

## 2. Background information

2.1 Currently there is no street trading permitted along Wood Green High Road itself. The Council has designated certain roads off the High Road to enable traditional street trading pitches to be allocated, these are:

Dovecote Ave- 2 traditional stalls Coleraine Road Brampton Park Road DeCoury Road

- 2.2 These traditional stalls were issued out to the current traders many years ago. As they are traditional street trading sites these pitches are subject to the trader being able to keep hold of these sites and pass the sites on within their family through generations. As a result of this, and the fact that LB Haringey does not have any market areas, we do not see a turnover in new traders on a regular basis. This we have found to be quite restrictive and frustrating for those who wish to be able to be given an opportunity to trial street trading in the borough.
- 2.3 The Wood green Major Scheme will see infrastructure being put in place along Lymington Ave and the existing street trading sites to allow, better access for the traders.
- 2.4 It is proposed that Lymington Ave be made available for a number of stalls to be placed along the paving and these stalls will be for casual/temporary trading to take place. The legislation already allows for this and the Council is able to consider an area if there is sufficient space in the street. This means that the Council will be able to offer the area out for casual street trading and also for specific types of trading such as Farmers markets, Christmas markets, Craft market etc.
- 2.5 It is also proposed to widen the street trading offer at Dovecote Avenue to enable additional stalls to be placed there all be it on a casual basis.
- 2.6 The existing traditional traders have been consulted with by Licensing and the High Road Improvement Team which included the architects designing the improvements to the area. Meetings were held and the existing license holders attended to give their views. They spoke about the problems with the drainage, the small stall areas they have been assigned and the fact that they face penalty charges each time they operate beyond the existing area. The issue of traders parking spaces next to the stall on the side roads was also discussed.



## 3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That members note the proposed changes to the High Road and agree to a scheme being put in place to encourage and allow for casual street trading in the defined areas.
- 3.2 That members agree for the Licensing Team to carryout bench marking with a view to submitting a report at a later date for a subsided fee for the potential casual traders in order to encourage take up of the scheme.
- 4. Timelines to implementation
- 4.1 Construction for the Wood Green Town Centre Major Scheme is anticipated to commence in March 2014 for a period of 12 months.
- 4.2 Licensing will undertake bench marking and submit a further report to Regulatory Committee with proposed fees that will then go forward to Full Council for adoption by the end of 2014.
- 4.3 It is proposed that the Council will advertise the new spaces nearer the time and people will be able to register their interest in being permitted to trade casually from these areas.
- 5. Head of Legal Services and legal implications
- 6. Policy Implication
- 6.1 The Councils current policy of not permitting footway trading on the High Road Wood Green pavement is not affected by the proposals.
- 7. Use of Appendices
- 7.1 Wood Green Improvement Consultation document Maps/layout plans of roads affected.



8. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985