

Response from Sheffield City Centre Retailers Group

Re: Consultation on draft Regulations to repeal the Pedlars Act, to make changes to the street trading regime and BIS's future intention to modernise the regime

The Sheffield City Centre Retailers Group (SCCRG) believes that the proposed changes in the BIS document and in particular regarding pedlars will have serious consequences in Sheffield, furthermore it will completely undermine the existing Street Trading regime to counter serious problems associated with an over-proliferation of street trading in the City Centre.

It would appear that, when considering the proposed changes, BIS have taken a simplistic definition of 'street trading' as a 'stall in an English town centre' and that a 'Pedlar' was a person who lives 'hand to mouth'.

If the deregulation is agreed then the SCCRG is of the view that the only way to prevent abuse of the deregulation of Pedlars is to ensure that the definition of what constitutes a Pedlar must remain narrow and only allow trading 'house to house'.

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