

Wiltshire Council

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Background Briefing Note- Trophy Hunting

Wiltshire Council has control over its wholly-controlled buildings and is able to prevent a person or company involved in trophy hunting from marketing, exhibiting or selling hunting expeditions or paraphernalia associated with trophy hunting, including trophies, in any of its premises or facilities where we have full control over the building and on highway or Council owned land.

Wiltshire Council operates a street trading consent scheme, adopted in April 2012 under powers provided by the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. The scheme allows individuals to apply to the Council to sell services or items on streets that have been designated as 'consent' streets. All applications go through a 30 day consultation process before street trading consent is granted. The scheme document currently lists a number of activities for which consent will not be provided by the Council under the prohibited goods section and this could be extended, if requested by Full Council, to cover any product associated with hunting expeditions or trophy hunting of animals.

The street trading scheme does not cover the promotion of goods or services. There is a separate process for this where commercial operators must apply through the Enforcement Team to use Council land for promotional activity for commercial gain. The enforcement teams can refuse permission for any promotional activity that promotes hunting expeditions or the trophy hunting of animals if desired by this council.

The Council runs 10 weekly markets which are governed by a set of internal regulations. As market operator the Council has the final decision on what products or services can and cannot be sold on its markets. A clause can added to prevent the council from licencing any traders that sell hunting expeditions or trophy hunting for animals and bring the market regulations in line with the street trading consent scheme.