

Synopsis of Comments regarding the Cathedral Quarter

**Bill Wolsey
Merchant Hotel**

Mr Wolsey wrote to the Council and stated that the Cathedral Quarter is a lively, vibrant area, popular with tourists and locals alike. It is synonymous with good quality products; from art galleries to restaurants. The area is viewed as an area of art and culture.

The most common complaint that they receive from their hotel guests is that there is nothing to do on a Sunday in Belfast. Mr Wolsey believes that a Cathedral Quarter market on Sundays would be a great asset to the area. He does not believe it should open Monday to Friday, as it would interfere with already established businesses. Stalls selling arts and crafts would be positive, that an element of uncooked food such as olives, local cheese and preserves, and fresh bread would compliment the area. However, it would be extremely detrimental to the area if people were allowed to sell hot dogs or burgers.

In addition, the appearance of stalls will be important.

**Belfast Community
Circus School**

Belfast Community Circus School wrote to the Council and stated that the market only takes place on Sundays in the Cathedral Quarter. Belfast Community Circus School has established a visitor attraction through its summer Sunday's initiative in the area and see the market further enhancing the visitor experience.

As well as arts and crafts the provision of gourmet foods would be sympathetic to the ethos of the Quarter

**The Let's Get It
Right group**

The Let's Get It Right group is a lobbying group based in the Cathedral Quarter whose focus is to campaign for developments that are sensitive to the ethos of a designated conservation and cultural area. They wrote to the Council and stated that they welcome the idea of a market in the area and commends Belfast City Council for its efforts to animate certain areas of the City centre in this way.

The LGIR group recommends that the market takes place on a Sunday, in the first instance and if it is successful that a Saturday is considered as well. They recommend that the market operate between 10am and 7pm. They also believe that the goods sold should be 80% professional artistic products and 20% food products and/or flowers.

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Nick Price
Nicks Warehouse

Overall, they welcome street trading in the Cathedral Quarter. They see a problem with the monitoring of the quality of the product and the importance of the emphasis on art works, craft goods.

Sandra Flemingham

Ms Flemingham emailed the Council and wrote, Commercial Court/Writers Square/Hill Street/Waring Street- the selection of arts/crafts/books would reflect well the trades established in this area. I would also suggest antiques/curio too as this would fall in well with the character of this part of the City. Donegall Quay/Lanyon Place - this would be great in the summer for the Refreshment trades, with maybe a trader or 2, who's commodity reflects the river/river's industries (e.g. artist/photography)

Kevin Graham

Mr Graham emailed the Council and wrote, I think it is a great idea for the street trading to commence in and around Belfast and I'm sure most retail outlets would encourage it. The locations that were discussed this morning would be extremely suitable, would bring with them an air of vibrancy to the city, and would be a pioneer in the development for other cities.

I did however have some concerns with regards to the number of Hot food allocations which would be suitable for Industrialised areas but for inner city locations I would suggest a variety of international cuisines if possible creating diversity not only for the tourists visiting but also for local residents (note the hot dog & pretzel stands in New York).

Junko Seki Mneeley

Mr Mneeley sent a fax to the Council and wrote street trading will be a great attraction in the City centre for locals and tourists. There should be a main market and market stands connected as a walking route, this can be advertised as one of Belfast's things to do for tourists.