

Report to the Licensing Committee

Date of meeting: 14 October 2009



Subject: Honey Lane Street Trading

Responsible Officer: Rosaline Ferreira (01992 564009)

Democratic Services Officer: Adrian Hendry (01992- 564246)

Decision Required:

To determine if the whole of Honey Lane should become a "prohibited street".

Report:

1. Epping Forest District Council was approached by Waltham Abbey Town Council, for a decision on re-designating that length of Honey Lane, Waltham Abbey, Essex between the motorway access roads as a prohibited street for the purpose of street trading.
2. The Licensing Committee on 15 April 2009 considered the request made by Waltham Abbey Town Council and it was decided that the Council would undertake the necessary consultation with a view to making the whole of Honey Lane, Waltham Abbey, Essex into a prohibited street in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act 1982 for the purpose of street trading.
3. A Public Notice was placed in the Waltham Forest Guardian on 6 August 2009.
4. The Council also consulted with the Chief Constable of Essex Police, Essex County Council (Highways Authority) and Waltham Abbey Town Council.
5. One e-mail was received from Trevor Baker, District Manager (Epping Forest District) of Essex County Council on 1 September 2009, stating that Essex County Council have no objection to the proposal.
6. No further representation had been received by the time the consultation period ended on 10 September 2009.
7. If members were minded to implement this, a further Public Notice would have to be placed in the Waltham Forest Guardian on 29 October 2009 and 5 November 2009. The effect of passing such a resolution making the whole of Honey Lane, Waltham Abbey, Essex a prohibited street for the purpose of street trading from 30 November 2009, would mean that no street trading of any type could take place in the whole of Honey Lane, Waltham Abbey, Essex.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

8. The Waltham Abbey Town Council's request to the District Council had expressed concerns that there should be maintained a clear and safe route between the motorway access roads.

Other Options for Action:

9. To decide to make only that part of the Honey Lane between the motorway access roads a prohibited street. If the members decided to do so it would be necessary to start the consultation period again and re-advertise the proposed order.

10. Not to make the Order.

Resource Implication:

Include costs of adverts.

Legal and Governance Implications:

No street trading could take place and enforcement action taken in respect of possible breaches.

Safer and Cleaner and Greener Implications:

The Town Council have stated it considers that the section of that road would be safer but the Highway Authority did not comment.

Background Papers:

1. Letter from Waltham Abbey Town Council.
2. Public Notice advert.
3. Letters to the Chief Constable of Essex Police, Waltham Abbey Town Council and Essex County Council.
4. E-mail response from Mr Trevor Baker of Essex County Council.

Impact Assessments:

Not applicable.