



Temporary Markets & Car Boot Sales

Markets arising from franchise such as Altrincham's charter market established in 1290 are afforded certain rights in law. They have the right and power to control the establishment of 'rival' markets within a given distance of the franchise or statute market (6.66 miles).

A market is a concourse of buyers and sellers and, without prejudice may include Antique & Collectors Fairs, Flea Markets, Craft Fairs and Car Boot Sales.

Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council has adopted Section 37 of the local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act that requires any person intending to hold a temporary market to give not less than one month's notice to the council. In order to comply with this requirement you should complete and return an application form which contains the details required by the act. Any person who holds a temporary market without giving the required notice may be liable for a fine of up to £2,500.

If the proceeds of the temporary market, which must include the proceeds received by each individual 'trader', are to be used solely or principally for charitable, social, sporting or political purposes, or if the market is held in accordance with approved planning permission, please let us know. The Provisions of this Act may not apply.

The council will consider each application on its merits and may grant or refuse the application. In the case of a grant this may be subject to conditions and a payment of a licence fee of **£2.50 per stall/car/boot per day**. In all cases second hand goods only will be permitted.

Special arrangements apply to car boot sales held in aid of a particular charity sports club or school. These special arrangements permit up to four events during a year without charge. The decision of the council as to the eligibility for these special arrangements shall be final.

If you intend to hold more than 14 events during a year planning permission will be required. If you intend to hold less than 14 events the head of the council's Planning and Building control service may require a planning application to be submitted in certain circumstances.

The sending of this information and your service of the required notice under the act does not imply that consent has been, or will be, given for the temporary market.

Please contact Paul Flannery on 0161 941 4261 if you require any further assistance.