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<b>Subject:</b>	Highways Act 1980 – Section 115E – The Sandwich Shop, 15A Cattle Market, Sandwich
<b>Meeting and Date:</b>	Regulatory Committee – 19 September 2023
<b>Report of:</b>	Rebecca Pordage, Licensing Manager
<b>Classification:</b>	Unrestricted

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**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 Andrew Laslett has applied for a Street Furniture permit to allow the placement of 12 tables and 38 chairs outside The Sandwich Shop, 15A Cattle Market, Sandwich. The applicant has requested they be placed between 08:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs every day.

2.2 A copy of the application form and plan is shown at **Appendix A**. A map of the area can be found at **Appendix B**.

2.3 There is currently a permit for 12 tables and 38 chairs at The Sandwich Shop, 15A Cattle Market, Sandwich between 09:00 hrs - 18:00 hrs every day. This permit has been in place since 13 January 2020, the most recent licence is shown at **Appendix C**. As these permits are not transferable, and the name of the permit holder is changing, and in addition to this there have been some development works in the area, Mr Andrew Laslett has now submitted a new application to supersede the current permit.

2.4 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.

2.5 One objection was received in respect of this application (see **Appendix D**), as follows:

**Sandwich Town Council** object to the number of tables and chairs, but say they would support a reduced number of tables and chairs comprising of 8 tables and 32 chairs.

2.6 Five representations were received in favour of this application (see **Appendix E**):

**Vera Goodwin** gives support for more seating outside this great eating place.

**Stephen Povey** expresses how important it is to allow the Sandwich Shop to have more tables outside. The local businesses need as much trade as possible and he feels that this will create a great vibe in an empty area.

**Jack Sheppard** is disappointed that Sandwich Town Council are not supporting this application, and would like to see Dover District Council approve this application and reinforce the café culture that our community and local economy needs to thrive.

**Holly Smit** says that The Sandwich Shop holds a prime position on the newly refurbished forecourt of the Guildhall and is an inclusive welcoming place to visit. Ms Smit says that the lengthy and delayed refurbishment of the forecourt must have had a negative effect on the business and to prevent them returning to their former glory would be a tragedy for the town.

**Ruth King** thinks this is a great little café and as a Sandwich resident she personally thinks that enjoying the ambience of the newly renovated Guildhall area from a table in the sunshine is lovely.

### **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

Appendix B – Map of the area

Appendix C – Current Street Furniture Permit

Appendix D – Representation from Sandwich Town Council with additional email received

Appendix E – Representations in support of this application

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