

Appendix 2

Dear Miss Evans

Thank you for immediate response.

Re item 1 the point that I was attempting to communicate is that in our small towns the community can be overwhelmed by the number of collections taking place on any one day. I know that supermarket collections are unlicensed and that you have no control over them but they cannot be ignored when considering the overall scale of collecting activity. When I collect criticism is not infrequently voiced when there are multiple collections are taking place - I do not believe that this is "good" for either donors or volunteers. This is why I suggest a limitation on street licenses.

Re item 3 recognise that you may not have too much of a choice, wish you good luck with enforcing your regulations.

Yours sincerely

William Gregory

From: "EVANS, Kim"

To: William Gregory

Sent: Thursday, 27 March 2014, 11:56

Subject: RE: Charitable Collections Consultation for Miss Kim Evans

Dear Mr Gregory

Thank you for your consultation response in relation to the Council's draft Charitable Collection Policy.

I will take each of your points in turn:

1. Your comments on this will be presented to the Licensing Committee who will take into consideration your views and may or may not vary the limits imposed. Just for information, any collection made in an area that falls outside the definition of a 'street' in the legislation would not require a permit. This would include collections made inside supermarkets. We have had a number of instances where two or more collection permits have been requested for the same day. This generally happens when a local collection and a national collection coincide (for example the Poppy Appeal week or Children in Need)
2. The offences listed are the offences that must be taken into consideration by virtue of the primary legislation. However, I will check with my colleagues in the legal dept with regards to the rehabilitation of offenders and if this activity is not exempted I will recommend to the Committee that the wording of the section is made clearer.
3. You may consider regulating collections of this type as over regulation. This is not a matter on which I will pass comment save to say that the previous Government did look to update the legislation and this resulted in the Charities Act 2006. The relevant provisions were however, not commenced and are therefore unusable. As you can imagine legislation dating back to 1916 and 1939 might be considered outdated and you may feel that you would like to make representations on this matter to Central Government. I am sure that this process could be considered an

inconvenience to the Charities themselves, but it does allow us to take action against unlicensed collection where we have capacity to do so.

Once again, thank you for your comments and drawing my attention to areas that will need clarifying. Responses to consultations are very important to us and the Licensing Committee will always give consideration to the points made.

Kind regards
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Licensing Team Leader

From: WILLIAM GREGORY
Sent: 26 March 2014 19:22
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Charitable Collections Consultation for Miss Kim Evans

Dear Miss Evans

Re Para 4.9 Max two charities allowed to collect

In Cheshire East our town centres are small, even in Crewe the largest town. Permitting more than one charity collecting on any one day will possibly not be appreciated by either residents/general public or charity volunteers who are collecting. Also in addition to the street collecting there may well be supermarket collections in progress in the town. I always find that people are very generous, it would be wrong to over burden and perhaps unnecessarily confuse people in our community. Is the demand for collection slots so high that a single charity restriction would be unfair or impracticable? Please reconsider.

Re Para 6.14.1 You may need to refer this to your legal team, could be discriminatory, what about people whose convictions are spent?

Re Over Regulation. Recognise that rules are required, however, the government encourages us to reduce "red tape." Is street collection licensing really such a hot potato requiring prescriptive complex regulation?

Yours sincerely

William Gregory