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Dear Lionel starling

Thank you for your letter dated 3 March

I have tried on many occasions to ring you even leaving a message on your answering machine but you still haven't got back to me.

You say you had another meeting on the 26th February about street trading you have invited me for my comments on the proposed changes

These are my comments and I would like them to be added to the report.

I have been trading in regent street now for nearly 6 years without any problems ice cream is a seasonal trading and I don't understand why it has to be such a problem that you need to make these changes in regent street. There is no noise and I am not in anybody's way I have also paid over £3,000.00 to have an electric supply put in so I could run my ice cream machine without having to use a generator. as in Swindon (town centre management) would not provide me electric from a lamp post only after I paid this money did they allow other traders including the fair people and the market traders to do so.

You say street trading might disappear if nothing is done to us it seams that the council is trying its hardest to have street trading removed or they wouldn't keep putting obstacles in front of us.

You also say that street trading is in areas where there are rows of shops and bustling crowds. How can the council expect a street trader to survive if they are not in the middle of a crowd? we need passing trade if we are to survive. If their are no crowds we are not going to sell anything its no point-putting traders where there is no passing trade.

Kind regards

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