

Dear Councilors,

I am writing to submit a response to the recently proposed Street Trading Policy, which was under public consultation this summer. My name is Daniel Zoccolan, and I have run a street trading business in York for roughly the last thirteen years. As such, the Street Trading Policy affects me directly. Although discussion regarding this Policy has been postponed until February 2025, I feel that this response is still relevant in today's meeting. As part of this response, I would like present a proposed draft of a Charter of Street Trader's Rights, in conjunction with a number of other Street Traders in York.

The draft of the Street Trading Policy that underwent public consultation proposes to significantly change the nature of Street Trading in York. As written, it transfers the

functional authority over these Trading Consents from the Licensing Department to Make it York during events and our most important trading times, and alters the conditions of trade so significantly that it nullifies the business model that the existing Street Trading businesses are built on. By focusing on the potential economic advantages to Make it York through the contracting of external and seasonal catering companies, the drafted Policy ignores the history that established, local, independent businesses like mine have and the contributions that we make to the unique character and local job market of this city.

As the results of the public consultation have not been published as of yet and the Street Trading Policy is not yet fully established, we as existing Street Traders are eager to work in collaboration with York City Council to produce legislation

that both serves the City and protects Street Traders. The Charter that I present aims to safeguard the sustainability of existing businesses and jobs generated by the Street Trading Policy. It promotes street trading activities in a way that benefits businesses, the City of York, and the community.

I hope that Councilors on this Committee will support the Street Traders in our aim to have the Charter instated, and in our goal of open communication and collaboration with the Council as the Street Trading Policy takes shape.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,
Daniel Zoccolan

