

Who are you	What are your views?	Committee	Officers comments for committee
Existing street trading business operator - Norton Green monthly Market	<p>It appears to be fair and sensible. The changes are minimal and easy to understand. I would like to know the difference in fee payable for Category 1, Category 2 and Category 3 numbers of stalls at an event. Will the top fee still be £150 for 21+ stalls or will the charge be different after March 2026? I run a small event and the charge difference between 20 and 21 stalls is significant for me.</p>	No	<p>Proposed new categories Category 1 - 1 to 5 traders £50 Category 2 - between 6 and 39 traders £100 Category 3 - 40+ traders £150 - emailed trader to explain 16/03/26</p>
Member of the public	<p>I believe the peddalars should be banned. The ones who sell the kids cheap nasty toys & light up plastics which last maybe an hour if they are lucky. They park up in the carpark opposite the arc, sleep in their vans & use Cafe Nero for their ablutions. Then they leave without paying for parking or anything else.</p>	No	<p>Pedlars certificates are issued by the police, not the local authority, however if a trader does not hold a pedlar certificate, or a consent to trade this policy helps the local authority deal with this, as it would be a criminal offence - emailed MOP to explain 16/03/26</p>
Member of the public	<p>I don't agree that traders at community run events and findays should be required a street trading licence</p>	No	<p>Proposed wording to define commercial / charity and hobby traders - emailed MOP to explain 16/03/26</p>

Member of the public	I'm struggling to understand why a policy is needed, you should be encouraging businesses, not creating bureaucratic processes.	Yes	Proposed wording to define commercial / charity and hobby traders - emailed MOP to explain 16/03/26
Potential street trading business operator - Mobile coffee van	Nothing overly worries me at present. My only area of concern is that there appears to be no way to 'check' an areas suitably and likely approval before applying.	No	
Event host	Shocking for community fundays for individual traders to pay for a one off event.	Yes	Proposed wording to define commercial / charity and hobby traders - emailed MOP to explain 16/03/26

<p>Existing street trading business operator - Market and festival stall selling street food</p>	<p>Great way to discourage trading in the borough. It has already pushed me to trade in mostly other areas, despite living here. Some events are no longer worthwhile due to the costs involved. Complete waste of time applying for the licence and a complete waste of taxpayer money employing people to deal with all the paperwork.</p>	<p>No</p>	
<p>Existing street trading business operator - Specialist Coffee Van</p>	<p>I think the recent fees that street traders are facing make it even more difficult for independent businesses to survive.</p> <p>Even though I trade on private land, my outgoings have almost doubled since you introduced the direct debits making it even more difficult to make a success of my business.</p> <p>The introduction of the fees are a prime example of why so many independent businesses struggle.</p> <p>You are not helping them. You are destroying them.</p> <p>Now is the time to help the local independent businesses thrive and grow. The current policy gives the impression that you don't care for them at all</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Fees have been revised for 2026/27 and have been reduced - emailed trader to explain 16/03/26</p>
<p>Member of the public</p>	<p>I believe community events which nurture community spirit and British values should not be charged any fees by the council. This is especially so when considering events that are: not held on council land and promoting small, local businesses for local people giving a sense of pride in one's area.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Proposed wording to define commercial / charity and hobby traders - emailed MOP to explain 16/03/26</p>

Member of the public	<p>This is unwanted and unnecessary bureaucracy typical of Labour and SBC specifically.</p> <p>Totally unnecessary and a barrier to sm local business trying to make a little money in an already difficult climate.</p> <p>And you wonder why residents are totally disillusioned with you. Tank incompetence</p>	No	
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<p>Event Organiser</p>	<p>I agree with changing the "Bands" the 1 to 5 will help smaller events such as the Ingleby Barwick Light Switch on. However, I strongly disagree that Community Events should be subject to this Stealth Tax.</p> <p>Ingleby Barwick Community Partnership presented a petition signed by more than 1000 signatures which was discussed at the Council meeting in November and which they proposed that the petition should be passed to the Licensing committee for consideration. In my opinion, apart from changing the first section being reduced from 1 to 20 at a cost of £100 to the proposed new one 1 to 5, probably £50 this proposed policy does nothing to help Community Events.</p> <p>I raised this issue as a question Two years ago in May and said this would affect Community Events, and in January this year the IBCP committee took the difficult decision to stop the Community Market which has been held at The Myton for the last 11 years, due in no small part to the effect of this TAX.</p> <p>The petition called for Community Events to be exempt from the tax and has been totally ignored. The option for organisers to let the traders organise their own temporary Street Trading Licence will not help in any way, in fact this would mean traders would not attend so is a total waste of time.</p> <p>I refer you to the 1000 plus strong petition and urge you to exempt Community Events and allow ALL Traders to be exempt from this charge.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Proposed wording to define commercial / charity and hobby traders - emailed MOP to explain 16/03/26</p>
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Potential street trading business operator - converted horse box coffee trailer	There is still no option for part time street trading. It's based on very short term events or annual 7days a week traders. Pro rata options for those who can't commit to full time trading due to other factors. A annual 2-3 day week licence would make it more viable and fair.	Yes	
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<p>Existing street trading business operator - Food truck delivery service</p>	<p>I would like to provide feedback on the current Street Trading Licence process. For businesses operating across multiple units, the application process can be particularly challenging and administratively heavy. Streamlining the process would make compliance much more manageable for multi-site operators. An extension of the licence duration to up to three years would be highly beneficial. A longer licence period would reduce the frequency of applications, ease administrative pressure on both businesses and the licensing team, and provide greater certainty for long-term planning. Additionally, offering a monthly payment option would be far more achievable in the current trading climate. With rising operational costs, the ability to spread licence fees throughout the year would improve cash flow and make the system more accessible, particularly for small and growing businesses. It is also important to recognise that many local businesses provide valuable services within the borough and contribute significantly to the local economy. Supporting these businesses, especially those offering permanent, secure jobs for local residents should be a priority for the Council. A more flexible and business-friendly licensing system would help sustain local employment, encourage continued investment, and strengthen the borough's long-term economic resilience. Overall, these adjustments would help create a more practical, supportive, and sustainable Street Trading Licence framework</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Taken feedback onboard and put trader in contact with admin who will look at the process, to identify any improvements that can be made - emailed trader to advise 16/03/26</p>
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<p>Ingleby Barwick Community Partnership</p>	<p>It's unfair to penalise a not for profit organisation who organise events on a voluntary basis to benefit the community.</p> <p>This new policy will have the negative effect on traders attending the event, Ingleby Barwick Family Fun Weekend causing many not to attend and the real prospect of the event being cancelled.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Proposed wording to define commercial / charity and hobby traders - emailed MOP to explain 16/03/26</p>
<p>Ingleby Barwick Community Partnership</p>	<p>Extremely disappointed to see that our recent 1000+ named petition does not appear to have been considered in your proposed policy changes. IBCP is a not for profit voluntary organisation which has been operating over several years, bringing much enjoyed community events to the community of Ingleby Barwick and beyond. To impose such costs to us is very unfair and uncaring. I think you should not be charging ourselves and similar community events.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Proposed wording to define commercial / charity and hobby traders - emailed MOP to explain 16/03/26</p>

<p>Existing street trading business operator - Small independent coffee shop trading from converted horse box</p>	<p>I believe the amount Of money I have to pay for the street traders Licence is absolutely killing my company . After the absolute farse of dealing with the council and sending all information including photographs and dbs checks I did not receive my dbs lanyards or street training licence for my ftraailer . I never even got to see a member of the council at all in that year to discuss any matters or issues within the business. £1850 per year for what ???</p> <p>This is a disgrace and I will be lucky if I can continue to trade with this working class tax on a new business within our council.</p> <p>Our council should be there to help , promote and support small independents businesses not to make them financially broken . I would have to sell a lot of coffee to pay this ridiculous tax before even paying rent , wages insurances and day to day running of a small business.</p> <p>Iam absolutely disgusted and appalled and have no help whatsoever from the council . Disgusted !!</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>Ingleby Barwick Community Partnership</p>	<p>It has totally ignored the 1,000+ signature petition we submitted regarding not for profit organisations</p> <p>Ingleby Barwick Community Partnership (IBCP) continue to work for the local community in Ingleby Barwick by hosting free events and fund these via our markets which are held on private land. This tax imposed by the council is taking money away from the very community SBC claim to be representing and supporting</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Proposed wording to define commercial / charity and hobby traders - emailed MOP to explain 16/03/26</p>

<p>Member of the public</p>	<p>You need to clarify in the original statement what you mean by "a living thing". A sentient animal, or plants? Animals are not resources to purchase or exploit. It is acceptable to sell plants as commodities, as they do not have the ability to suffer. Animals and their flesh, milk, eggs, skin etc. should not be traded. Animals are resources and the council should not advocate for forcible impregnation and systematic killing of anyone.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Animals is the term used in the legislation, however there is no plan to grant a consent to anyone selling animals - emailed mop to explain 16/03/26</p>
<p>Potential street trading business operator - Mobile coffee van</p>	<p>I find it unbelievable that you as a council charge around 2k a year for a new business to operate within the stockton area, even at local events or on private land. How is this supporting small businesses? No introductory period to make sure the self found pitch is profitable, no help from the council with finding a pitch, no support whatsoever, just an order for upfront costs before you can even think about trading in the area. If I get a request for a private booking that falls within the stockton area, I have to decline as I cannot afford the 2k licence fee demanded by the utterly greedy council</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The fee to attend an event is not 2K - emailed potential trader to explain 16/03/26</p>
<p>Member of the public</p>	<p>I disagree with the restrictions on Community events. Many, many sellers are part of that community and, in my experience the majority do NOT go from community event to community event selling. I can understand including the likes of a hot food van or ice cream van which attends such community events. Surely, you are not wanting to attack a person who home bakes cakes, or is a hobbyist card maker and selling to recover the cost of materials and some small recompense for the time spent.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Proposed wording to define commercial / charity and hobby traders - emailed MOP to explain 16/03/26</p>

<p>Friends of Ropner Park</p>	<p>It looks very comprehensive.</p>	<p>No</p>	
<p>Member of the public</p>	<p>I am horrified that artisan / farmers markets are being adversely affected with rates. Micro businesses work very hard for a small income. The artisan / farmers markets can increase income and footfall for larger traders when based in town centres or shopping areas. Absolute bonkers to kill artisan and farmers markets.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Proposed wording to define commercial / charity and hobby traders - emailed MOP to explain 16/03/26</p>
<p>Member of the public</p>	<p>This will stop all community events !! I volunteer for Ingleby Barwick Community Partnership and the aim is to bring the community together by holding events. It is lots of hard work to arrange but we do this because we believe in community spirit but with the charges we have already had no choice to stop some of our events or to increase stall holders prices which they cannot afford !! We fund a family fun weekend ourselves by doing this when other areas are out on by the council. As I say we are all volunteers that put in a lot of time and hard work but this will stop our events going forward!</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Proposed wording to define commercial / charity and hobby traders - emailed MOP to explain 16/03/26</p>

<p>Existing street trading business operator - 2U Food is a food-to-go</p>	<p>I'd like clarity on whether our workplace route model falls under Multiple Site Consent rather than Roaming Consent?</p> <p>Does trading on private workplace land still require consent in each of your proposed cases?</p> <p>I have concerns on how our established route will not conflict with other businesses trading within 800metres.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>passed to officer to clarify for trader - 16/03/26</p>
<p>Member of the public</p>	<p>Totally unfair to both traders and members of the community. It's particularly unfair to impose this on events organised for the community such as Ingleby Barwick family fun weekend and this could result in an event that has given the community of Ingleby Barwick such enjoyment for more than 10 years and which goes against a 1000+ signature petition signed by SBC residents I strongly oppose this policy which would harm business who are already struggling with the cost of living crisis and spoil the enjoyment for 5,000 plus members of the community who look forward to this annual event I strongly believe events such as this should be exempt</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Proposed wording to define commercial / charity and hobby traders - emailed MOP to explain 16/03/26</p>

A public consultation has been carried out with a revised policy document; direct emails with links to the online consultation were sent to:

- All members
- All existing street traders and SBC market traders
- Responsible authorities / internal and external colleagues and partners

The public consultation was also advertised to the public on the website and on social media.

26 responses were received to the public consultation, 1 was invalid, a summary document of responses, and an additional column of officer comments is attached as Appendix 2.

A response was received from the Highways Team - *We have reviewed the revised Consent Street Trading Policy have no concerns or comments relating to the revision.*

A meeting took place with colleagues in land and property and countryside and green spaces teams, they have asked that traders are made aware that changes in the use of SBC land or associated buildings may mean traders are asked to operate from alternative locations, it is proposed this is done so via the street trading consent grant letter.

The 8 responders who answered Yes and provided contact details have been invited to the general licensing committee on 24th March 2026.