehicles, I'm not convinced there is a strong business case to meet a consumer demand here, given everything already available. These I suspect would also lead to even more congestion and litter. Certainly not in the city centre anyway.</p>
77	<p>They have to be clean and not cause rubbish or smells or take up street space. Queing should not disrupt people getting from a to b</p>
78	<p>I am very disappointed that I paid £250 , and my application was refused</p>
79	<p>My main concern is about the situation at Murrayfield Stadium, which during the concerts in spring 2023 degenerated into a disgrace. It may be that action is required at UK level - Christine Jardine MP has researched possible reform of the Pedlars Act.</p>
80	<p>Trading on the street and markets are an essential in any city and definitely should be apart of Edinburgh . Creatives should be supported and given opportunities to trade within city limits.</p>
81	<p>I am truly horrified and appalled at the councils lack of policy on the use of diesel generators in the city centre whilst introducing the LEZ</p> <p>George street is noisy (75 decibels from one unit clad in painted wood) and polluted by these generators for the ice rink, stalls pop ups etc</p> <p>The meadows would be more appropriate for this type of thing, more space and also not annoying actual residents of the city centre again and again. It must be hell if you live on George st or any city centre location year after year, plus the damage to the trees and grass in princes st gardens</p>

82	I think street trading is brilliant and has a place in Edinburgh, it can really attract tourists as well as locals. It does need to be managed appropriately though, as too many traders will mean some businesses will struggle
83	The markets are a special and vital part of Edinburgh culture and especially the weekend markets at Leith and Stockbridge create a strong sense of community which is much needed today.
84	Edinburgh could accommodate several markets fairly centrally but the price differential at the moment is so great that central venues are less attractive
85	I feel as long as there is a variety and not the same product being sold repeatedly at the same time, I see no problem as long they have a license and have the right training with regards to health and safety.
86	How.does.the.council think it can enforce any changes?
87	Whilst there has been significant mention of communities within the by-pass in this consultation, there has been little mention of the outlying communities - e.g Juniper Green, Currie, Balerno, Ratho. Balerno Village Trust (a registered charity) run a monthly Farmers Market in Main Street Balerno, our reason for doing this is significantly different from Market Traders in the city centre. As a community run market our main aim is to create community cohesion not profit. Through the market we engage with around 800 people per month, we invite local producers to sell their goods (which are not available in our local shops) and also support the local businesses operating in main street by increasing the footfall on market day. Whilst we understand and support the CEC charging a commercial rate for commercial markets in the city centre, we would ask that as the bill allows the CEC continue to offer charitable and non-profit generating markets licenses at a significantly reduced cost and preferably no cost.
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89	The layout of the Mound Precinct and Playfair steps has not changed, It has merely reopened due to the completion of the Gallery extension.
90	The existing provision enhances the experience of the city for both residents and visitors. The licensing and planning systems seem to work well as currently configured. Street trading in particular is a valuable asset to our existing services. It is important for the council to support and promote small local businesses.

91	<p>We have noted that there is no reference in your consultation to Balerno which has hosted a highly successful monthly Farmers Market continuously since 2005.</p> <p>We are also concerned that any market including indoor markets, which can include charitable markets, should be sustainable.</p> <p>Market operators licenses should be priced to recognize that in many cases the businesses to be represented at them may be fragile and apparently small costs can be unaffordable</p> <p>Markets offer not only opportunities for trade but as importantly opportunities for community building and cohesion.</p>
92	<p>I think street trading, particularly from ice-cream vans, is a part of British culture and supporting local businesses is a vital part of that as well. Most of the ice cream vans have been there for many generations and it's important to support them as a part of history and culture</p>
93	<p>The council should lobby for legislation changes that are in keeping with modern technology. A trader offering a service where payment is made online avoids the need for a licence. This would seem to be a way round the necessary vetting of traders and disadvantages traders who take payment in cash.</p>

Appendix 3

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 12:01 PM
To: Gordon Hunter <Gordon.Hunter@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Cc: paul.lawrence@edinbrgh.gov.uk; [REDACTED] >
Subject: FW: Walkway leading to Playfair Steps

Dear Gordon

As per our recent conversation I have spoken to [REDACTED] and can confirm that she has the same view regarding the Street Traders returning to the Playfair Walkway as previously put forward by NGS i.e. we would be opposed to this. Notwithstanding the points raised by Paul Lawrence, which we agree with, the NGS site is part of a World Heritage setting and as you are aware considerable effort and cost has gone into maximising the appearance of the eastern façade of the Scottish National Gallery, which includes the Playfair Walkway and any return of the Street Traders would be detrimental to that view and our visitor experience. It is also worth noting that there has been a substantial increase in visitor numbers to our site – we have had the highest attendance to date for the National. This means that we are dealing with an increase volume of people who need to navigate the pathway safely and securely and especially so for any emergency. The point being the volume is not the same as before therefore we cannot safely return to vendors occupying the walkway. In 2023 we had 1,836,057 visitors, that's a year when the new galleries were only opened for the final three months— it is quite possible we could easily hit over 2 million in the near future.

[REDACTED] expressed concern that NGS appear to have not been part of the consultation process and trusts that if further consultation with essential stakeholders is to take place that we would be included.

I have been asked to cc Paul Lawrence into my reply, which is on behalf of [REDACTED] so that they can communicate directly with each other if wished.

I would be most grateful if you can keep [REDACTED] and myself apprised of any developments in this regard.

Kind regards

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