



## SOUTH BELFAST PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Dear Ms Matchett,

I am writing to respond to the joint consultation on draft regulations to repeal the Pedlars Acts 1871 and 1881 (UK – wide), and to amend the street trading legislation in England and Wales and in Northern Ireland to secure compliance with the European Services Directive. This response has been prepared by the South Belfast Partnership Board in its engagement and support capacity with enterprise and businesses within the South Belfast area with particular focus on engagement with the business/traders associations on the Lisburn Road, Ormeau Road, Stranmillis and the Revitalise Partnership.

South Belfast Partnership Board brings together all sectors – community, statutory, political and private – to strengthen and better target the efforts being made by the community, the private sector and Government to tackle in partnership the economic, social and environmental problems which affect people in the most disadvantaged areas of South Belfast.

The Partnership Board welcomes the proposed relaxation of the processes governing businesses wishing to set up or sell their services anywhere in the European Union. South Belfast Partnership has delivered a number of community and arts based festivals and 1 day events connecting business and trade services with local communities and has been involved with various local business association events (day markets, networking events). On occasion restrictions have been placed on businesses wishing to sell produce from temporary 'market stalls' within the immediate vicinity of their premises and whilst it is felt that street traders should be controlled and closely regulated, flexibility is required in order to facilitate innovative and responsive approaches to increasing footfall and business trade within local areas during this time of protracted economic decline.

The proposed amendment of provisions within the Street Trading Act (Northern Ireland) 2001, in particular those concerned with application procedures, determination of applications and pedlar exemption from street trading, is therefore also supported by South Belfast Partnership.

We trust that you find these comments useful and should you wish to discuss any of the matters raised within this response please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Emma Donnelly on 028 90244070 or [emma.donnelly@southbelfast.org](mailto:emma.donnelly@southbelfast.org) if you would like any further information or clarity in relation to any of our comments.

Yours sincerely

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