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Dear Mr Catley,

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982

Application for Street Trading Consent – Gloucester City Centre.

I refer to your application for a Street Trading Consent in Gloucester City Centre (Gate Streets or The Oxbode).

The Council has received comments from Gloucestershire Highways, The Principal Conservation Officer and The Leader of Gloucester City Council indicating the unsuitability of the location for the operation of a mobile catering unit.

Having carefully considered these representations I hereby advise that the decision of the Council is to **REFUSE TO GRANT** a street trading consent.

The reasons for refusal are set out below:

Gloucestershire Highways state

“We have resisted letting any food vehicles trade from any other gate streets except Eastgate Street, so that we keep them together. I have concerns about the amount of vehicles already in Eastgate Street as we need to ensure that access can be maintained at all times.

With regards to The Oxbode, there is no sensible place for a vehicle to park as it is covered by waiting restrictions and there are no exemptions for this type of vehicle. Therefore we could not agree to this location”.

The Principal Conservation Officer states

“The application is within the City Centre conservation area and within the prominent historic gate street of The Oxbode. The area of the historic cross and historic gate streets are highly significant and has numerous designated heritage assets which are in the immediate area of where this catering unit is proposed.

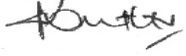
Therefore I object to the granting of a street trading license as it is considered that a mobile trading unit would not be compatible with the character of the area in which it is proposed to be sited and that it would not be complementary to the ambience of the locality. A further stall would add clutter and would conflict with a number of national and City Council policies regarding the historic environment”

The Leader of Gloucester City Council states

"I wish to object to this application as I do not believe the unit is of a suitable quality for the city centre"

I do appreciate that you will be disappointed with the decision but can assure you that the decision has been made after thorough consultation and appraisal against the Councils formally adopted street trading criteria.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Butler', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Butler
City Centre Improvement Officer - Licensing