

BURNLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL



Guidance Notes

For

Street Traders

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1. **INTRODUCTION**

These notes are produced to indicate the practical requirements of the law in relation to the construction, fittings and operation, of vehicles and stall operated by mobile traders.

The notes have no statutory force and should not be regarded as a strict interpretation of the law. They are intended to indicate acceptable methods of construction and practice but not to rule out equally suitable methods.

Compliance with these notes or alternative methods approved by the Environmental Health Unit will however be expected of any mobile traders applying for a Street Trading Consent from Burnley Borough Council.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

The Food Safety Act 1990

Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2006

The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974

2. **DEFINITION OF STREET TRADING**

Anyone intending to carry on street trading within the Borough of Burnley must first obtain the consent of the Council. defines street trading as: “the selling or offering for sale of any article (including a living thing) in a street”. For the purposes of the Act the following are not classed as street trading:

- (a) trading under the authority of a Pedlars Certificate granted under the Pedlars Act 1981.
- (b) Trading in a market or fair.
- (c) Trading in a trunk road picnic area provided under Section 112 of the Highways Act 1980.
- (d) Mobile shops trading as roundsmen making deliveries to regular customers at home.
- (e) Trading at a petrol filling station.
- (f) Trading on a street adjoining a shop where the trading carried on is part of the business of that shop.
- (g) Trading as a news vendor where:
 - (i) the only articles sold or offered for sale are newspapers and periodicals; and
 - (ii) the stall or receptacle used (if one is used);
 - is no more than one metre in length or width and two metres in height.
 - Does not exceed a ground area of 0.25 square metres
 - Does not stand on the carriageway of a street

Prospective traders are recommended to seek advice before commencing trading from the Environmental Health Unit who can be contacted by email envhealth@burnley.gov.uk

3. DESIGNATION OF STREETS

The Council has resolved that all streets within the Borough are either:

- (a) Prohibited Streets – where no street trading is allowed at all; or
- (b) Consent Streets – where street trading is allowed with the consent of the Council.

The Prohibited Streets are:

- (i) All streets within the area are bounded by the following streets:

Hargreaves Street, Grimshaw Street, Parker Lane, Red Lion Street, Croft Street, Yorkshire Street, Hall Street, Bridge Street, Kingsway, Parker Street, Curzon Street and Hammerton Street (with the exception of those streets forming the Burnley Town Centre Pedestrian Area – see plan at Appendix 1 for details).
- (ii) Springwood Road - for the whole length
- (iii) Burnley Road, Padiham - from the junction with Eccleshill Street to the Junction with Tattersall Street.
- (iv) Clitheroe Street, Padiham -from the junction with Sowerby Street to the junction with Ightenhill Street.
- (v) Darwen Street, Padiham - for the whole length.
- (vi) Eccleshill Street, Padiham -for the whole length.
- (vii) Ightenhill Street, Padiham -from the junction with Eccleshill Street to the Junction with Clitheroe Street.
- (viii) Mytton Street, Padiham - from the junction with Eccleshill Street to the Junction with Clitheroe Street.
- (ix) Sowerby Street, Padiham - for the whole length.

The remaining streets within the Borough are Consent Streets.

However, in relation to the following:

- (a) All streets, ramps, malls and walkways within the Burnley Town Centre Pedestrianised area (see attached plan); and
- (b) The following streets within or adjacent to the following premises operated by Green Spaces in the Borough;
 - (i) All streets within Towneley Park.

- (ii) All streets within Thompson Park and those parts of Ormerod Road, Colne Road and Shorey Bank for a distance of ten metre from the entrance to Thompson Park.
- (iii) All streets within Queens Park and those parts of Queen Victoria Road, Queens Park Road and Ormerod Road for a distance of ten metres from the entrance to Queens Park.
- (iv) All streets within Scott Park and those parts of Fern Road, Manchester Road, Scott Park Road and Carr Road for a distance of ten metres from the entrance to Scott Park.
- (v) All streets within Ightenhill Park and those parks of Avondale Avenue, Brassey Street, Ightenhill Park Lane, Ighten Road and Southern Avenue which are co-extensive with the boundary of Ightenhill Park (including the bowling green and tennis courts).
- (vi) All streets within Memorial Park, Padiham and those parts of Blackburn Road, Bridge Street and Church Street for a distance of ten metres from the entrance to Memorial Park.
- (vii) All streets within Burnley Cemetery/Crematorium, Rossendale Rd, Burnley and those parts of Rossendale Rd, Cemetery Lane and Accrington Rd for a distance of twenty-five metres from the entrance to the Cemetery/Crematorium.

The Council will only issue Consents following a successful tender being submitted to the Council for the right to trade in these areas. Further details can be obtained from Town Centre Management by email at burnleybid@groundwork.org.uk in respect of trading in the Town Centre and the Green Spaces Team in respect of trading in any park in the Borough by email at Greenspaces@burnley.gov.uk

4 CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CONSENTS

- i. The consent granted by the Council is personal to the consent holder and is not transferable. Where the consent holder is an employer the consent will apply to named employees who have been previously named and approved by the Council. The consent may only be transferred to another vehicle, container or stall with the prior consent of the Council.
- ii. A basic DBS disclosure, not less than one calendar month old, shall accompany any new application for a consent. Information on obtaining a DBS check can be found here

[Request a basic DBS check - GOV.UK](#)
- iii. That the consent holder must, within 14 days, disclose to the Council in writing, details of any convictions for criminal offences and any pending prosecutions for such types of offences since the issue of his consent
- iv. Only goods specified in the consent may be sold from the vehicle and only the streets specified in the consent to be used for trading.
- v. Nuisance and/or annoyance shall not be caused by the consent holder or any of his employees to persons using the street or otherwise.

- vi. No obstruction of any street or right of way or danger to the public shall be caused by the consent holder or any of his employees.
- vii. The name and address of the consent holder shall be displayed conspicuously on the vehicle, container or stall to which it relates.
- viii. The consent holder shall comply with all the legislation relevant to the conduct of the business in which he is engaged and ensure that any vehicle used by him is in a roadworthy condition and where necessary taxed and insured.
- ix. The consent holder or any person employed by him shall not use any loud speaker, whistle, horn, bell or other audible method to attract custom. This provision shall not apply to the chimes of any ice-cream van during the permitted hours of twelve noon and seven pm.
- x. The consent holder shall provide adequate receptacles for rubbish and shall, after trading has ceased, remove all rubbish and litter from the site.
- xi. The permitted hours of trading shall be between 06.30 hrs and 23.00 hrs except street traders who hold a late night refreshment premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 who will be permitted to trade beyond this time in accordance with that licence
- xii. The consent holder shall comply with any reasonable requirement of the Council or any of its Officers or of a Police Officer in relation to the siting and/or operation of his street trading business.
- xiii. The Council may withdraw the consent if the holder shall without good cause fail to comply with any condition herein.
- xiv. Any consent issued will only be valid in relation to a single vehicle, container or stall
- xv. The consent holder shall at the request of the Council present the vehicle, container or stall for inspection at such time and place as required by the Council.

5 SPECIAL CONDITIONS RELATING TO ICE-CREAM

The following special conditions apply to consents issued in relation to ice-cream sales:

- 1. Chimes should not be sounded before twelve noon or after seven pm.
- 2. Chimes should not cause nuisance or annoyance, in particular they should not be sounded:
 - (i) For longer than four seconds at a time.
 - (ii) More often than once every three minutes
 - (iii) When the vehicle is stationary.
 - (iv) Exception on approach to a selling point.
 - (v) Within sight of another vehicle which is trading.

- (vi) Within 50 metres of schools (during lunch hours), hospitals and places of worship (on Sundays or other recognised days of worship)
- (vii) More other than once every two hours in the same length of street.
- (viii) Louder than 80db(A) measured at a distance of 7.5 metres.
- (ix) As loudly in quiet streets or narrow streets as elsewhere.

6 APPLYING FOR A CONSENT, FEES AND REFUNDS

All traders must apply for and be granted a consent before commencing trading within the Borough. Application forms will be provided on request.

The appropriate fee, which can be found here [Licence fees and how to pay - burnley.gov.uk](http://burnley.gov.uk), must accompany the application form which should be returned by email to licensing@burnley.gov.uk Where necessary an inspection of the stall or vehicle will be arranged at a mutually convenient time, and necessary works required to comply with the law will be explained and must be completed before a consent will be issued. Consents will be issued for the following durations:

Type of Consent
12 months
6 months
3 months
1 month
12 months special event consent #
6 months special event consent #
3 months special event consent #
1 month special event consent #

Special Event Consents – permit up to 6 days trading in any calendar month

Consents can be refunded where a trader decides to cease trading part way through a year.

The amount of refund will be calculated on the number of full months left minus administration costs incurred.

7 FOOD SAFETY GUIDANCE

7.1 CONSTRUCTION OF VEHICLE/STALL

- Floors should be fitted with non-slip impervious material, ideally joint free the edges should be sealed to assist cleaning.
- Walls and ceiling must be smooth and impervious joints must be sealed and kept to a minimum. Walls may be clad with plastic or laminate material (stainless steel sheeting is encouraged adjacent to fridges or similar cooking appliances).

- Dirt traps must be eliminated.
- The general fabric if painted must enable thorough cleaning, if the vehicle cab forms part of a food room it must be kept clean and constructed as to facilitate cleaning.
- Work surfaces and shelving should be impervious, non-toxic and readily cleansable surfaces abutting onto the wall should be sealed.
- The structure of any unit must not allow pest infestation. Any infestation must be dealt with immediately.

7.2 WASHING FACILITIES

- Washing facilities must be separate for equipment and hand washing.
- Plastic bowls and vacuum flasks of hot water may be acceptable for low risk food or raw foods for direct sale from the vehicle without further preparation (e.g. sale of fruit and vegetables or wet fish).
- When open food for immediate consumption or further preparation on the vehicle is handled, these facilities should be separate and comprise;
 - A sink
 - A wash hand basin for hand washing only. This must be provided with an adequate supply of soap and hand drying facilities.
 - Adequate supplies of hot and cold potable water should be provided to both sets of washing facilities.
 - Waste water from washing facilities must be piped directly to sealed impervious containers. The waste water must be disposed of to foul drainage system and the containers thoroughly cleaned prior to re-use.

7.3 WATER SUPPLY

- Adequate quantities of water must be carried on the vehicle. (It is recommended that at least five gallons of cold water and three gallons of hot water should be available).
- Any water used in the production of food must be potable.
- Containers used to carry water must be cleaned/disinfected between use.
- Units are available for adaptation to vehicles which utilise heat from the engine to provide a hot water supply.

7.4 REFUSE STORAGE

- Impervious, lidded containers of appropriate construction, kept in sound condition, easy to disinfect and with disposable liners should be provided for use inside the food unit.

- All refuse generated by the business must be removed from the site and disposed of in a satisfactory manner.
- Unnecessary accumulations of waste within the unit must be prevented.

7.5 EQUIPMENT

- All articles, fittings and equipment must be capable of being cleaned and where necessary disinfected.
- They must be kept in a good state of repair.
- Articles which come in to contact with food must not contaminate it.
- Equipment must be installed in such a manner which enables free access for cleaning the surrounding area.

7.6 VENTILATION

- Ambient temperatures in mobile catering units tend to be high due to the construction and heat producing appliances. Adequate ventilation is therefore essential.
- Care must be exercised to prevent the ingress of flies through ventilation inlets and outlets.

7.7 LIGHTING

- Adequate lighting is required. A standard of 400 lux is recommended enabling good illumination for food preparation and assisting vision for cleaning.

7.8 FOOD CONTAMINATION

- Food must be placed and protected so as to reduce the risk of contamination.
- Effective separation must be maintained between raw and cooked foods, especially meat and poultry. Storage should be such as to avoid “drip” i.e. cooked food to be stored above raw food. This is more likely to occur in a refrigerator. (Separate refrigerator accommodation is recommended for raw and cooked foods).
- All open foods must be covered (food storage in washable lidded containers is recommended).
- Separation of food intended for use and waste food or refuse must be maintained. Waste food or refuse must be stored in secure labelled containers.
- Under no circumstances are pets to be permitted on any vehicle, stall, etc.

- Precautions must be taken against customer contamination from coughs, sneezes, etc.
- Food packaging and wrappings must be clean and stored in a clean environment. Newspaper wrapping is not acceptable.
- No raw materials or ingredient should be carried on the food vehicle if they are known or suspected to be infested or contaminated or in such a condition which would render them unfit for human consumption.
- Raw materials and ingredients stored on the vehicle must be kept in an appropriate condition which is designed to prevent harmful deterioration and protect them from contamination.

7.9 TEMPERATURE CONTROL

- Adequate provision must be made to store any food which is likely to support the growth of harmful bacteria either cold at below 8°C or hot at above 63°C.
- Temperatures of food stored on the vehicle should be checked regularly with an accurate thermometer to ensure that safe temperatures are being maintained.
- Where it is necessary to cool food on the vehicle this should be carried out as quickly as possible under properly controlled conditions.

7.10 STOCK ROTATION

- Stock rotation must be efficient. Attention must be given to “date coding” and any other specific storage requirements. It is an offence to sell food beyond its “Use by” date.

7.11 PERSONAL HYGIENE

- All persons must be aware that they have an obligation to keep themselves and their protective over clothing (aprons, etc.) clean. Regular hand washing for staff handling food is essential.
- The potential for the spread of infection from any person known or suspected to be suffering from food poisoning, diarrhoea, vomiting, skin infections etc. should be prevented. Direct or indirect contact with food should be avoided.
- Clean and washable protective overclothing must be worn by food handlers. The storage of outdoor clothing and/or footwear in a food room should be avoided.
- Clean waterproof dressings must cover any cuts or abrasions on hands and forearms.
- Smoking or any use of tobacco whilst handling open food or whilst in any area in which open food is present is prohibited, this includes the driver’s cab.

7.12 GENERAL HYGIENE PROVISIONS

- The name and address of the person carrying on the business must be displayed conspicuously and legibly. The address should be the full postal address. A card or board is acceptable, preferably at the sales point.
- Cleaning in mobile catering units is of the utmost importance and must be regularly maintained.
- The vehicle/stall should be registered with the Local Authority responsible for the area in which it is kept. For new businesses registration should be carried out 28 days prior to opening. You should [register your food business on the GOV.UK food business registration portal](#)
- The provisions of food hygiene & safety law also apply to domestic premises used in connection with the operation of a food business. Where there is a degree of food preparation and storage at home, registration and inspection of the domestic premises may also be required. Clearly by maximising the use of the mobile unit and by regularly purchasing food, the domestic activities can be lessened. You should refer to your local authority environmental health department for further advice.
- It is a legal requirement that food handlers must be supervised and instructed and/or trained in food hygiene matters commensurate with their work activities.

7.13 FOOD SAFETY & ALLERGEN MANAGEMENT

- You must be able to provide evidence & demonstrate that you have food safety procedures in place based on HACCP principles. To help you put food safety management procedures in place, The Food Standards Agency provide information packs for small businesses. For further information refer to [Managing food safety | Food Standards Agency](#)
- You must be able to identify, manage and communicate allergen risks to customers who have allergies to certain foods. For further information refer to [Allergen guidance for food businesses | Food Standards Agency](#)

8 HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDANCE

8.1 GENERAL

- Employers have a legal duty to employees including the provision of safe systems of work, provision of training and supervision, safe handling and storage of substances and articles and a safe working environment.
- Both employers and the self-employed have a duty to anyone who could be affected by work activities e.g. customers, visitors and contractors.

Such persons should not be exposed to any risks to their health and safety.

- Employees must safeguard themselves and their colleagues and co-operate with their employer in connection with the duties imposed upon them.
- First-aid boxes and kits should always be adequately stocked. All vehicles/stalls will need at least one first-aid box which should contain a sufficient quantity of suitable first-aid materials. No medical products should be kept.
- As a minimum it should normally contain:
 - 1 guidance leaflet “First aid at Work” (IND 64)
 - 20 individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings (assorted sizes)
 - 2 sterile eye pads with attachment
 - 6 individually wrapped triangular bandages
 - 6 safety pins
 - 6 medium sized individually wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressings (approx. 10cm x 8cm)
 - 2 large sterile individually wrapped unmedicated wound dressings (approx. 13cm x 8cm)
 - 3 extra large sterile individually wrapped unmedicated wound dressings (approx. 28cm x 12.5cm).
- Where tap water is not readily available for eye washing, sterile water or sterile normal saline in sealed disposal containers should be provided. Each container should hold at least 300mls and at least 900mls should be provided.

8.2. L.P.G.

- Increasing concern is being shown over the safety of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (L.P.G.) installations in catering vehicles used for cooking, water heating, etc. Precautions must be taken when fitting and/or using this type of installation.
- The installation of gas appliances, fires, pipework valves, etc. must be undertaken by a competent person who must be Gas Safe-registered and operatives must have valid certificates of competence relevant to the particular types of gas equipment and gas work they are involved with and comply fully with Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 and all relevant British Standards.
- Every employer or self employed person must ensure the correct operation of each gas appliance, installation pipework and any fitted safety devices. Each appliance should be checked annually by a competent person who must be Gas Safe registered
- A record of the dates of inspection in respect of the appliances checked, the defects identified and remedial action taken should be kept.

- Containers or cylinders of L.P.G. and any manifold and change over valves must be positioned in the open air or in a separate ventilated housing forming part of the vehicle. The housing construction must be of gas tight to the interior and have an internal construction capable of 30 minutes fire resistance. Joints are to be bonded to prevent fire or hot gas spreading into the vehicle. Ventilation can be achieved by ventilating the base and/or the side away from the vehicle, using re-enforced mesh or similar strong supporting construction. It is important to provide ventilation at low level as L.P.G. is heavier than air and therefore any leaking gas will descend.
- The location of the housing should be such to prevent damage to cylinders if subject to impact during a road traffic accident. Access should only be from outside and made secure to prevent tampering but containers must be readily accessible in emergencies.
- Only the minimum of L.P.G. considered necessary should be carried and a notice affixed to the outside of the compartment indicating the presence of L.P.G. Sources of ignition must be prohibited within one metre of the storage compartment.
- All persons working in mobile catering units must have adequate instruction, training and information on the hazards of L.P.G. and be aware of necessary action to be taken in the event of an emergency. Safe systems of work must be established particularly in the changing of cylinders and the safe use of appliances.

8.3. ELECTRICITY

- All electrical systems including portable electrical equipment need to be maintained in a safe condition and comply fully with The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989. Equipment should only be used for the purpose it was intended and in the environment for which it was designed and constructed.
- Checks on appliances can be made by any employer provided they are competent and have received training. However, all earthed equipment, leads and plugs connected to such equipment and extension leads should have an occasional combined inspection and test carried out by a competent person normally a qualified electrician.
- It is recommended that a record of the dates of inspection in respect of the appliances checked, the defects identified and remedial action taken is kept.
- Main electricity should be used where practicable where this is not available the use of generators is advised. Where mains electricity is used any cables should be positioned to prevent them being physically damaged and to avoid any tripping hazard

8.4 GENERATORS

EXPERT ADVICE MUST BE FOLLOWED REGARDING APPLICATION AND INSTALLATION.

- Generators must be sited away from gas containers or appliances in a well-ventilated area to allow dissipation of exhaust fumes.
- Generators must not be sited so that noise emitted gives rise to nuisance.
- Where possible petrol should not be stored. If storage is absolutely necessary it is limited to not more than two gallons in an approved metal or plastic container. Containers must be stored away from combustible or ignitable materials or sources.
- Generators must be used in accordance with the manufacturers operating instructions.
- Appliances must be protected by a 30 mA/30 ms residual current device to minimise the risk of electric shock. Before such devices are fitted specialist advice must be sought, complication can arise due to location, weatherproofing, vibration, mechanical damage and the need to establish an adequate true earth.

8.5. OPERATOR SAFETY

- All operators of electrical appliances should be instructed in its safe and correct use and told not to use damaged and/or defective items. Apparatus should be examined before use and if defective withdrawn from service and not returned to service until it has been repaired and checked by a competent person.

8.6. APPLIANCES

- Appliances should be securely fixed and meet the relevant British Standard.
- Flame failure devices should be fitted to gas appliances in all cases, i.e. a device which shuts off the supply of gas if the flame becomes extinguished.
- Gas appliances should not be lit whilst the vehicle is in motion except that L.P.G. fuelled refrigerators may be used on the road when:
 - A flame failure device is fitted.
 - An adequate flue (not necessary in trailers) is provided.
 - The unit is properly secured.
 - The unit does not show a naked flame.
- When used on the road an additional air intake with an effective area of not less than 13 sq. cm is recommended to be fitted in the floor of the vehicle below the refrigerator but must not cause a draught so as to extinguish the burner or pilot light.
- The use of 12 Volt battery sources to run refrigerators and freezers is encouraged.

- Flues should be fitted to all appliances where required and adequate ventilation must be provided in every vehicle compartment where L.P.G. fuelled appliances are used.
- Frying ranges should be fitted with an automatic high temperature limit device capable of shutting off the main burner if the temperature exceeds 230°C.
- In addition, an automatic temperature control device should be fitted to allow the frying medium a maximum temperature of 230°C. A visual temperature indicator should also be provided and should include an alarm mechanism if the temperature of the frying medium exceeds the maximum.

8.7. FIRE PRECAUTIONS

- Clear written instructions must be displayed inside the vehicle detailing action to be taken in the event of fire or gas leakage.
- A fire blanket should be provided especially where frying is undertaken.
- A dry powder fire extinguisher of 4.5kg capacity should be a minimum provision and will be suitable for both L.P.G. and fat fires. Such equipment must be sited in a readily accessible position adjacent to an exit.
- Access to and from the vehicle should be safe and free from any obstruction.
- Where practicable cooking appliances and other sources of ignition must be sited away from the exit to allow staff to escape with passing through an area of risk.
- Further advice on fire precautions can be obtained from the Fire Safety Officer, Burnley Fire Station, Belvedere Road, Telephone 423240.

8.8. SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

- Where traders operate at a fixed site throughout the day arrangements will have to be made for access to toilet facilities either on the vehicle or at premises immediately adjoining the site.
- Sanitary accommodation should include a sanitary appliance, wash hand basin with hot and cold water supply and should be ventilated directly to the external air.
- If sited on the vehicle, the sanitary accommodation should be approachable only from the exterior or via an intervening ventilated lobby.