

Appendix 2

PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Alterations to Draft Street Collections Policy:

1. Date: 24th May 2021
Comment from resident: 'I would like to see priority given to local charities where money raised stays in the local area'. (Paragraph 3.1)
Action: No action required, in line with proposed policy.

2. Date: 24th May 2021
Comment from collecting business: "I have read through the new policy and think it will be much fairer on all the charities that apply. I have a few areas that make me apply to each area with one week per month. (Spec dates) That would work out good for us as in we could do one charity in each area to make it fair on both. I have made notes of the changes and will apply accordingly for next year. Thank you for sending me the policy and I hope my feed back is of some help."
Action: No action required.

3. Date: 26th May 2021
Comment from resident: 'I am unhappy about the "get out" clause which permits WDC to ignore the policy if it so decides. The policy should always be adhered to.' (Paragraph 2.20)
Response: Licensing are often advised by Legal services that policies should not be 'slavishly adhered to'. **Legal Services have been part of the development process for this policy and have not commented on this statement.**
Action: Legal advice requested.

4. Date: 10th June 2021
Comment from resident: "This seems sensible and as far as I can see is in accordance with existing policy. My only query would be about paragraph 2.19, which forbids collectors from handing out leaflets. In my experience as a collector for Amnesty International we did on occasions hand out cards to people who had given, inviting them to become more involved in the organisation. This would seem to be acceptable practice, though I appreciate it might be open to misuse if people were handing out flyers to every passer-by."
Response: The major concern with handing literature or other items out is that they become litter. Officers feel that this is still relevant and should remain in the policy.

As I understand it the policy only applies to cash donations. Charities increasingly suggest donors should give using contactless payment machines. Is there any provision under consideration for this type of payment?"
Response: There has been a change to the way charities are collecting due to the pandemic. There is no way to know if charities will continue to offer a 'contactless' collection going forward.
Action: Legal advice requested.

5. Date: 2nd July 2021
Comment from Town Council: "The Town Council supports the Street Collection policy in its current format and thanks WDC for consulting the Town Council."
Action: No action required.