

## Planning Measures During Business Re-Opening

Planning consent would normally be required for on-street seating areas.

For a premises with existing Planning consent for such a use they can continue to operate within the conditions set in the consent.

During the business recovery period Planning will support well-measured **temporary** solutions for on-street areas to help businesses re-start and return some normality to life within our communities.

These will be viewed in conjunction with meeting other relevant provisions required in relation to Licensing, Section 59 permits and all applicable social distancing criteria.

Once restrictions are lifted the temporary considerations will no longer apply and any areas will return to their previous uses.

### Temporary On-Street Seating

For those wishing to operate a temporary on-street seated area during current Covid restrictions the following criteria are applicable:

- **Hours of operation – Glasgow City Centre – pedestrianised areas.**

Areas such as Buchanan Street, Gordon Street, Royal Bank Place and Exchange Place

- Customers can be served from 11am to 10pm.
- No street equipment can be in place before 10am or after 11pm. All equipment must be removed by 11pm
- **NOTE** – these are not the times where you can sell or consume alcohol, please refer to your Licence conditions

- **Hours of operation – Glasgow City Centre – non pedestrianised**

- Customers can be served each day between 7am and 10pm.
- No street equipment can be in place before 6am or after 11pm. All equipment must be removed by 11pm
- See above re-Licence conditions

- **Hours of operation – Beyond the City Centre**

- Customers can be served each day between 8am and 9pm (10pm if part of a local town centre – if you are unsure with regards to your premises location please contact us)
- No street equipment can be in place before 7am or after 10pm (11pm if part of a local town centre). All equipment must be removed by 10pm (11pm for local town centres)
- See above re-Licence conditions

- The on-street area should be bounded by the premises it operates from with barriers around the remaining perimeter to define the area. In pedestrianised parts where it is not bounded by the premises the perimeter barriers should be on four sides allowing for an identifiable entrance.
- No external music or amplified sounds are permitted
- No equipment should be affixed to buildings, particularly to those of a listed nature
- No equipment for the preparation of food is permitted in the external area

- Other than the name or premises branding and information such as menus and the like, specific advertising is not preferred on any aspect of the temporary area.
- For clarification - Seated areas to the rear of premises e.g. to lanes and rear courts, are not part of these temporary provisions

These stipulations are viewed as being suitable for the temporary period without the need to consult with the Planning Service of the Council. Operating within these should allow businesses a degree of temporary flexibility before reverting to their normal premises areas once restrictions are lifted.

It is acknowledged that we can't account for all possible variations nor types of external areas that premises may be considering. If there is a temporary proposal that doesn't fit within the above on-street scenarios or stipulations these can be considered by our Planning service and an individual view will be taken. Please submit your queries using our [online form](#).

It is the responsibility of a business to be a good neighbour and operate temporary areas in accordance with all requirements. As noted elsewhere on our site external areas will be monitored for compliance for failure to adhere to criteria. Failing to do this or if unfortunately a situation is found to cause too much nuisance - particularly in relation to noise or activity affecting the residential amenity of any surrounding properties - this could result in the view of the Council being that a temporary area must cease its use.