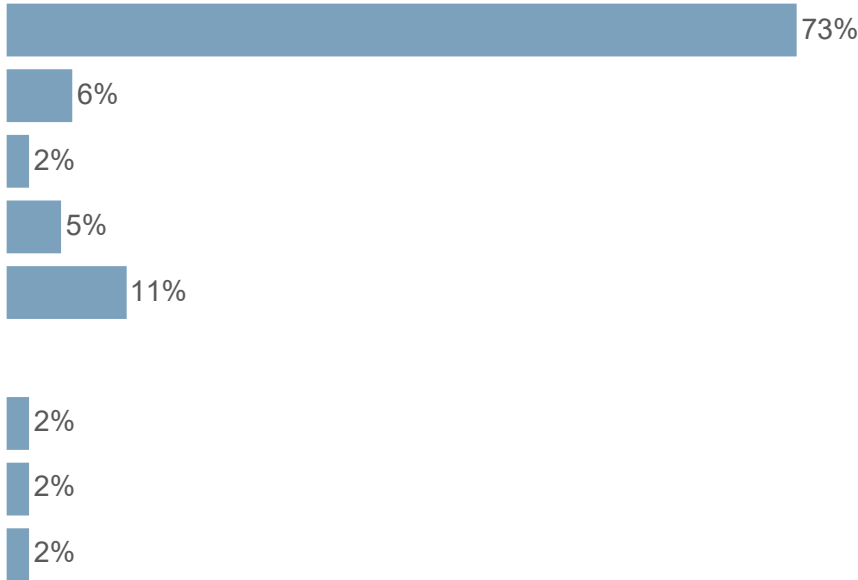


Final Summary report - Taxi Licensing_All respondents 2023

Street trading public 2024

This report was generated on 04/09/24. Overall 84 respondents completed this questionnaire. The report has been filtered to show the responses for 'All Respondents'.

Are you responding as...?



Please provide the name of the responsible authority, organisation or group you represent.

- Love walsall
- Walsall Eyes
- Markets Service

As a resident or business owner in the borough of Walsall, to help us better understand the results of the survey, please state your home or business / trading postcode.

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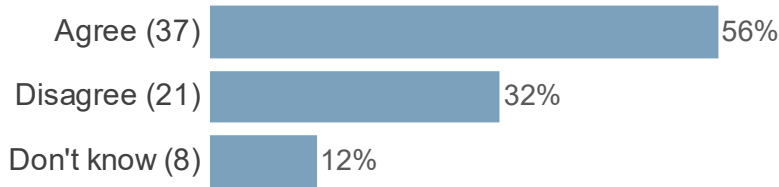
Ringside Refreshments, Unit 1, Spring Cottage Ind' Est' Neachells Lane, Willenhall WV13 3RG

Before answering this survey, were you aware that Walsall Council is responsible for issuing, ensuring compliance and enforcement of street trading permissions in the borough?



Street trading public 2024

Do you agree or disagree that streets currently designated as 'licensed streets' should be redesignated 'consent streets'?



Why do you say this?

- Illegal car traders are not stopped in the Paddock/StMatthews constituencies

- There are so many street traders already. You can get approached half a dozen times in Park St alone. More licencing, not less.

- Improves opportunities for potential traders.

- Untidy, will encourage more illegal street trading making it difficult to police, regulate and ensure licensed. It already intrudes on public pathways creating difficulty for those with disabilities/wheelchairs/pushchairs, mobility issues, etc., to navigate easily, particularly for those with loss of sight

- Licensed streets provide clarity, greater accessibility and stability by having a fixed site in the street. The option to redesignate licensed streets as consent streets poses a risk of streets being more crowded as traders can choose where to operate. Additionally a licence is a more robust and powerful way of authorisation than simply consent. I fear that the option of consent rather than a licence would allow more rogue traders to operate.

- Several shops in Park Street have set out stalls outside their shop fronts, selling low quality goods. It makes the street look cluttered and shabby and puts me off shopping there.

- This is not really what Walsall needs as any road within the Borough you could give your consent for a shop stall or whatever. In terms of Diversity this is not really the case as most of the shops are for Vapes Barbers take away shops of mainly other cultures that exclude some people from using them.

- More responsive to views of public assuming decisions include consultation stage

- I would need to know which streets

- Allows more trade into Walsall and more verity

- It would be better for the town centre and simplify the system

- To tighten up control of how trading takes place

- Need less regulation and complication

Street trading public 2024

Why do you say this?

Walsall Eyes is a charity representing people with visual impairments living in and around Walsall. Our members experience varying levels of sight loss, from total blindness to partial vision. Many use additional mobility aids such as long canes, symbol canes, and guide dogs. Our understanding of the changes, although the documentation is not entirely clear, is that licensed streets involve traders at fixed locations who may or may not have permission to display goods on pavements, provided they comply with public highway laws. In contrast, consent streets imply temporary traders who can operate anywhere on a street, in any manner, as long as they do not break highway laws. Our primary concern is the unpredictable and volatile environment this would create for people with visual impairments. Recent council decisions have already made the town center more hostile for our community. For example, anti-terrorist barriers were installed with little to no consultation with disability groups, and planters intended to be visually appealing have become obstacles. A street with constantly changing contents poses several problems for people with visual impairments: Lack of Permanent Landmarks: People using canes or guide dogs rely on landmarks (doorways, walls, permanent street furniture) to navigate. Pop-up stalls, pasteboards, mobile tables, and food stands distract guide dogs and complicate navigation for cane users. Litter and Lack of Bins: Main streets like Park Street have already been identified by the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association as challenging due to high litter levels, especially food waste. An increase in consent streets would likely correlate with more litter, impacting guide dogs' ability to work effectively. Irresponsible Use of Street Space: Even with the current licensed street model, some traders occupy excessive space on pavements. Examples include Midland Market on Digbeth and Bits and Bobs on Park Street. One of our members had to involve the police to get Sports Direct to remove displays blocking the footpath. Given the current state of shopping streets, we have little faith in the council's ability to maintain order and safe highways, especially with a model allowing temporary trader setups. In conclusion, the proposed changes to street trading regulations could significantly worsen the accessibility and safety of our town for people with visual impairments. We urge the council to reconsider these changes and to consult with disability groups to ensure a safer and more inclusive environment.

I think this would impact on other traders and shops and create more problems and traffic and parking issues

Less agro re licencing and easier to manage. More money for economy.

I think all potential stall holders should hold a licence and are checked for counterfeit goods. As someone who may like a stall in the future I think it's important that the appropriate checks have been fully completed working alongside trading standards

to support local business and attract business to the town

Better for everyone to apply

Agree that having 3 categories is confusing

There are already enough street traders in Walsall without encouraging others. Lower Park Street is already overcrowded with some 'shop' traders using the street in front of their shops for trading of what can only be described as low quality 'cheap goods' and these traders should be forced to remove those goods which are displayed on the street before encouraging to do the same. Walsall is losing its attraction for 'quality' shopping because it is being replaced by these cheap goods. Walsall Trading Officers should walk around Park Street and The Bridge in order to see for themselves the devastation being caused there by these awful traders!

There are enough businesses in residential streets. Most streets are overcrowded as it is.

flexibility in dealing with licensing issues

There are too many poor quality traders allowed to block our streets already. We need safer environments.

As any applications have to go through consultation process, I am confident that should there be any concerns then potentially an application could be refused

There are a number of cabin type businesses on Aldridge that are not accessible and create a precedent that is of concern to the quality of the local environment

Not sure if there is much difference between both, as long as there is consultation

Why do you say this?

It still requires a consultation and consent to be granted.

They are our streets not the council. The council is voted in by a minority of the public.

We do not want our street to be a consent street when it is currently a restricted street and that status should remain. Safety and major impact on residents are our primary reasons for objection.

We need our towns alive with shoppers and traders

It will promote more illicit trading.

It is deregulation of street trading that requires strict controls. The likelihood of hazards and antisocial behaviour as a result of street trading in modern society in my view is high and therefore requires the strictist of control measures.

I cant see the benefit or it is not explained in clear terms in your consultation. I am also concerned that these powers may be used when for example a resident may want to have a garage sale one off type or very rare type instance, eg selling their personal car (not car trading from their address)

I already have a street trading consent

From what you have written in relation to consent and licensed their doesnt appear to be any difference other than your text which says 'licensed = fixed location' and 'consent = mobile'. Are you inferring that a consent trader will be able to choose where to site his vehicle/trading set up where he chooses? If not, then nothing seems different as currently I am fixed (other than I have to drive my trailer on and off site each day). It would of course be nice to leave the trailer overnight (saves fuel, reduces traffic, enables more time for customer service instead of set up/ set down each day), however, security in town is very poor, therefore would not feel safe leaving on site. Is it just a case of reducing admin/fees (very welcome), giving opportunity to increase trading sites within licensed streets or anything else. Please can you explain in more detail.

don't think it makes a lot of difference and it does work out cheaper

Not sure it makes any difference

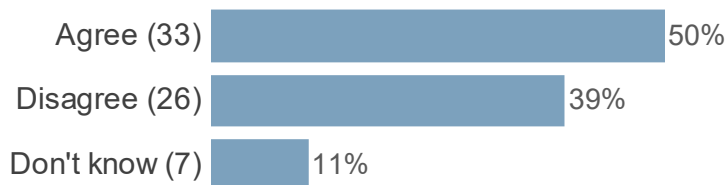
A street trading licence should be mandatory

It seems that most Council districts have adopted in favour of consent streets rather than licensed streets, why is that? My understanding is that consent streets give more power to the council to revoke with limited appeal impacting to the street trader's livelihood should it not go in their favour, whereby the issuing of a licensed street gives more security to street traders, livelihoods being safer and allowing them to invest. does Walsall Council know of any council district that has only adopted licensed streets and not consent streets ? If it is that Walsall Council have already adopted licensed streets why should it feel that it needs to re-designate as or to consent streets? I agree that all prohibited streets should be lifted and changed to allow either a licensed or consent streets for the purpose of allowing Council consideration to trade.

Need a change

I have been trying to be licensed for 3 years but can't as street is prohibited.

Do you agree or disagree that streets currently designated as 'prohibited streets' should be redesignated 'consent streets'?



Street trading public 2024

Why do you say this?

Too many nuisance car selling

Need to keep some prohibited streets.

Some streets are just not suitable for street trading such as busy main arterial routes, or where pavements are too narrow or are regularly used for parking. Some of these pavements are too narrow to accommodate mobility scooters.

Fot reasons already given.

I disagree that prohibited streets should be redesignated as consent streets as I think this will open the floodgates of where trading could commence.

Please don't let standards decline. If you want to attract shoppers please maintain a minimum standard.

For the same reasons as given previously.

Again gives more control to community

Prohibited streets seem to be main roads; those which wouldn't be safe to trade from. I agree it should be kept that way.

Again, depends on the street

More stalls more markets more business into walsall

The more space available the better

To have one approach

We need foot fall everywher

While this perspective is not solely focused on visual impairment, we believe these streets were designated for specific and valid reasons—perhaps public safety, convenience, or other social or ethical considerations. Redesignating these streets would expose them to the issues we described earlier, allowing busy streets to change significantly over time without sufficient consultation or means of notifying affected individuals.

This will impact on other businesses and the quality of life of residents in these streets

More places to buy from, more choice.

If they are prohibited they should remain so as you state that very few are so what is the point in changing it

to support the local economy

Because it opens more areas up

Fair process

The streets are overcrowded already, too many taxi drivers and people having businesses from their homes.

flexible approach, good revenue earner. and the right to say no

We have enough street traders already. They make our streets uninviting and contribute to the low life that congregate around them

They are prohibited for a reason.

It allows for specific street trading to be more available and controlled

There should be regulation

People will abuse the system

I wanted trade in a street and got told its prohibited even though there was enough space on the street

Some of the prohibited streets need to be protected in order to contain trading otherwise even more of our streets will end up in a mess.

Everyone should get chance to get permission. Will make easier to buy things

Why the constant need for change. Whos profiting out of this

Why do you say this?

Our street should remain prohibited. The major negative impact on safety and the residents are our primary reason for objecting.

I do not have any confidence that Walsall will be able to police these areas significantly across the whole borough.

Industrial sites and trading areas have to kept separate from residential areas. To reduce the hazards caused by increased traffic and antisocial behaviour.

I cannot give a blanket answer

There would be a reason why it's prohibited

As you say, the landscape has changed. Growing economy ties in with enabling opportunity, reducing red tape and creating employment. Most prohibited streets im aware of tend to be main roads, so council would need to make provision for some parking allowance to support anyone setting up roadside.

I would like to trade on some streets that are prohibited as they are good locations

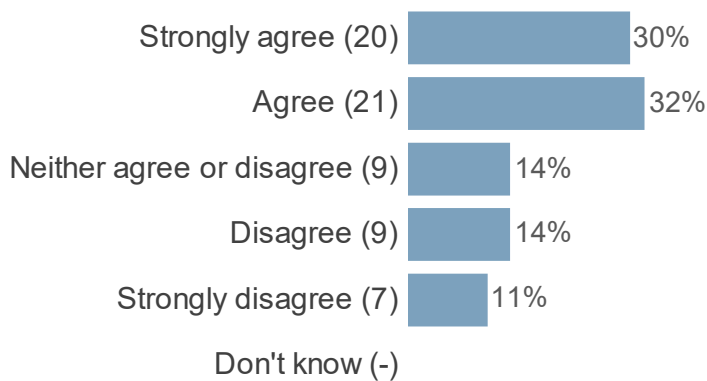
Prohibited street policies should be totally abolished, this allows fair trade and in response to public interest that wish to use those street trading services. Traders will determine whether those services are viable, and if not then traders will surrender their license to trade.

Licences cost too much.

Could have too many places selling goods

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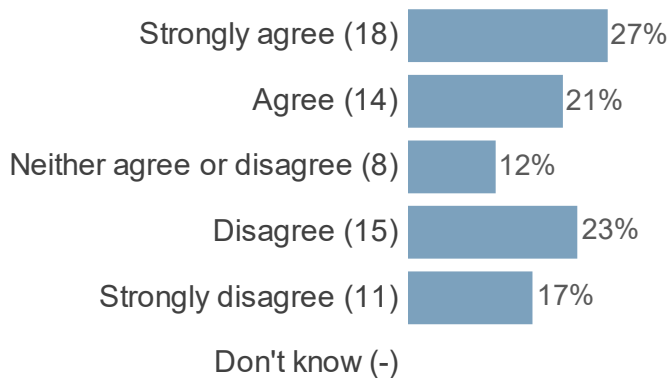
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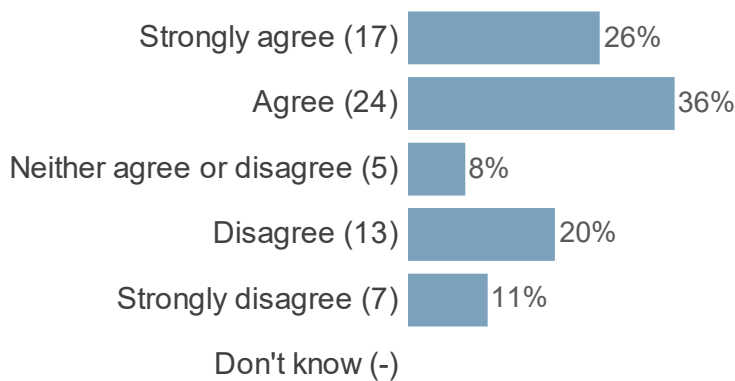
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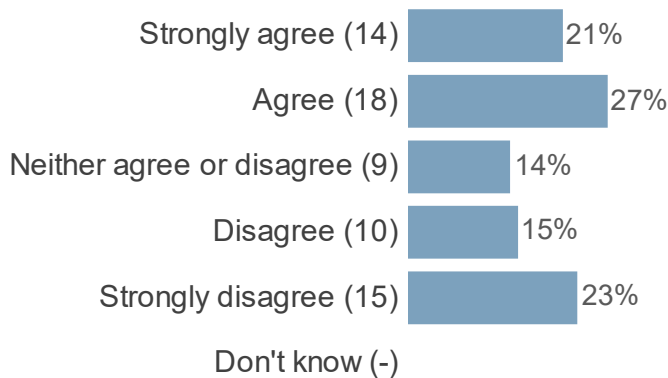
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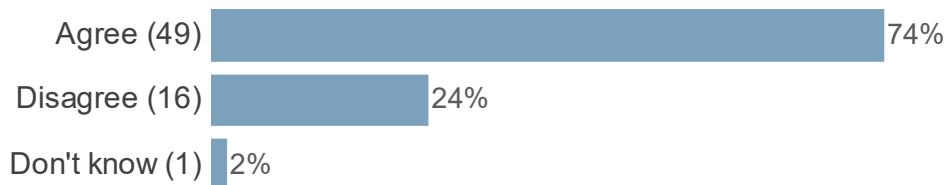
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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about street trading in the borough of Walsall?

Street trading.... (...is generally positive for a local area)



Do you agree or disagree that the council should do everything possible to attract and encourage safe, legal, compliant and high-quality street traders to areas of the borough?



Why do you say this?

- They do not stop illegal car selling where many cars are parked on the highway and residents have nowhere to park.

- Walsall council has driven out street traders just take a look at the once great market

- Too many bracelet etc selling people, obv not regulated in Park St. We have markets for street selling.

- Common sense

- Only if all those conditions are adhered to. Such a move could encourage startups.

- Issue is those already street trading in Walsall town centre (market hill and Park street), legal and compliant or otherwise, new business or otherwise, are not providing high quality products. There will be more of the same

- I think the Council has a strong responsibility to protect it's constituents from rogue street traders and ensure safe, legal, compliant and high quality street traders are in place and regularly reviewed and monitored to ensure the safety of the borough's constituents is protected.

- It depends where they trade. Park Street and the Bridge look cluttered and unattractive. Please designate High Street as the main area for street trading and markets.

- I think the right shops in the right Areas are good but this never seems to happen

- Because this helps Walsall's community and visitors to access greater choice, and safer products

- Council should use resources according to pyramid of needs. First, use your money to house and feed people

- As a small business being able to travel with my mobile cake van is a massive part of making my Business a success.

Street trading public 2024

Why do you say this?

It will enliven High Streets

We need more market stalls as none of the stupid shops are suitable please ask why do we need vape and cheap tat toys with selli no suitcases .. these shops need to go each other shop is this

I agree as long as the street traders are not just stalls selling cheap Chinese crap that I can buy from temu

To stop the endless trading of low quality and sometimes counterfeit goods. High quality traders will encourage people to come to the town

Why not

We appreciate the council's intention to attract and encourage safe, legal, compliant, and high-quality street traders to areas of the borough. However, we have significant concerns regarding the council's ability to enforce compliance and legality effectively. Our primary worry is that the council may prioritize revenue generation over the safety and comfort of visitors with disabilities. Even if all traders were legal and compliant, designating every street as a consent street would still lead to issues of unpredictability, increased litter, and poor use of street space. These challenges disproportionately affect people with disabilities, particularly those with visual impairments. Therefore, while we agree that attracting high-quality traders is beneficial, it must not come at the expense of accessibility and safety. We urge the council to carefully consider these factors and consult with disability groups to ensure that any changes do not undermine the inclusivity and safety of our town.

Better for trading to be in an area such as a market where there is an element of control and scrutiny and not impacting on other residents

More trade is what UK economy needs. I may be encouraged to start a business

there are a lot of counterfeit goods on the markets and the standard of quality is poor. The cost of stalls is too high for genuine small businesses like myself. Instead traders who buy cheap products in bulk are then selling on poor quality products to the public. There is not enough checks and people are now not interested in the continual rubbish being sold and therefore footfall in the town has decreased significantly

to enhance public space and bring vibrancy to the town

Brings in variety

What spoils this is when shop owners extend our into pavement. It becomes unsightly and a potential hazard

Walsall Council should do everything possible to encourage 'high quality traders' they should not encourage low quality ones and should prosecute those who flaunt the by laws by displaying 'cheap goods' in front of their shops on the streets without permission or licence.

The streets are overflowing with cars, vans, lorries as it is. More trading will create more traffic and parked cars.

it provides an array of providers including food vendors. just wish it wasnt all fatty burgers and meat

Street trading is not a pleasant environment. It is not the same as market trading which is a thing of the past.

I think the council should reduce rental costs on market stalls and also commercial premises. Designated areas are better, how are street traders going to be regulated on such a big area.

It is reassuring to know that Street traders will be regulated, and vetted through the application/consultation period

Regelation should primarily focus on existing shop premises.

We need to stop shops from closing down rather street trading which will make the problem worse.

More business will make town like before. No closed shops

The council should keep their noses out of business. They cant keep the town centre clean and tidy. I wouldn't trust walsall council to run a whist drive

Street trading public 2024

Why do you say this?

The town centre was popular when good market traders operated throughout the town centre, it brought business to the town. Now, the quality has deteriorated due to people trading in other areas due to having street trading

There are so many empty shop premises so these should have priority

Crime is on the rise. Police and local authorities cannot cope with local communities now. Having street trading in a "Del boy" fashion is too open to unscrupulous people.

I have experienced street trading at the front of my home and it is disruptive and dangerous. A van selling cakes had been parking in Beechtree Road. There was a queue of people, some of whom were shouting. Kids were running in the roads and screaming. This is a residential area where myself and other residents retreat from the public and seek sanctuary. It is not acceptable to turn a quiet road into a trading area. Trading in the street also represents a hazard to both queuing customers and other road users. From both moving and dangerously parked vehicles.

Walsall is littered with poor quality street traders, scammers approaching you in the town centre trying to sell fake or non-existent goods as distraction techniques for commonly gangs or clans of often Roma people. Numerous people have been victims of these "fake" sellers many elderly. They watch the banks in Park Street and make the town centre feel very unsafe. Control the street traders we have first and those shops who have decided to take over the streets and footpaths with their goods instead of keeping it inside their shops. This is common all across the town centre and surrounding areas.

I do not believe that street traders always attract "Safe, legal compliant" business safety and legality are vital

Would help small businesses

As your text has stated, it's a gateway to developing business skills at a more affordable level. It gives the opportunity for traders to trial and deliver a range of products not commonly available, this in itself can attract greater levels of custom, shoppers and employees crave variety. Overall quality is key if you want to attract a regular client base and more affluent shoppers.

big businesses are making it difficult, and street traders help each community area so my elderly parents may not have to travel far if the trader comes to their street

Walsall needs to change. Boarded shops derelict building. Walsall had one of the best markets in the UK

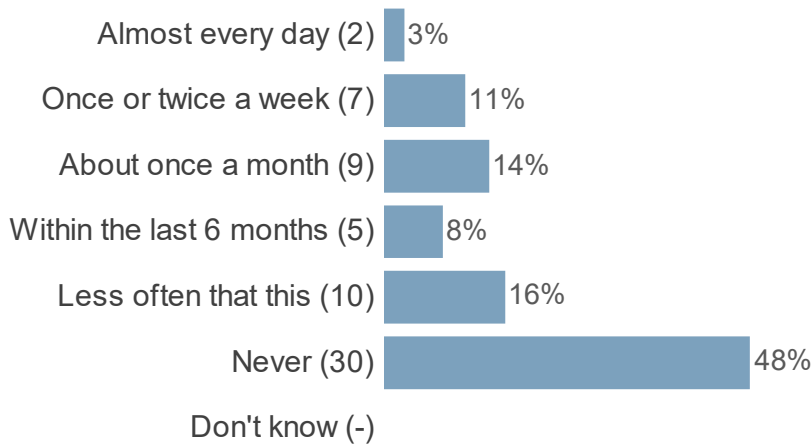
Prevent sale of stolen goods. Prevent sale of goods that are unregulated

The council and mobile street traders have a responsibility to ensure it is fully compliant in the interest of public safety in area(s) where they have access including non- and paying locations.

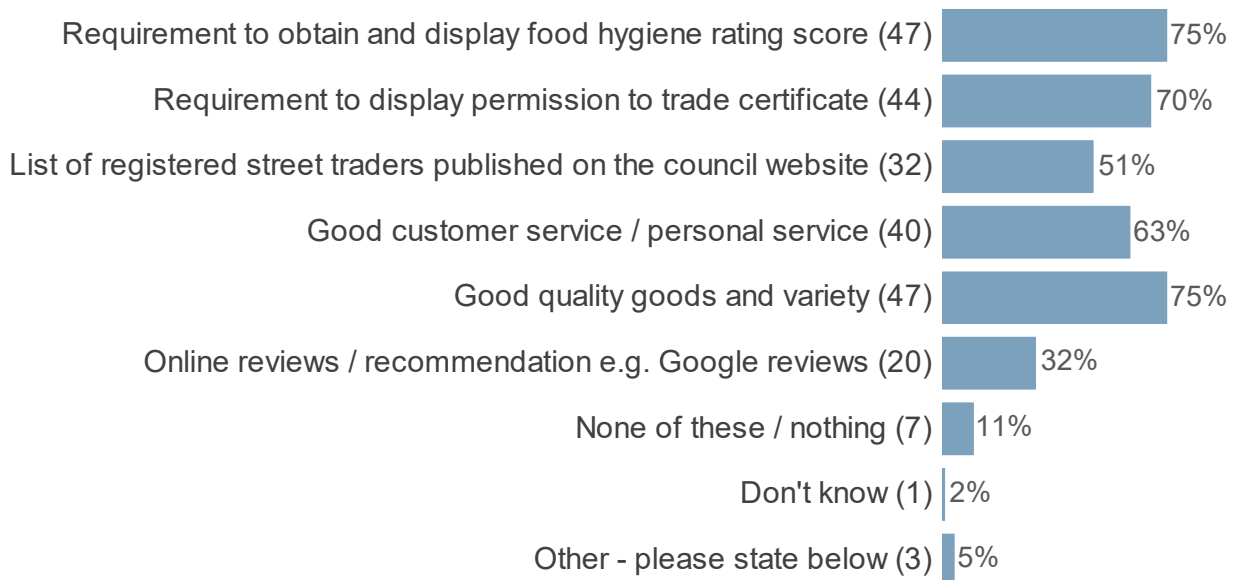
Help new people who want to do this for a living

Street trading public 2024

How frequently, if at all, do you visit / purchase goods from a street trader (not a regular market stall) in the borough of Walsall?



Which of the following, if any, would encourage you to purchase goods from a street trader? Select all that apply.



The trader's stall and goods need to be visually attractive.

No more clvape shops selling suitcases we need clothes and branded shops back

Get rid of cannabis smells on high street...ur dumbass police can't smell it or they just ignorant to it none in the area i shop

The council should stay out of business

Street traders selling food in residential have no toilet facilities.

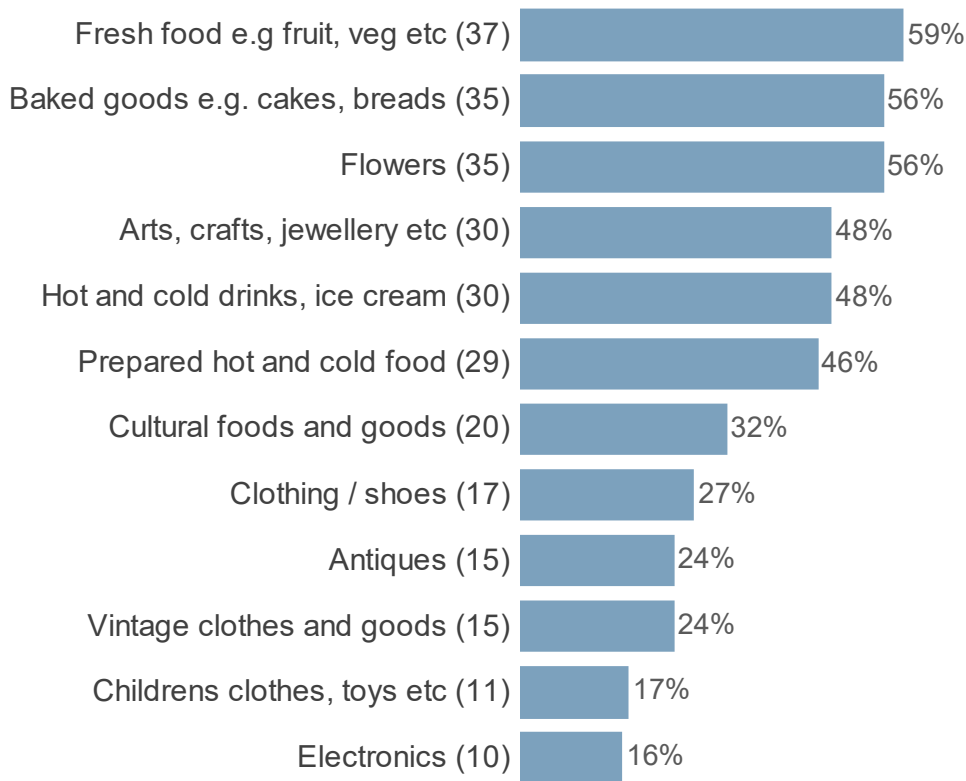
Reasonable prices, clean environment,

healthy products being sold - we need more healthy food vendors in the centre!

Criminal checks on everyone employees license holders

Street trading public 2024

Which of the following types of street trading, if any, would you most like to see in the borough of Walsall? Select all that apply.



Vinyl

Farm produce

Good quality produce locally sourced

All if it designated areas not streets

Market trading should only be licenced in shopping areas where traders have access to toilets and washing facilities.

Outdoor dining areas/al fresco

Do you have any further comments you would like to add about street trading in the borough of Walsall?

Please stop illegal second hand car selling where cars are stored on the public highway.

I love the daily market and happy to have that expanded but the other people trying to sell stuff/approaching shoppers in the streets cannot be regulated. At weekends there are lots of groups singing/playing music really loudly. It's unpleasant and the shops hate it, they have to work in it.

No

Street trading can encourage antisocial behaviour and needs careful supervision by both the Police and Council, something I'm not sure can happen in the current environment . Street stalls outside of schools selling unhealthy food should be prohibited.

Walsall town centre already has a bad reputation, dont discourage those with money to spend to further go elsewhere

There are too many market stalls that sell the same thing, I would like to see greater variety in the market stalls currently in Walsall

Street trading public 2024

Do you have any further comments you would like to add about street trading in the borough of Walsall?

I visited Walsall town centre on Saturday and it struck me how untidy some of the shop fronts were, in particular those selling from tables outside their shop fronts. It was also sad to see where there was once a strong market is now a smaller offering with worse quality. There were also too many religious pitches, some with loud speakers. I wanted to shop without being accosted by people wanting me to sign up to whatever they're selling. It doesn't do anything to encourage me to come back.

If the street trader wants to set up then that stall should befit the Area.

Please can we assess why we have so many shops selling vapes cheap tatty toys and suitcases . These are an eyesore and we don't need these types of shops. More clothes shops high st end and food venues . With children areas

Let's make this process easy and fair for small businesses and entrepreneurs

At the moment there seems no enforcement of traders spilling over from their shops into the street. (Park St and the Market especially) The streets filled with cheap awful stuff is not acceptable. These "traders" should be dealt with or asked to rent an overflow shop. Unless you have enforcement the town will not improve

Yes too many local quangos in walsall dictating thier will with no consideration for local needs. Power hungry council middle managers getting in the way of any progress.

The answers given here only represent the views of a small number of our members. There are likely to be far more varied and equally valid viewpoints from our wider membership. Therefore, if the council really do appreciate the views of its citizens and truly do, as one of Counsellor Perry's 5 pillars state, want to make Walsall a positive and inclusive place for everyone, we strongly urge you to get in touch with our group where we would be delighted to meet with you to discuss our concerns further. You may email us at: enquiries@walsalleyes.org.uk Or contact our chairman, Steve Mellor, on 07969 547 704 (please do not send text messages as he is unable to read them)

Most of the Street trading, especially in Walsall town centre is an eyesore and of no real value.

No

U need to seriously look into the drugs problem on high street. U can clearly smell weed everywhere so that means it's being smoked without caution, puts me off shopping on high street. So Gary, do something about it....don't play dumb!!!

The borough, especially Walsall town centre has many fast food retailers, both in stores and street vendors. As the borough has an obesity and health problem I firmly believe that these types of traders should be kept to a minium.

Regular pop up markets would be great. Like a vintage market on the first Sunday of the month. A plant and farmers market. A mini food festival Look at Bristol and see the types that they have they create great areas to meet, socialise and buy various items

Walsall needs to reflect it's diversity without looking like a scruffy migrant town

The expansion of shop traders exhibiting their goods on the pavement in front of their shops without permission is not acceptable and certainly does nothing for the reputation as a quality shopping place in the West Midlands. These goods also block pavements making it difficult for those less mobile to walk along the pavements. It is definately a reason to report the matter to government.

I can't find my area in the list of streets available. I live in the Butts and it's not on any of your lists. Does this mean they are all consented streets?

If harbours tax dodgers and discourages proper shops.

None

Existing traders would be disadvantaged. The shops should be supported not compete with this type of vendor . The quality of the environment would be degraded .

first time I have heard of street trading consultation happening in Walsall in 30 years

We need to re-invigorate the town centre with shops

Street trading public 2024

Do you have any further comments you would like to add about street trading in the borough of Walsall?

Id like to see more. Walsall council in its total stupidity will discourage traders. They put more and more regulation and barriers in the way of anyone wanting to start up and give it a go. De regulate and watch business thrive. Regulate watch business die

Invest in town centre, rather than making it a street casino with betting shops. Walsall should bring in trade for local traders not for anti social behaviour and betting shops

Street rubbish in our community is at its worst in over thirty years. Street trading would do nothing to improve this, if anything would make it worse. Shops in our are and some residents do not care about packaging being dropped on the floor no sooner have they left the shop. Councils rubbish bins are not emptied often enough either.

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If you do not manage this well you will end up with all kinds of tat and junk being sold, fenced and offered up, how exactly will you ensure trading only takes place by only those with licenses and not an army of those claiming to operate under said license, most likely cash in hand and also a major risk for money laundering! This is Walsall after all. The residents deserve quality to be ensured and not any old approach once a license is issued or this could be one more nail in the coffin for the town.

If food is sold ALL the staff MUST have undergone high quality hygiene training and each pitch MUST have at least one staff member with full "first responder" training and each pitch MUST be in 5 meters of a full first aid kit including "pen" I cannot think of the correct word which deals with those who have reacted against for example milk

I agree as long as it doesn't affect my business

No comment

So as currently trading in town centre as a food vendor, this is partly difficult to answer as still awaiting the start of the gateway refurbishment project. Their is still uncertainty on how this affects current traders in relation to positioning, anticipated increases in footfall and if will encourage longer stay shopping for customers. Decent outdoor seating has proven popular in many other towns. Flanked by shrubs/greenery adds to the attraction. Power points to connect to would be very useful as enable more diversity in the food products I could supply, removing the need for noisier and polluting generators. Council could do more to promote the town with more town centre events - stuff that gets people away from online shopping! I certainly would invest more in the town if I believed the council were committed and demonstrated a clear timescaled plan to attract more custom. A more thorough and consistent approach to moving on beggars/addicts and stolen goods street sellers would also help improve image.

Currently their is no Police patrols in town centre where childrens are smoking cannabis and drugs, which stops customers comming to my business. We need to increase Police officers.

There is no identification to see if they are licensed or have permission. Why can't the council issue proper identification

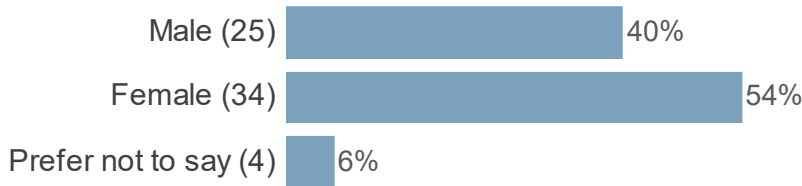
Do you have any further comments you would like to add about street trading in the borough of Walsall?

I'd like the council to consider sensible street trading fees on a cost recovery basis, street trading applications renewal forms should be simple and uncomplicated with fresh applications unknown to the council, having more rigorous test, for example, a DBS certification, National insurance number, and character reference.

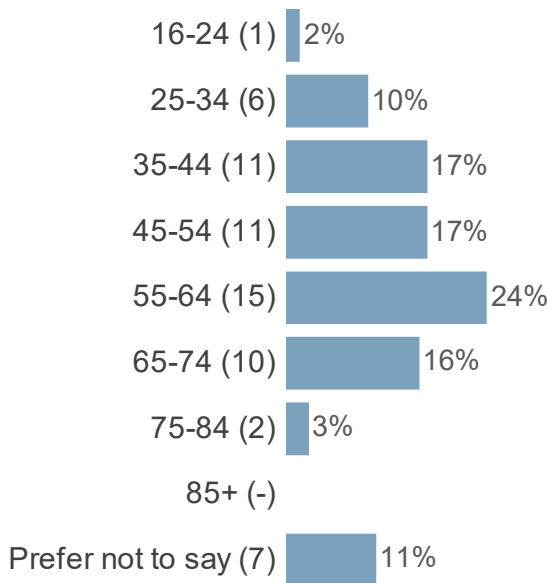
Are all the places selling fruit and veg outside shops licensed?

Prohibited stopping people like me from earning a living. Walsall needs a change to help people

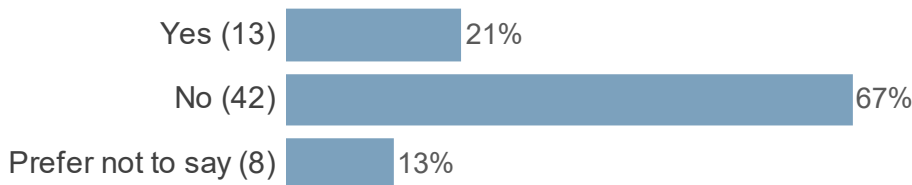
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How old are you?

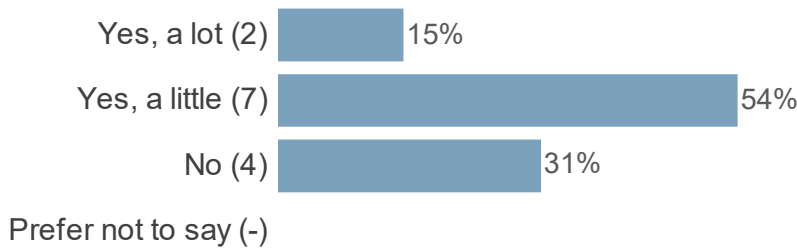


Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?

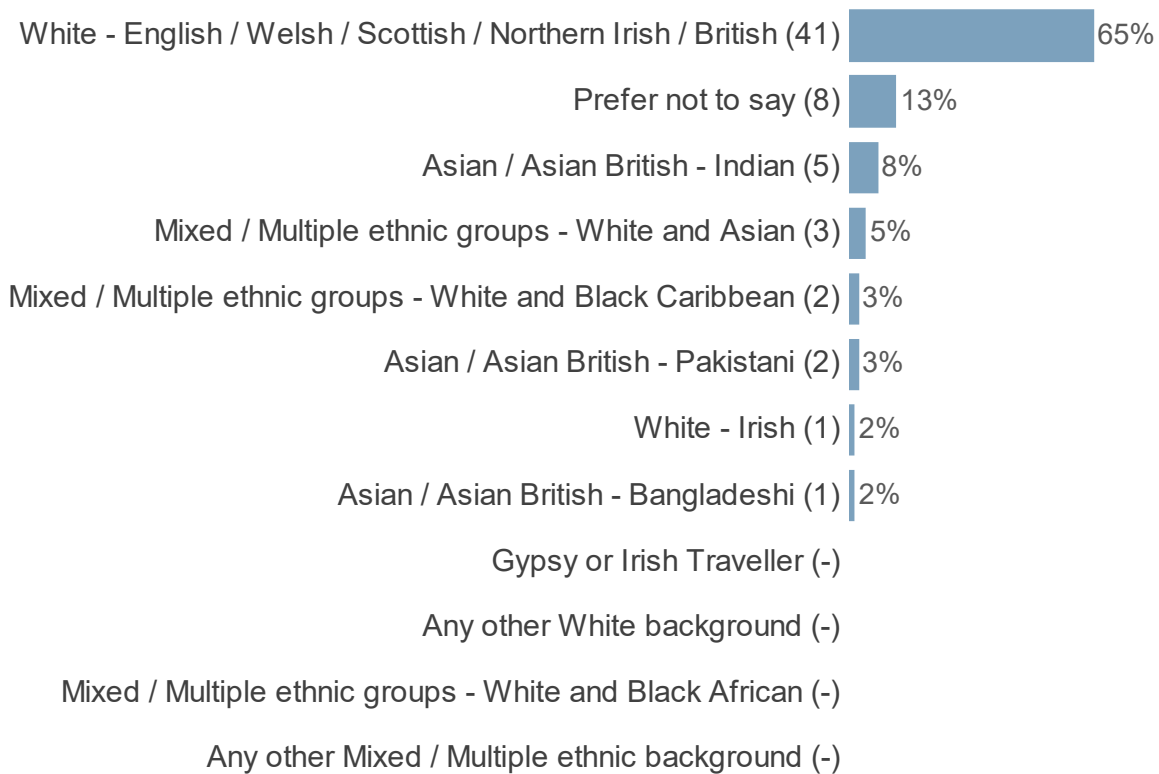


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Does your condition or illness\do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry-out day-to-day activities?



To which of these groups do you consider you belong? (Ethnic background)



Are there any particular equality aspects you feel should be taken into account when making our final decisions about the designation of streets in the borough?

- Older people need to be considered.

- No

- It can feel intimidating people approaching you in the street, whoever you are.

- Get rid of diversity equality and inclusively

- No. All areas, regardless of ethnic make up, should be treated the same.

- Disability primarily.

- Accessibility of streets e.g. pedestrian access and ensuring that if trading takes place in a street it is not in a crowded street to ensure there is enough room for those with accessibility needs e.g. disabled people in wheelchairs.

- You should be looking at the type of street people who live there and what is being sold.

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Street access should be key consideration

No but get rid of these stupid vape shops it's a sore and makes Walsall Look cheap and rundown

No

You must ensure that traders do not affect access for those with disabilities.

Yes you should consider all organisations and not bias minorities , equality means equality not bias to any trend or fashion.

We are a registered charity representing people with visual impairments, and disability equality is of paramount importance to us. However, we recognize that many of our concerns may also be shared by other disability groups. For instance, people with physical disabilities or those on the neurodivergent spectrum might also struggle with crowded and unpredictable environments, which temporary street trading would exacerbate.

No.

No

Ask local community to see if they welcome it, not just council surveys. Do trial runs from businesses who are looking to expand into other locations!!! Not rocket science

Quality and accessibility

None.

None

Race should not be allowed to influence such decisions or influence them.

ensure that all street traders comply with size and noise - no noisy generators;

Yes. Make sure all residents are treated equality and do not pander to minorities.

The Density of the amount of street trading stalls, Lower density along more streets promotes movement which in turn promotes other areas to be visits

I am concerned that you ask questions regarding age gender etc . I would like to be informed about how you use this information

change should be positive. it's nice sometimes to have a change and maybe someone selling fruit and veg can come to my street rather than me making my way to shop

No

No

How does equality affect street trading? Stupid question from a 'woke' council sadly out of touch with its citizens

I think you should also consider the environmental factors, and rubbish street trading may bring into streets,.

A mixture of trades or sellers should be balanced. Not just car boot items or 50p item stalls. Environmentally friendly goods should be available and not just cheap goods. The reason why Park street struggles to be popular is down to expensive parking fees and non-subsidised public transport. You mention the 1980's but have done little to revive trading by allowing so many out of town shopping centres.

All residents of Walsall should be treated equally and their right to a private and peaceful home life facilitated.

None, the quality of the offer, consistency and demand should be concerned.

My real concern is for the safety of pedestrians especially those with poor sight or who are in wheel chairs or who are pushing children in prams who could have their mobility limited. I would paint a line on the footpath and if a trader has any part of their pitch or its contents is either on or across the line they would be fined £10 for each inch on over the line. Three breaches and the licence is revoked and the owner is street banned from ALL street trading for 5 years

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None

No

Yes, drop the 'e'. Focus on the quality, not whos delivering!

Variety in food