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24<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Dear Laurence

Chichester BID would like to formally request Chichester District Council carry out a review of the existing street trading prohibitions in the City Centre.

You will be aware that consent is currently given to the pedestrianised streets of East and North Streets, which has been adequate in the past.

However, Chichester BID in partnership with local businesses are trying to increase trade and vibrancy in to some of the side streets and this progression is now being severely hindered by the existing policies.

Crane Street businesses wished to introduce a small art market once a month in their street to encourage and increase footfall. St Martins wishes to see the fruition of the planning application for five permanent Retail Merchandising Units (RMU's) for use by small start-up businesses, artists and home makers (non A3), which is part of a larger regeneration project that includes raising the road and pedestrianizing it. In this regard the Traffic Regulation Order is being to change it to pedestrianisation is being commenced by West Sussex County Council.

Consideration could be given to introducing a policy stating that when a street is pedestrianised it can be a consent street or automatically converts to a consent street. This would pick up Crane Street immediately and St Martins when it is built.

Another consideration is to review the existing policy in its entirety and pre-empt future needs of the City with regards to areas where trading can take place. If South Street were to be converted to a consent street it would certainly support the businesses during events as the street could be closed under a road closure order and the street be a part of a large event (such as Christmas Light Switch On, CDC Food Fayre).

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In considering this undertaking, it should also be noted that West Sussex County Council commissioned Building Design Partnership (BDP) to undertake feasibility studies of regeneration projects in both Crane Street and St Martins and these were part of the wider Street Scape Strategy adopted by Chichester District Council in 2006/2007. These plans were put on hold due to the recession but are still live.

Chichester BID recognises that Chichester District Council may have issues with resourcing such a review. However it is so important to Chichester BID that other areas of the city be converted to consent streets (and in particular Crane Street and St Martins) that we would be willing to offer financial support should CDC wish to employ a consultant or extra staff to carry out the review.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course

Kind regards



Andrew Finnamore  
Chairman  
Chichester City Centre Partnership

#### ENCLOSURES / ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes from Crane Street Traders Meeting 13/04/10 expressing desire for street activity
2. Minutes from Crane Street Traders Meeting 11/05/10 requesting a market be considered
3. Project brief for introduction of a market in to Crane Street
4. Minutes from St Martins Traders Meeting 13/06/11 Activity Void
5. BDP / WSCC Crane Street Regeneration project
6. BDP / WSCC St Martins Yard Regeneration project