
Subject:	Highways Act 1980 – Section 115E – Lounge, 43-45 High Street, Deal
Meeting and Date:	Regulatory Committee – 20 June 2023
Report of:	Rebecca Pordage, Licensing Manager
Classification:	Unrestricted

Purpose of the report:	Permission to site street furniture on the highway
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1. Summary

The regulation of the placing of tables and chairs on a highway is a statutory function of the Council under the Section 115E, of the Highways Act 1980.

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 Loungers UK Ltd have applied for a Street Furniture permit to allow the placement of 6 tables and 24 chairs outside Lounge, 43-45 High Street. The applicant has requested they be placed between 09:00 hrs to 23:00 hrs every day.

2.2 A copy of the application form and plan is shown at **Appendix A**. Additional information about the type of furniture and measurements and a photo of the location is shown at **Appendix B**. A map of the area can be found at **Appendix C**.

2.3 As part of the consultation process views have been sought from local businesses, Kent Highway Services, Police, Town Council, Fire Service, Planning, and other internal departments within Dover District Council as appropriate. The application was also advertised at the site by way of a Notice and copies were delivered to nearby frontagers.

2.4 Two representations were received in respect of this application (see **Appendix D**), as follows:

Deal Town Council object to the application as it is a pedestrian precinct and should be respected as such. The number of chairs being requested is wholly excessive. There are already benches and planters outside the location so this volume of chairs and tables would limit their use. There are unauthorised chairs and tables in this section of the precinct. This would make access for people with disabilities even more difficult.

Deal Chamber of Trade have strong concerns that there is insufficient space between the proposed tables and the public benches given the high pedestrian numbers in the high street on Fridays and Saturdays and throughout holiday periods, this would also be hard to navigate for people with buggies and wheelchairs. They suggest that the benches be re-positioned in the area more closer to the centre with the cost of this being met by the business.

3 Options available to the Committee:

- (1) To allow the application as applied for
- (2) To allow the application but with additional conditions
- (3) To reject the application.

Appendices

Appendix A – Application form and plan

Appendix B – Additional information about the furniture and photo of the location

Appendix C – Map of the area

Appendix D – Representations

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