

Questions and Statements from the public to the Regulatory Committee on 12 June 2025

Item 5 – Business and Planning Act 2020 – Application to appeal the decision of a pavement licence

Questions from Mr D

1. Is it right the High Street is adopted and therefore owned by Essex County Council, and therefore Chelmsford City does not owed the land?
2. Whilst each applicant is under taken on its own merits, and the Council seeks to maintain accessibility for everyone, can the council tell me what, if any, accessibility impact assessments have been undertaken and by which professionals please?

Item 6 – Pavement Licence Policy Review

Questions from Mr D

1. Given the number of appeals and the three recent decisions to over turn offenders decision, does this mean the current policy is not fit for purpose and a more flexible approach is needed.
2. Does the council agree that everyone effected by the policy should be consulted ie all stakeholders in the High Street, including every retailer.

Questions from Mr B

1. The draft policy states that it will be sent to certain regulatory bodies and to all pavement licence holders within Chelmsford City Centre. I believe the consultation should be extended further. Can the Committee confirm whether the draft policy will also be sent to all businesses along the High Street, especially those who have previously applied for a pavement licence but were rejected? I feel these businesses deserve a fair opportunity to review and provide feedback on the new draft policy.
2. Is there any documentation or research available regarding the impact of the Pavement Licence Policy on people with disabilities and the visually impaired, specifically related to Tindle Square? If such information exists, can it be shared publicly to ensure transparency and allow all stakeholders to review the findings?