

Appendix 4

Objectors email

To whom it may concern

I wish to object to having a market stall outside the Grafton school at weekends, as I believe this will encourage illegal traders in Bowman's Mews and Hercules place etc. which is a major problem for residents for many reasons

Officer response

Dear XX

Many thanks for your email.

Please do allow me to clarify the reasoning behind this proposal.

I'm not sure you were involved or around when discussions were held a few years ago between the council, residents, Councillors, police, the school, and the Grafton School market operators.

Prior to 2016 we had a lot of trouble with **illegal** street traders and anti-social behaviour outside the school, both in Bowman's Mews and Hercules Place.

We tasked council enforcement officers to remain on site all day, during market operational hours, to ensure it was clear but this used many Council resources and was unsustainable. When the officers were removed, the problems returned.

After much consultation with residents, street trading, Councillors, the school, police etc., a trial was proposed to have 'legal' street trading on a couple of pitches outside the school; where the parking bays were, so that the market operators could manage the area. Another proposal was to remove the parking bays where the delivery bikes were constantly congregating.

To a certain extent, this has worked successfully ever since, but the legal street trading was never made permanent as it was pending on the permanent removal of the parking bays.

Now that the parking bays have been removed street trading can progress with the proposal to designate the trading area permanently. WE do not plan to have a market there, just a couple possibly one street trader.

This is where we are at now.

We certainly will take on board your concerns and your representation will be included and considered, as part of a report to the Regulatory Licensing Committee.

Objectors response

Hi

I have been a resident here in Hercules Place since 2006 and my wife since 1980, so we have seen everything in this area, so please excuse me if I seem very sceptical but experience tells me that residents opinions seem to be bottom of the list and businesses like McDonald's and the market seem to get what they want

Yours

XXX

Resident

Hercules Place public lavatory and McDonald's drive thru and market street

Officers 2nd response

Dear XXX

Your comments are noted and will be considered before a decision is made.

I am not sure how you are reporting anti-social behaviour but the best way to do this is via the online reporting system; I have attached a link : [Here](#)

Once again many thanks for taking the time to share your views.