

# Chichester District Council

Full Council

28 January 2020

## Review of Street Trading controls in Chichester City Centre

### 1. Contacts

#### Report Author

Laurence Foord, Divisional Manager Communications, Licensing & Events  
Tel: (01243) 534742 email: [lfoord@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:lfoord@chichester.gov.uk)

Amy Sykes, Events & Promotions Officer  
Tel: 01243 534730 email: [asykes@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:asykes@chichester.gov.uk)

#### Cabinet Member

Norma Graves Cabinet Member for Housing, Communications, Licensing and Events  
Tel: 017988 342881 email: [ngraves@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:ngraves@chichester.gov.uk)

### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Council passes a resolution for the re-designation to further areas within Chichester city centre, outline in section 3.3, pursuant to Paragraph 2 of Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 from prohibited streets to consent streets.**

### 3. Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on 1 October 2019 Cabinet considered and agreed a request for officers to undertake a consultation to review the existing street trading restrictions in place for Chichester city centre.
- 3.2 'Street Trading' is currently prohibited within the city centre, other than the pedestrianised areas of East Street, North Street and Crane Street and the part of St Martin's Street from its junction with East Street northwards to adjacent 4 St Martin's Street. These four areas are designated 'consent streets' under the Act and it is therefore only these areas which are currently able to host a consented bona fide market or an event involving the sale of goods under the authority of a Street Trading Consent overseen by the Licensing Team.
- 3.3 It was agreed that officers undertake the necessary steps to vary the existing designations to include the areas below, and it was recommended that Council pass a subsequent resolution.
- From the end of the pedestrianised area at 65 North Street to the junction with the A286 Northgate gyratory
  - Guildhall Street, from North Street to Priory Lane
  - From the end of the pedestrianised area of East Street to the junction with East Walls

- From 4 St Martin's Square to 14 St Martin's Square
- Jays Walk
- Little London, from East Street to 39 Little London
- West Street from The Cross until the junction with Tower Street.
- Tower Street up until The Woolstaplers
- Chapel Street up until The Woolstaplers
- South Street from The Cross until the junction with Theatre Lane
- West Pallant to the corner to 14 West Pallant
- Cooper Street from, 63 South Street to 3 Cooper Street

A map of the new proposed areas is shown in Appendix 1.

3.4 A Stakeholder consultation took place between 28 October 2019 and 22 November 2019. Stakeholders included Chichester BID, West Sussex County Council Highways, Chichester Cathedral and Chichester City Council.

3.5 On 19 November 2019 a supportive comment was received from Chichester City Council which amongst other things stated "*....the notion of 'reaching the parts other trading activity could not reach' was readily and warmly supported*". The full comment can be seen in Appendix 2.

3.6 On the 22 November 2019 a supportive comment was received from Chichester Cathedral stating "*The Cathedral would be strongly supportive of the majority of the proposals, including West Street and the area around it. This would offer excellent potential to make greater use of this central space next to the Cathedral in ways that benefit the city and its residents, as well as drawing footfall from elsewhere. The Cathedral would be delighted to further explore possibilities in this space and applauds the ambition*".

Chichester Cathedral expressed their concern regarding the inclusion of Canon Lane as a consented street, given that it was mainly residential. Canon Lane has therefore been removed as a proposed area. The full comment can be seen in Appendix 3.

3.7 A 'Notice of Intention' was duly published in the Observer newspaper series on 5 December 2019 setting out the Council's intention to pass such a resolution. Comments were invited by 1 January 2020. No comments have been received.

#### **4. Outcomes to be achieved.**

4.1 In order to achieve the desired outcome i.e. diversity in the shopping facilities and an enhanced visitor experience when in Chichester city centre Council are now being asked to approve the proposed resolution which is hoped will increase trade and vibrancy into some of the side streets of the city.

#### **5. Proposal.**

5.1 That Council make the resolution for officers to proceed with the necessary actions in accordance with the Act to change the designated streets in Chichester city centre to include those shown as described in paragraph 3.3 above and for this to take effect from 1 April 2020.

#### **6. Alternatives that have been considered.**

6.1 Do nothing – retain the current consented areas only, however, this would not allow the outcomes described in 4.1 above.

## **7. Resource and Legal Implications**

7.1 If a resolution is passed the statutory process will be progressed including the placing of two further public notices. Increasing the area of the consent streets could result in additional trading applications. The service is to be provided from existing resource with minimal legal implications.

## **8. Consultation**

8.1 The consultation undertaken is described in sections 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 above along with two further public notices to be published if a resolution is passed. However the decision to make the resolution or otherwise is not subject to further consultation.

## **9. Community impact and corporate risks**

9.1 No corporate risks have been identified and there is minimal impact on the community by re-designating the described areas as consent streets.

## **10. Other Implications**

<b>Crime and Disorder</b>	None
<b>Climate Change</b>	None
<b>Human Rights and Equality Impact</b>	None
<b>Safeguarding</b>	None

## **11. Background Papers**

None

## **12. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Map of proposed areas to be designated as ‘Consented Streets’

Appendix 2 – Full comment from Chichester City Council

Appendix 3 – Full comment from Chichester Cathedral