

Sutton Market (High Street - Located outside Asda)

Frequently asked questions

Fees

Is there an application fee?

*Yes, the application fee is £240.00 and this must be paid at the time of application. **Please note this is nonrefundable should your application get rejected or withdrawn.** This fee is payable for all applicants, at time of application. You will not need to pay this again should you decide to apply for a permanent post after your temporary licence.*

How much does it cost to trade?

The fee to trade is £14, per pitch, per day. Subject to a minimum of two trading days a week.

Do you offer a temporary/trial licence?

Yes we offer a trial/temporary licence for up to 12 weeks, minimum of 4 weeks.

How long does my licence last for?

Permanent licences run from 1st April to 31st March. Your first permanent licence will run from the end of your trial period up until 31st March.

Do you offer a payment plan?

We do not offer a payment plan for temporary licences however, once you have decided to become a permanent trader an invoice will be raised for the financial year, for which you can now arrange a monthly payment plan with our Finance Team.

Application process

Is there a waiting list?

Yes, but only for the lay-by pitch which is located by the 'The Winning Post' Pub. This lay-by is only for mobile vehicles i.e a Food Truck.

How long will it take to process my application?

The application process can take up to 14 days, from the date the application was made valid.

Do you share my application form with relevant parties?

Your application will be shared with the Metropolitan Police and any other parties relevant to the items you are selling (eg, food safety team and trading standards)

Equipment/ Utilities

Do you provide any equipment?

No, Sutton Council do not provide any stall equipment, it is your responsibility to provide this. If you want to use a gazebo/ tables etc, then you will need to bring these and set them up and dismantle them each day.

Do you have any kiosks?

No, Sutton Council does not have any kiosks.

Do you provide storage?

No, Sutton Council does not provide storage - stalls and items must be removed after each trading day. This includes rubbish.

Do you provide electricity and water?

No. Traders are expected to provide their own electricity and water. If you are a food trader, you need to provide your own hand washing facilities.

What power sources can I use?

From 2026, we will no longer accept diesel/petrol generators as a power source for new applicants. Instead we ask traders to use a battery pack. This is to reduce noise nuisance and pollution on the high street.

Do you have dedicated toilet provisions for traders?

No, but there are plenty of toilets available in surrounding premises that you may access during trading hours.

Food Traders**Can I sell food?**

Yes, you can sell hot and cold food and drinks. Please ensure you have registered with our Food Safety Team <https://www.sutton.gov.uk/w/food-hygiene-safety>. We will not be able to give permission for you to trade until our food team are happy you can trade safely.

Can I trade from a mobile vehicle?

Yes, although we only have one dedicated pitch which is a lay-by located outside The Winning Post Pub. Please note this currently has a waiting list.

What cooking equipment may I use?

We do not permit the use of a smoke/ BBQ type drum or anything powered by gas canisters. If in doubt please send us an email before making an application.

Non Food Related Traders**Are there any items I can't sell?**

Please contact the Licensing Team (licensing@sutton.gov.uk) in the first instance of the commodity you would like to sell, as some items are prohibited.

Can I sell alcohol?

If you wish to sell alcohol please contact us (licensing@sutton.gov.uk) beforehand for further information.

Can I sell vapes/tobacco?

No, we do not allow the sale of vapes or tobacco products.

Parking

Do you provide parking?

No. You are able to use your vehicle to set up and exit the market (at set times) however you must make your own arrangements for parking your vehicle during trading hours.

General

Fairness to Traders and Businesses

To ensure fairness in the market we will not allow multiple stalls to sell the same items as traders or businesses in the market or immediate surrounding area, this includes shops. We would only allow two of the same commodity with separation. For example if there is a coffee shop we would not place a coffee trader/stall directly outside.

Is there a minimum number of days I need to trade per week?

Yes, pitches for market traders are subject to a minimum of two days a week.

How big are the pitches?

Single pitches are 10ft x 8ft (3.05m x 2.44m) and double are 20ft x 8ft (6.10m x 2.44). If there is availability, we can offer larger pitches than a double. If you look closely, you will see the pitch numbers on the pavement. The numbers are in the middle of the pitch and a stud either side showing the pitch size.

What times can I trade on the market?

- *Monday to Saturday set up between 05:30h to 09:00h. Exit between 16:00h to 19:00h. (except for December when you may trade later and exit between 18:00h to 20:00h)*
- *Sunday set up between 08:00h to 10:00h. Exit between 15:30 to 17:30 Hours*

Can I leave my items/ stall on the pitch overnight?

No, all items must be removed at the end of the day.

Do I get a refund if I am unable to trade one day?

No, we are unable to offer a refund on days you cannot trade. We can however offer a credit if you are unable to trade due to an amber and above weather warning. You must let us know on the day that you will abstain from trading and request a credit.

Do you provide a waste collection?

No. Traders must remove all waste and leave your pitch area clean and tidy.

When does the market run?

The market runs every day throughout the year, including bank holidays.

Do I need insurance?

Yes. Traders are required to provide proof of public liability insurance for at least £2million. The insurance should cover the costs of legal fees, medical expenses, and compensation

claims made by third parties for bodily injury or property damage caused by your business activities. It is critical for covering incidents like customers tripping over goods, cables, falling stock, or claims of food poisoning.

Can I nominate someone to cover my stall should I be unwell or on holiday?

Yes, you will be asked to nominate an individual who can cover your stall in your absence.

Can I trade anywhere else on the Borough, away from Sutton Market?

Please see our website for more details regarding trading in Rosehill Market. Rosehill can not accommodate hot food stalls.

If you trade on private land, more than 7 metres away from the public highway, you do not require a street trading licence from us. However please ensure you check the location with us first to ensure it is exempt.

I still have questions - do you offer pre-application advice?

Yes, if you still have a question or would like to speak to a licensing officer before making an application, we offer free pre-application advice. Our email is licensing@sutton.gov.uk

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