

BIS URN09/1074 consultation reply

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Sorry for my late reply to your 90 pages of mainly unintelligible waffle.

I am not the dimmest candle in the bunch but my self Brian Gibbon, Mike Parry and Jack Gibbon have read this document but in no way have we understood it.

The assumption that we hunt in packs as stated by the chair of the town centre managers association is utter drivel.

As stated somewhere in this document, generally we are sole traders and really don't want to be near other pedlars so as to increase our market share.

Our trading is nearly always 'event specific', i.e. football team homecomings, Christmas lights switch ons.

Also, a great majority of our work is outside shop opening hours.

If, as i gather your proposal is for local authorities to grant licenses, how would i get a license for tomorrow, for example, for whichever team happens to win the ladies cup final tonight if their club decides to give them a homecomming?

We could not exist without the vast majority of the population thinking we offer a service.

Imagine the next big event in the UK after your proposals - the country wants to celebrate but there are no flags, horns or whistles.

What a good sight to the nation.

On the issue of human rights it is always said our rights are not infringed because we can go door to door.

You have it all wrong. Ban the distasteful practice of every kind of doorstep selling.

I would not like to see me going down the path to some householder's dwelling, they may be frightened rigid.

The police would spend more time answering calls from frightened householders than whatever time they spent checking out our suitability to lawfully ply our trade.

Nearly every town or event we visit we are asked for our certificate which was granted by the police in our home town, no problem.

How many times are Market Traders asked for their address, name etc by the authorities unless its trading standards when a suspected offence is committed?

All we are all asking for is the right to work.

Its not broke, so dont try to fix it tweek it to feth it up to the 21st century.

Please leave well alone. Many thanks for reading our impassioned rambling.

Yours

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