

September 2008 consultation paper and questionnaire for the designation of Bankside for the purposes of street trading and entertainment

The growing popularity of Bankside has attracted the attention of illegal street traders including itinerant ice cream traders in vans and unlicensed street entertainers, all of whom engage in business along the river walk as well as the adjacent streets.

In a previous consultation, a questionnaire was sent to 941 residents and local businesses to determine their views regarding designating of the area between Blackfriars Bridge and the Millennium Bridge for licensed street traders and street entertainers and to prohibit itinerant ice cream trading in and around the rest of Bankside. The outcome of that particular survey will form the basis of this consultation.

Continued discussions with key stakeholders has resulted in a proposal to designate the area from Southwark's western border to St Saviour's Dock in the east and bordered in the south by Southwark Street and St Thomas Street for the purposes of street trading and street entertainment, prohibiting unlicensed trading and entertainment.

There are several benefits to this proposal:-

- A licensed trader in the area would deter other illegal street traders.
- The income generated from the licensed street trader would be re-directed to enforcement against illegal traders and entertainers in the area. (legislation doesn't allow Local Authorities to make any profit from licence fees).
- Control over street entertainment in terms of the forms, times and locations and for example directing them away from residential areas especially late in the evening).
- It would make it an offence for unlicensed itinerant ice cream traders to

trade in the area.

- Strict controls could be placed on the quality of goods, appearance of the structures used, days, times and the health and safety conduct of the licensed trader.
- The area would benefit from a reduction in air and noise pollution.

There are two possible locations for the site for street trading, **Appendix A** outlines the entire area proposed to be designated and this is the area marked out in pink. **Appendix B** outlines the two specific areas for the purposes of street trading. Area 4 is located in front of the Tate Modern Gallery of Art and Area 7 is located beside Bankside Pier. The other areas are those that were part of the previous consultation exercise.

This paper and the questionnaire attached is part of a formal process of consultation currently being undertaken for the designation of Bankside.

Therefore if you wish to be part of this consultation process we would be grateful if you could complete and return the questionnaire overleaf, in order for us to determine your views on proposed trading areas, times, days of trading/entertainment, the types of goods to be sold and so forth.

By asking you to complete this questionnaire, we can make sure that we are representing the wishes of people living and working in the area. We will then report back to Southwark Council's Licensing Committee who will make a decision on the way forward after considering your views.

Questionnaire

Taking into consideration the information presented in this consultation paper, what would be your view on the following questions listed below:-

1. Do you agree with the proposal for licensed traders in the area

(please tick)

Yes I agree

No I do not agree

2. If you agree, then please tell us, if a location for street trading was licensed, which of the following locations would you prefer? (Please see the maps attached in the appendices)

Area 4 in front of the Tate Modern Gallery of Art

Area 7 beside Bankside Pier

3. In your opinion, what type of goods should be sold?

(If you have more than one preference please tick more than one option)

Plants & Flowers

Handmade Arts & Crafts

Pictures & Paintings

Jewellery & Accessories

A kiosk selling ice-cream

Books & Newspapers

Drinks

Ticket Office

Tourist Information Centre

Other

Please list here your preference

4. What days of the week would be suitable?

(Please circle your preferred option)

- a) Monday to Friday b) Monday to Sunday
c) Friday to Sunday d) Tuesday to Sunday
e) Other *(please specify)* _____

5. What times of trading each day would you agree with?

- a) 8am – 5.30pm b) 10am – 8pm
d) 9am – 5pm e) Other *(please specify)* _____

6. Should the kiosk be: -

Yes

No

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) A Permanent Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Traditional Structures | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Modern Structures | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Other <i>(please specify)</i> | _____ | |

7. Do you agree that we should licence street entertainment?

Yes No

If you agree, please record the area you feel would be a suitable area for the purpose of a street entertainment below:

8. Would you be in agreement to having the rest of the area prohibited for the purposes of itinerant ice cream trading by vans?

Yes No

9. Any other comments *(Please continue on a separate sheet if required)*

Please **do not** photocopy this questionnaire as only original questionnaires will be accepted. Each copy is numbered for the purposes of monitoring. If you require further copies please contact the Area Management & Engagement Unit on 020 7525 0861.

Please return your completed questionnaire by Friday 31st October 2008
to:-

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