

Street Trading Policy 2024 – significant changes

2019 West Suffolk Council Street Trading and Vending Policy	2024 West Suffolk Council Street Trading Policy
Coverage of consent streets	
Consent streets included only a small section of West Suffolk: the former Forest Heath area, Bury St Edmunds, and Haverhill. The rest of the former St Edmundsbury area was completely unregulated.	Expansion of consent streets to cover all areas within West Suffolk, ensuring comprehensive regulation throughout the district.
Restricted streets	
Specific streets designated as restricted streets where trading was prohibited.	Removal of restricted streets designation, allowing more areas to be used for trading under regulated conditions.
Street vending	
Included regulations for both street trading and street vending.	Focuses solely on street trading. Street vending now covered by new pavement licensing legislation introduced during the pandemic and revised in April 2024.
Transfer and surrender of consent	
Consents are personal and can be transferred on request. Holders can surrender consent to the council.	Consents are non-transferable. Surrender of consent ends its validity.
Renewal process	
Consents issued for up to one year. Renewal application must be submitted at least 28 days before expiry.	Consents still issued for up to one year. No reminders sent for renewal. Renewal application must be submitted at least 28 days before expiry. Full reapplication needed if late.
Revocation and variation of consents	
Council can revoke or vary consents for various reasons, including nuisance, safety, or non-compliance.	Additional grounds for revocation include damaging street structure and unsuitable appearance of trading equipment.

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Waste management	
Traders must dispose of waste properly and ensure the site is clean. No specific requirements for litter bins	Waste management now requires a litter bin for customer use, with specific disposal regulations.
Additional conditions for food traders	
Food businesses must be registered. No specific hygiene rating requirement. Fire safety and first aid measures mentioned.	Prospective traders must provide evidence that they have registered with their local authority. Existing food traders must maintain a food hygiene rating of at least 3 (broadly compliant). Any trader who receives a rating below 3 must notify the licensing authority and provide evidence that they have achieved a rating of at least 3 within 30 days from the initial rating being awarded. Failure to do so will lead to consent being revoked. More detailed fire safety and waste disposal conditions.
Mobile consents	
Vehicles must move location every 45 minutes and not return within four hours. Noise regulations mentioned.	Vehicles must move location every 30 minutes and not return within four hours. Vehicles must be 50 meters away from their previous location and must adhere to noise control regulations.
Required documentation for applications	
Applications must include fee, form, insurance proof, and other documents. First grant applications require a 28-day consultation.	Detailed list of required documents, including proof of insurance, photograph of the trading unit, and proof of right to work in the UK. Renewals are automatically processed if trading hours and locations haven't changes.