

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982

STREET TRADING CONDITIONS

The Council has adopted a system of street trading comprising of designated “prohibited streets” and “consent streets”.

1. PROHIBITED STREET

A “prohibited street” means a street or area in which street trading is prohibited. In Chorley the prohibited streets with are:

(i) All land and streets in the open air, generally in the areas known as Rivington and Anglezarke within the Borough of Chorley. (Signs mark the approximate boundary of this area, further details are available from the Public Protection Team, People & Places Directorate, telephone 01257 515151).

(a) There are three sites in this area where trading is permitted, these sites are let on a twelve month licence by Tender from United Utilities, Andertons Yard, Horwich - a street trading consent is also needed from Chorley Council.

(ii) The area of land adjacent to the Market Walk Development in Chorley bounded by the Market Walk Development, the car park and New Market Street, Chorley.

(iii) Streets in the area of the General Market, Chorley

Cannon Street	High Street
Chapel Street	Market Place
Cleveland Street	Market Street
Clifford Street	New Market Street
Fazakerley Street	Union Street

iv) The M6 Services at Charnock Richard and the M61 Bolton West Services.

2. CONSENT STREET

A “consent street” means a street or area where trading is not allowed without the consent of the Council. A consent is a document issued by the Council.

In Chorley all streets other than prohibited streets are designated “consent streets”. This means that a person wishing to trade in those streets must obtain the consent of the Council.

A “street” includes any road, footway or other area to which the public have access without payment. Therefore, the Act can apply to public and private car parks, shopping centres and leisure areas. However, to trade in a private area you still need the permission of the landowner as well as a street trading consent from the Council.

There have been different interpretations as to what constitutes a “street” for a number of years. The law was clarified in 2009 by the case heard in the High Court, of West Berkshire District Council v Simon Paine [2009] EWHC 422 (Admin). The essential point from the case is that a “street” can include private land such as a private car park, even though the public might not be expected to enter the land, they can do so, without payment. It does not just mean land which is part of a highway. This means that a number of activities that have not previously been considered to require a Street Trading Consent,

will require one from now on. For example, parking on the private car parks of businesses, and selling goods to the employees, requires a Street Trading Consent.

You might also need planning permission if you want to trade from the same place on a regular basis or if you want to trade from a Council owned car park - contact the Council's Planning Section, Civic Offices, Union St, Chorley, telephone number (01257) 515151.

Exemptions

Street Trading means that selling or exposing or offering for sale of any article (including a living thing) in a street but this does not include:

- (a) trading as a pedlar under the authority of a pedlar's certificate granted under the Pedlars Act 1871;
- (b) anything done in a market or fair the right to hold which was acquired by virtue of a grant, enactment or order;
- (c) trading in a trunk road picnic area provided under the Highways Act 1980;
- (d) trading as a news vendor;
- (e) trading as:
 - (i) a petrol filling station
 - (ii) at a shop or on a street adjoining premises so used and as part of the business of the shop;
- (f) selling things, or offering or exposing them for sale as a roundsman. This means purely delivering goods which have been pre-ordered before you arrive at the premises , or delivering a regular order, such as with a milk round. Delivering a small amount of pre-ordered goods, when the majority of your business is to offer a range of goods for customers to choose from on site, does not qualify you as a roundsman.

3. GENERAL CONDITIONS TO A TRADING CONSENT

The Council may in granting or renewing a consent impose such conditions as it considers reasonable.

The following standard conditions will apply:

- (a) A street trader shall not trade within 50 metres of a fixed retail shop selling similar goods as its principal business, during the shop opening hours for the particular shop.
- (b) Only those goods originally nominated by the applicant to be sold. Any changes to be notified to the Proper Officer by the consent holder before sales commence.
- (c) Nuisance or annoyance shall not be caused (whether to persons using the street or otherwise).
- (d) No obstructions of any street or persons using it shall be caused.
- (e) The trader shall display his name and consent number in a prominent position on the vehicle, cart, barrow or portable stall at all times when trading.

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- (f) The trader shall produce, on the request of an authorised officer of the Council, evidence of his identity. A passport size photograph must accompany the application form which will be used for this purpose if a consent is granted.
- (g) The trader shall at all times ensure compliance with all legislation relevant to the conduct of the business, in particular:
 - (i) any vehicle used must be in roadworthy condition, taxed and insured.
 - (ii) any vehicle used shall not be sited in contravention of parking restrictions.
 - (iii) any loudspeaker may only be used in accordance with Section 62 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974, and,
 - (iv) any vehicle or stall used for the sale of food shall comply at all times with the Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2006 and Regulation 852/2004 *Annex II* Chapter III.
- (h) The trader shall provide adequate receptacles for rubbish and remove all rubbish deposited in the vicinity of the vehicle or stall.
- (i) Trading may only take place between the hours of 9.00am and midnight on Monday to Saturday inclusive, except that a vendor of refreshments, ice cream and ice lollies only, may also trade between the hours of noon and midnight on Sundays.

NOTE The Council may vary these conditions at any time. The holder of any consent may employ any other person to assist him without a further consent being required. Such assistants to be nominated and their photographs to be supplied with the application.

4. APPLICATIONS

Applications must be submitted on the official application form and be accompanied by the appropriate fee (See below). A passport size photograph of the licence holder should be included with the completed application form.

A consent will not be granted to any person under 17 years of age.

A consent may be granted for any period not exceeding 12 months, but can be revoked at any time.

5. FEES & CHARGES PAYABLE

Applicant residing within the Borough	£440.50 per annum
Applicant residing outside the Borough	£562 per annum

If a consent is surrendered or revoked during the 12-month period, the Council will charge an administration fee of £62. Surrendered consents will be charged for whole and part months when trading has taken place.

6. PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

It is an offence to:

- (a) Engage in street trading in a prohibited street.

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- (b) Engage in street trading without consent in a street.
- (c) Make any false statement in an application for consent.
- (d) Engage in Street Trading from a vehicle, cart, barrow or portable stall without a consent permitting it.
- (e) Contravene conditions relating to the time and place of trading from a vehicle, cart, barrow or portable stall.

The maximum fine on summary conviction is £1,000.

Further advice and information is available from the Public Protection Team, People & Places Directorate, Tel: (01257) 515151.