

Request 8935 Food Vans in Waterbeach and Surrounding Areas in the North of Cambridge

I am trying to ascertain from SCDC who I believe are responsible for allowing food vans or any other sellers on streets if they need permissions to sell on a particular location. Please correct me if I'm wrong and need to be emailing someone else.

Please can you send me (RFI) any document or agreement with the council which clarifys how many times (if any) a van can visit a site in a said timeframe? Say a year.

The location in question is not on highways and is on private land. That being said I wanted to know SCDC's stance on other private land in Waterbeach and surrounding villages as this particular situation appears to be unique.

Location

Denny End Rd, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB25 9QE

If there is an (agreement with food vans to be on this site I would like to know what the agreement is)

Two or three vans a week which is having a direct impact on the sales of other rate paying business in the village which are struggling to make ends meet

Response

I can advise you that the Council has a Street Trading Policy which permits street trading in areas known as "Consent Streets". An application may be made to trade for 1 hour or 7 days a week, and subject to consultation, an annual trading licence may be issued.

What this Authority, and many in the county have seen over the last 12 months as a result of the pandemic, is quite an increase in "street food" vendors, who attend for

example, professional caterers set up in pub car parks in an ad-hoc basis. We are currently reviewing the licensing regime to allow some more flexibility. Whilst parish councils and existing street traders are consulted on new applications, there are currently no commodity restrictions within the policy, so demand or availability of alternative vendors is not currently a factor for consideration.

A copy of the existing policy is attached for your information.

With regards to Denny End Road, whilst we have licensed traders (and current applications) in Waterbeach, we do not currently appear to have any for that site, so if you are able to provide more details that would be most helpful.