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Dear Mrs Scarborough

CONSULTATION TO AMEND NATIONAL STREET TRADING LEGISLATION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE REPEAL OF THE PEDLAR'S ACT

Minister McCausland wishes to thank you for your letter of 11 February and has asked me to reply on his behalf.

Minister is very aware of the serious problems associated with illegal street trading prior to the current licensing regime introduced by the Street Trading Act (Northern Ireland) 2001. He also notes the concerns of the Council's Licensing Committee that the proposed deregulation of pedlar trading to ensure compliance with the EU Service's Directive will again lead to over-proliferation of street trading in Belfast.

He has asked me to assure you that he will give careful consideration to Belfast City Council's response to the consultation before deciding the way forward.

I hope you find this helpful

Yours sincerely

EMMA MURRAY
 Private Secretary

