



TRADING FROM VEHICLES POLICY

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Scope

This policy covers weather warnings issued up to 48 hours prior to commencement of set up of the Friday market at 6am on Friday mornings.

In the event of a weather warning issued by the Meteorological Office via www.metoffice.gov.uk up to 48 hours prior to the commencement of set up of the Friday Neston market, the Market Officer in agreement with the Market Manager may issue a TRADE FROM VEHICLES order to all traders of Neston market.

Any trader who may wish at some point in the future to trade from a vehicle under these circumstances must provide the council in advance with their own risk assessment for trading from a vehicle and this risk assessment will be kept on file by the Town Council. If the council does not hold a risk assessment on file, then the trader will not be allowed to trade.

If the weather warning is issued with less than 48 hours prior notice of commencement of market set up, a decision on whether to TRADE FROM VEHICLES will be made at 6.00am on the morning of the market. In this event only traders who have completed their own risk assessment for trading from vehicles will be permitted to trade, and only if the Market Officer deems it is safe to do so.

Decision Hierarchy

If the Market Manager and Market Officer are both unavailable, either the Chief Officer or another council officer may consult with a minimum of three members of the Market & Town Hall Committee or two members of the M&TH committee and the Mayor for advice. The final decision, however, will be made by a council officer.

The TRADE FROM VEHICLES Order

Where this Order is made, the following provisions apply:

1. No Vehicles with a gross loaded weight less than 500 kg will be permitted to trade.
2. Only traders who have provided the council with a suitable risk assessment, which is being kept on file, will be permitted to trade.

3. No gazebos or other covers will be permitted if the wind speeds and gusts are forecast to be more than 20mph.
4. No tables, trolleys or external furniture will be permitted to be outside the confines of the trader's vehicle if the wind speeds and gusts are forecast to be more than 20mph.
5. Traders will ensure that they maintain a safe working environment whilst on the market site.
6. There will be no vehicular movement during trading hours.
7. Traders who trade will be charged a single pitch fee per vehicle (see charging schedule).