



## **Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service** **Premises Outdoor Seating Proposals (Street Café/Pavement Licensing)** **Fire Safety Guidance**

Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service will be consulted by the local licensing authority regarding the fire safety provision in applications for street cafe/pavement licenses and will make comment in respect of the adequacy of such provision in each case.

Applicants must check the license requirements and conditions for the particular authority to which they apply as these can vary. The following general guidance may assist in the application process:

- The premises fire risk assessment should be reviewed to encompass the proposed outdoor seating and furniture arrangements.
- Should vehicle restrictive barriers (Hostile Vehicle Mitigation, etc.) be installed at the entrance and exit points of a proposed pedestrianised area then these barriers should be of a type that are easily and quickly removable by emergency service workers and should not need more than two people to move them.
- Any extension to the licensed area of premises should not protrude excessively into the roadway. The minimum roadway width should be 3.7 metres in order to allow access for fire appliances. Should there be any areas where this is not achievable this will be considered on a case by case basis.
- All exit routes from licensed premises and any domestic premises should be maintained free from obstructions at all times.
- Procedures should be put in place in order that tables and chairs are not allowed to be repositioned by the general public to protrude into the highway.
- Should gazebos be used then these should be of a fabric that is certified by the manufacturer as being fire retardant.
- Should heaters or BBQs be used outside the premises then these should be positioned at a suitable distance from the fabric of the building/gazebos.
- The fire safety risk assessment of the premises must be reviewed to ensure the additional features do not compromise the existing fire risk assessment.
- Fire Hydrants should remain visible and unobstructed.

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Further Guidance can be obtained from your local licensing authority.

Additional information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pavement-licences-draft-guidance/draft-guidance-pavement-licences-outdoor-seating-proposal>