



Report of: **Service Director – Public Protection**

Meeting of:	Date	Agenda item	Ward(s)
Licensing Regulatory Committee	14 March 2013	B1	St Peters

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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF THE IMPACT OF CAMDEN PASSAGE MARKET ON BUSINESSES IN THE SURROUNDING AREA.

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report gives an update on the progress of the new market situated at Camden Passage N1 and the impact that the market is having on businesses in the surrounding area.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the report.

3. Background

- 3.1 On 15 October 2012 the Licensing Regulatory Committee passed a resolution to designate an area of the highway outside the flanks of 351-352 and 353 Upper Street, 1-5 and 7-11 Camden Passage and 108-118 Islington High Street N1 for street trading purposes.
- 3.2 As part of their deliberation, the Committee requested that a report be prepared for a future meeting giving a review of the market and its impact on the surrounding area.
- 3.3 In general, the market has been trading well although the proportion of food stalls is still higher than we would like to see. The Market Manager has indicated that non-food traders have been more difficult to attract and retain as they are less likely to make a commitment to the market until they are certain that it will continue.
- 3.4 In order to assess the impact of the new market, a questionnaire was prepared and shops and businesses in the Camden Passage area were visited and asked to comment on the effects of the new market. The Chair of Chapel Market Stallholders Association and the London Farmers Market have also been consulted.

3.5 **Feedback**

Camden Passage Businesses – There has been overwhelming support for the new market from the vast majority of businesses in the Camden Passage area. We have only received one complaint about the market and this was from a non-food business. The complaint relates to issue around parking, too many food stalls and nuisance caused by busking. I have addressed these issues with the complainant, but I believe she may wish to attend the committee meeting to make representation. A full summary of the consultation results will be made available at the committee meeting.

Chapel Market Stallholders Association – The Chair of the Association has reported that the market traders support the new market, and that it has not had a detrimental impact on Chapel Market.

London Farmers Market – I am awaiting information from the London Farmers Market. Any information received will be made available at the committee meeting.

4. **Implications**

4.1 **Financial implications:**

There are no financial implications for this report.

4.2 **Legal Implications:**

There are no legal implications for this report.

4.3 **Environmental Implications**

An environmental impact scoping exercise was carried out for the initial report, and there are no further implications for this report.

4.4 **Equality Impact Assessment:**

The Council must, in carrying out its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination and harassment and to promote equality of opportunity in relation to disability, race and gender and the need to take steps to take account of disabilities, even where that involves treating the disabled more favourably than others (section 49A Disability Discrimination Act 1995; section 71 Race Relations Act 1976; section 76A Sex Discrimination Act 1975.)

An equalities impact assessment (EIA) on this proposal was carried out on 17 September 2012. The EIA identified that there would be no differential impacts on different groups in Islington and no negative consequences for community cohesion.

5. **Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

5.1 That Members note the report.

Appendices

- None

Background papers:

- London Local Authorities Act 1990 (as amended)

Final report clearance:



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