

4. APPLICATION FOR FOOD STAND IN PUBLIC PLACE

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The purpose of this report is to consider an application for food stands selling hot dogs at the west end of City Mall and along Oxford Terrace. The application is attached.

Mr Paul Sissons of The Bog Irish Bar has applied to operate a hot dog stand in the areas leased from the Council for the purpose of placing tables and chairs, umbrellas and planter boxes both outside The Bog in City Mall and All Bar One in Oxford Terrace. The Council, at its meeting of 23 September, resolved that the Legal Services Manager be authorised to apply for an injunction or take other steps as may be necessary against persons involved in the selling of food from temporary stalls in Oxford Terrace and City Mall. The Council also resolved to issue temporary licences for four food stalls in the City Mall but only east of the Guthrey Centre.

It is understood that the hot dog stands had been placed on the edge of the roped-off public place areas leased from the Council and that service from these is to members of the general public, not just those drinking at the establishments. Food hygiene approvals were neither sought nor discussed regarding the operations before commencing.

To permit these operations, assuming they could be approved for food safety compliance either by an addition to permitted activities under the licence to occupy the public place or otherwise, would require the Council to change its policy on food stands in City Mall and Oxford Terrace. The Council in setting the policy for the four temporary stalls in City Mall expressed a strong desire to retain the high amenity value of the pedestrian precincts, particularly the areas close to the Bridge of Remembrance and the bar strip along Oxford Terrace. Accordingly, additional food stands serving customers outside of leased areas should not be permitted.

Recommendation: That the application be declined.

Chairman's Recommendation: Not seen by the Chairman.