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first question....In a word No....At present all pedlars have a CBR check or are supposed to..and why not,we are dealing with the public and traveling around the country.
i cannot see what will be gained on repealing the act which would leave it open for anybody to set up and work the streets with nothing to check on and no regulations,who is going to monitor this? and who is going to be responsible for this,the police,who at present have far better things to do or the local council(Town.district or county)?
I think that this proposal is a start to removing all traders from the streets,councils will deem it to costly and time consuming and the police will suggest a zero tolerance policy...
1.2....it would be hard to judge at this moment what the cost would be to myself financially or time...
If i may state a few points,i am 52years of age,i have been trading for over 32years now,as a Market trader,a licensed street trader and a pedlar.
Most towns have a market,this i mean as a one or two days a week event and not a permanent collection of stall undercover open daily,often run by the local council,what often appears to happen is a private operator starts running a market,it becomes quite successful then the council will make it more difficult for them with awkward rules until they hand control to them,the council then run it as they see fit,
It is not always easy to start trading on a market many operate a policy of one stall of one kind of goods only,many market traders carry a huge range of goods and complain bitterly if a newcomer was to display any items that they are selling,this sort of behavior i am sure contravenes competition Laws but that's not the point,it is sometimes quite difficult to get on Markets because of this,
>Many market traders and organizations representing them actively dislike Pedlars having published quite slanderous comments about us in their various journals,"a blight""taking trade from legitimate traders" and my all time favorite"tearing at the very fabric of society" which i thought was a bit over dramatizing of the issue,basically they resent the fact that working as a Pedlar you do not have to pay a stall rental and you are taking their trade away.

I say isn't it wonderful that we live in a country where we have a choice,you can have a 40 foot stall and me my small trolley,you choose to work on the market i choose to work as a Pedlar,My Grandfather fought in the First World War for the right to choose and the Freedom this choice brought.
What many dont know is that the Pedlars came to a town first and decided to all go to the same place on the same day and markets were born.
One way that would be beneficial to all is to raise the the cost of a Pedlar from £12.25p as it is today,rather a good deal i hasten to add,to a cost of £500-£1000 per year.there is talk of approx 4000 Pedlar licenses issued,why is an exact number unavailable?.This would generate between £2,000,000 to £4,000,000 per year not a small sum by any standard,
Street trading licenses,,,Councils nearly always issue consents not actually licenses,
this can be a time consuming and costly process.
I inquired about obtaining a consent in one of the small towns i visit to work,first i would have to submit the days and times i worked(up to a year in advance),this will have to go up in front of the planning committee,then a consultation with all surrounding traders,you can guaranty that at least one will object to you what ever you were selling,if by some slim chance your application was successful,maybe four months,the cost would be far to high for what you can realistically pay,got to pay for that consultation you see,I only want to trade about 20-30 days per year as and when.."cant do that"so i remain a Pedlar
Would it be to hard for a council employee to collect a sum of money from me every time i worked in the town, say £10-£12 a day,if i worked a town 30 times a year that is £300-£360 enough to pay a weeks wages to lets say a town center cleaner,it could be quite simple but as i have been told many times it does not work like that.
There is adequate Legislation in place already,it could be amended on a few points,I cannot see how repealing the Pedlars act is going to work,what controls are there going to be,you cannot have a free for all on the streets,
Question two....This is the one that appears to have had very little thought.
As i leave my front door i am working as a pedlar,are you saying i am not allowed to return home for three hours.....how are you going to enforce this idea of moving 50 meters and not returning to within 50 meter's for three hours,please tell me how you are going to keep track of this short of issuing every Pedlar a collar with GPS location on it,bit like they do on wildlife films,this is England and to forbid a man to walk the streets of his own country is an insult,because that is what this is,a infringement of your human rights,
completely unworkable and I pity any enforcement officer having to deal with this.
Like i said I believe all this is a ruse to remove us from the streets,
At the present our High Streets are becoming barren,some have up to 30% of shops empty,some for many years with no hope of being let,owned by banks and large corporations,now is the time to encourage small business,
You will say that your proposals will do this and in theory they will,but after more thirty years working on the streets and seeing how councils operate it will not,believe me....
Am i going to be able to operate as a Pedlar in lets say Paris,Rome?
no chance,this whole exercise is a waste of time and puplic money.

could you please email me on receipt of this letter and could you assure me that this will be read and not binned out like it appears all the other hard work various Pedlars have put into this has.

its no wonder more people will vote UKIP seeing how faceless bureaucrats with no knowledge of what is happening dictate to us how things should be...
stand up and stop being pushed around is what i say.....
Best Regards Chris Noonan