

Thurrock Council – street trading consent

Application guide for mobile street traders

Street trading is selling, exposing or offering for sale any article or living thing in a street.

Mobile street traders must apply for and be granted street trading consent by us before they trade in Thurrock. Traders without consent will be liable to prosecution.

We cannot grant a pitch or a particular trading space. It is the street trader's responsibility to get permission or consent from the landowner before applying for street trading consent from us.

Guidelines

The guidelines below set out our standards for deciding and enforcing street trading in Thurrock. They are not a full statement of the law on street trading consent.

You should [refer to legislation](#) or seek legal advice for further information.

In relation to trading, the law defines:

- **street trading** as "the selling or exposing or offering for sale of any article (including a living thing) in a street"
- **a street** as "any road, footway, beach or other area to which the public have access without payment" and "an area of land adjoining, or in the vicinity of, a special road, being an area in which there are, or are to be, provided service stations or other buildings or facilities to be used in connection with the use of the special road"
- **consent** as giving the holder permission to trade at a specified location, providing the vehicle is legally parked

Categories

Category	Description
A1	Static vehicle operating 4 to 7 days a week, including any time between 5pm and 7am
A2	Static vehicle operating 1 to 3 days a week, including any time between 5pm and 7am
A3	Static vehicle operating 1 to 7 days a week, between 7am and 5pm
B	Mobile vehicle remaining on any one site for less than one hour in any 24 hour period
	Replacement vehicle plate during consent period

Go to thurrock.gov.uk/street-trading-consent to check the current fee for each consent category.

For Category A consents, your application must include a site plan – scale 1/500 – showing where the vehicle is situated in relation to other premises.

Payment

Payment must be in full at the time of application. You can pay by:

- credit or debit card – call 01375 652 127
- cheque – made payable to 'Thurrock Council'

Advertising your application

Applications for new street trading consents must be advertised as part of the application process. We will display a notice at the location giving details of your application.

Who we consult

We will invite the following to comment on your application:

- Essex Police
- Essex Fire and Rescue Service
- Highways England
- ward councillors
- our highways team
- our food safety team

Planning permission

You may need planning permission if you wish to trade from a particular plot of land. It is your responsibility to check with our planning department before applying for a street trading consent.

Parking restrictions

Traffic orders such as waiting restrictions must be complied with at all times. We may give consent for a vehicle to trade from a specific site but this does not give staff or customers permission to park or use the road in breach of any waiting or traffic restrictions.

If you have chosen a site close to double yellow lines or a parking permit zone, you, your staff and your customers must park your vehicles legally elsewhere and walk to the trading vehicle.

If new traffic restrictions are applied to your trading site during the period of your Street Trading Consent, you will be given prior notice wherever possible. Traffic restrictions will always take precedence over street trading consents. If new restrictions such as waiting or parking limits are introduced, you may apply to have your consent transferred to a new location.

Street trading policy

The full policy can be found at thurrock.gov.uk/street-trading-consent.

We use this policy to control street trading across Thurrock. Specific streets are prohibited from street trading at any time. The remaining streets are 'consent streets'.