



HILLINGDON

LONDON

STREET ENTERTAINMENT (BUSKING)

LICENCE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Street Entertainment Regulations
Effective from 2 June 2011
Made by the London Borough of Hillingdon
Pursuant to Part V of
The London Local Authorities Act 2000

These Regulations have been made by the Council of the London Borough of Hillingdon under Part V of The London Local Authorities Act 2000.

These regulations prescribe the standard conditions which apply to Street Entertainment within the London Borough of Hillingdon

The Regulations came into force on 2 June 2011.

PREFACE

This document provides a straightforward guide to the Street Entertainment (Busking) Regulations that follow. Applicants should read this document first and then seek guidance from officers in the Licensing Service on any details at as early a stage as possible. Definitions of terms used in the document may be found in Section 3.

The Council wants to provide an environment in Uxbridge Town Centre that is vibrant and fosters an enjoyable experience for shoppers, residents and business alike. Part of such a successful street scene also includes opportunity for regulated street entertainment or busking.

As a consequence the council has identified four locations at which street entertainment may be authorised. These are the only locations in the borough where street entertainment will be allowed.

To enable an application for street entertainment to be considered, it will first be necessary for an entertainer to register with the Licensing Service which is free of charge and will be for a period of two years after which the registration will lapse unless renewed. Once registered an application may be made to the Licensing Service for a street entertainment licence for which a daily fee is payable, details of which may be found on the website www.hillingdon.gov.uk/licensing

To ensure that the entertainment does not become repetitive and disturbing in a single location, two periods per day have been identified which may be approved, between 10.00 and 12.00 in the morning and between 2.00 and 4.00 in the afternoon. These are the only times when street entertainment will be considered for approval. It will not be possible for an entertainer to use the same location in both the morning and afternoon.

The four locations in Uxbridge Town Centre (See the Regulations for detailed locations) are spread out and therefore an entertainer will potentially be able to move to an alternative location to that in the morning or afternoon, dependant upon availability.

To ensure genuine street entertainment, where accompanying background music is used, the street entertainer/s own music must form the greater part of the performance. It is important that shoppers business or residents and are not inconvenienced, therefore the music or voice is not to be amplified to a level that causes nuisance. Only battery powered amplification is permitted.

It is important to the quality of the street scene environment that street entertainer/s be neatly clothed, clean, orderly and polite at all times while performing. They should not

dress, act or say anything likely to cause alarm, distress or offence to members of the public of any age or businesses. The appearance and quality of a street entertainment performance should demonstrate a positive intention to entertain passers-by and animals should not form part of the performance.

It will not be possible for street entertainers to sell goods relating to the performance unless they also hold a temporary street trading licence issued by the Council, for more details please speak to the Licensing Service.

Street entertainer/s may not actively collect money (tout), but may have a hat, box, musical instrument case or the like, into which donations from members of public can be placed.

Our service

Registration and Renewals

We will need to receive the following information using the application form:

- Completed registration form.
- Documentary proof of applicants National Insurance Number.
- Copy of a valid passport, with Work Permit if non European citizen.
- A passport sized photograph of each person or persons wishing to undertake Street Entertainment, which must be signed by that person on the back.
- Satisfactory evidence of Public Liability insurance minimum sum of £2,000,000 that must be checked by the Council each year.
- Established performers should provide relevant references from other Local Authorities or London Underground Limited or establishments where those applicants are currently performing.

Licence application

Following receipt of your application form we aim to acknowledge your application within three working days. If you have applied online, we will acknowledge your application via e-mail.

Once completed, send or bring the form with the appropriate fee to the Licensing Service. If you wish to pay by cheque, please make it payable to the London Borough of Hillingdon.

1.0 CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL STREET ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES

Street Entertainment including “Busking” is only authorised in the designated pitches (see below) and a daily Licence must be obtained from the Council prior to the start of any performance.

Definition of any terms used in these regulations may be found in section 3.


- 1.1 Any person or persons wishing to undertake the activity of Street Entertainment must register with the Council prior to applying for a licence.
- 1.2 Any person or persons applying to be registered for Street Entertainment must provide the Council with the following
 - Completed registration form.
 - Documentary proof of applicants National Insurance Number.
 - Copy of a valid passport, with Work Permit if non European citizen.
 - A passport sized photograph of each person or persons wishing to undertake Street Entertainment, which must be signed by that person on the back.
 - Satisfactory evidence of Public Liability insurance minimum sum of £2,000,000 that must be checked by the Council each year.
 - Established performers should provide relevant references from other Local Authorities or London Underground Limited or establishments where those applicants are currently performing.
- 1.3 Registration is for a period of two years after which time registration must be renewed.
- 1.4 All Registered Street Entertainer/s must reapply to become reregistered 3 months prior to registration expiry date.
- 1.5 There will be no fee to be registered as Street Entertainer/s.
- 1.6 A fee determined by the Council is payable upon application for a Street Entertainment Licence.
- 1.7 The Corporate Director of Planning, Environment, Education & Community Services shall determine all applications for registration of Street Entertainer/s and give consents for Street Entertainment Licences.
- 1.8 Once registration acceptance has been received, a Registered Street Entertainer/s may apply to the Council for a Street Entertainment Licence.
- 1.9 Either the Council or a Registered Street Entertainer/s may, at any time, terminate registration on giving ten days written notice to either party.
- 1.10 Street Entertainment is only allowed on a Designated Street Entertainment Pitch between the hours of 10:00 hours – 12:00 hours and/or 14:00 hours – 16:00 hours, Sunday – Saturday.
- 1.11 Applications for Street Entertainment Licences covering Christmas Day will not be considered.
- 1.12 The Council retains the right to reject applications for block bookings of any single or multiple Designated Street Entertainment Pitches.
- 1.13 The Street Entertainment Licence must be displayed when performing and shown to either an Authorised Officer or Police Officer on request.
- 1.14 Street Entertainment is only allowed on the Designated Street Entertainment Pitch and as stipulated on the issued Street Entertainment Licence.
- 1.15 Street Entertainment is only allowed on the date/s and times as stipulated on the issued Street Entertainment Licence.

- 1.16 Should for any reason the Street Entertainer/s not be able to attend at the Designated Street Entertainment Pitch on the licensed date and time or for the full duration, the Street Entertainer/s shall notify the Council no later than 3 hours prior to the licence start date and time.
- 1.17 Street Entertainer/s may not assign or transfer a Street Entertainment Licence.
- 1.18 Animals are not to be used in or as part of any Street Entertainment.
- 1.19 Street Entertainer/s must not sell Commodities unless the Street Entertainer/s also holds a valid Temporary Street Trading Licence issued by the Council.
- 1.20 Street Entertainer/s who appears to be under the influence of either drugs or alcohol will not be permitted to continue performing and will be removed from the list of Registered Street Entertainers.
- 1.21 No vehicles are to be used or parked at the Designated Street Entertainment Pitch.
- 1.22 The appearance and quality of a Street Entertainment performance should demonstrate a positive intention to entertain passers-by and not solicit money through sympathy.
- 1.23 Street Entertainer/s shall not dress, act or say anything likely to cause alarm, distress or offence to members of the public of any age.
- 1.24 Street Entertainer/s shall be neatly clothed, clean, orderly and polite at all times while performing under a valid Street Entertainment Licence.
- 1.25 Street Entertainer/s shall not harass, accost, petition, importune, actively solicit or interfere in any way with any member of the public.
- 1.26 Street Entertainer/s may not actively collect money (tout), but may have a hat, box, musical instrument case or the like, into which donations from members of public can be placed.
- 1.27 Containers as described in 2.26 should not be sited so to cause obstruction or hazard.
- 1.28 Street Entertainer/s shall remain within the area of the Designated Street Entertainment Pitch throughout each performance.
- 1.29 Street Entertainer/s collecting for charitable purposes will also require a Street Collection Licence obtained from the Metropolitan Police Service (www.met.police.uk/charities/index.htm)
- 1.30 Music or voice shall not be amplified to a level that causes Nuisance to any business, trader or resident.
- 1.31 Only battery powered amplification is permitted.
- 1.32 Mains or petrol generator-powered amplification is not permitted.
- 1.33 Where accompanying background music is used, the Street Entertainer/s own music must form the greater part of the performance.
- 1.34 Drumming may only be included as a minor part of any performance.
- 1.35 Only one Street Entertainer/s will be licensed to perform in any of the Designated Street Entertainment Pitches at any one time.
- 1.36 Street Entertainer/s shall not perform for longer than two hours (either am or pm) in any Designated Street Entertainment Pitch and will not be licensed to perform again in the same Designated Street Entertainment Pitch on the same day.
- 1.37 Street Entertainer/s shall only perform in a Designated Street Entertainment Pitch under the licence terms and conditions.
- 1.38 The occupation and temporary installation of equipment must be completed within the time period as stated by the licence.
- 1.39 The full vacation and removal of all equipment from the Designated Street Entertainment Pitch must be completed prior to the licence end time stated upon the licence.

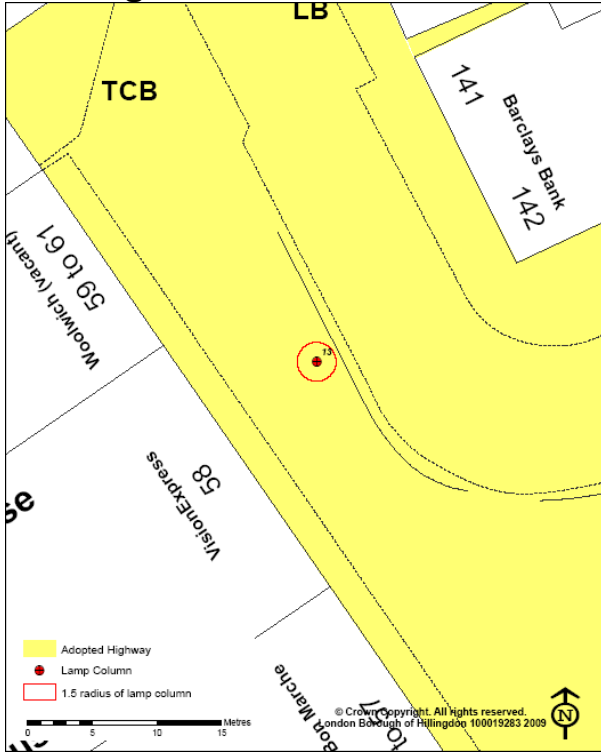
- 1.40 Street Entertainer/s have the responsibility of ensuring that all litter or waste materials arising from the Street Entertainment performance are removed from the Designated Street Entertainment Pitch and correctly disposed of at the licence end time.
- 1.41 Street Entertainer/s are responsible for the safe carrying of all equipment and instruments; the Council will not provide staff to assist.
- 1.42 Street Entertainer/s shall immediately stop their performance in the Designated Street Entertainment Pitch when requested to do so by either an Authorised Officer or Police Officer.
- 1.43 The Council will not accept any liability for damage or loss of any equipment or personal effects used by Street Entertainer/s.
- 1.44 All Registered Street Entertainer/s must inform the Council of any change in circumstances such as change of address so that records can be correct and accurate.
- 1.45 The Council reserves the right to refuse permission for any performance or activity which may be considered as controversial or likely to cause offence to residents due to religious, political, moral or other significant reasons.
- 1.46 Enforcement under Part V of the Act, any person who —
- (a) street entertains (including busking) in any street to which this part of this Act applies without the authority of a licence; or
 - (b) is concerned with the organisation or management of busking which is not authorised by a licence; or
 - (c) contravenes any condition of his licence; or
 - (d) in connection with his application for a licence makes a statement which he knows to be false in a material particular;

shall be guilty of an offence under the above Act. An Authorised Officer, who has cause to believe that busking is about to take place, or taking place, without or in breach of terms and conditions of a licence, may seize or remove equipment used in connection with busking, which may be used in evidence of the above offence under the Act.

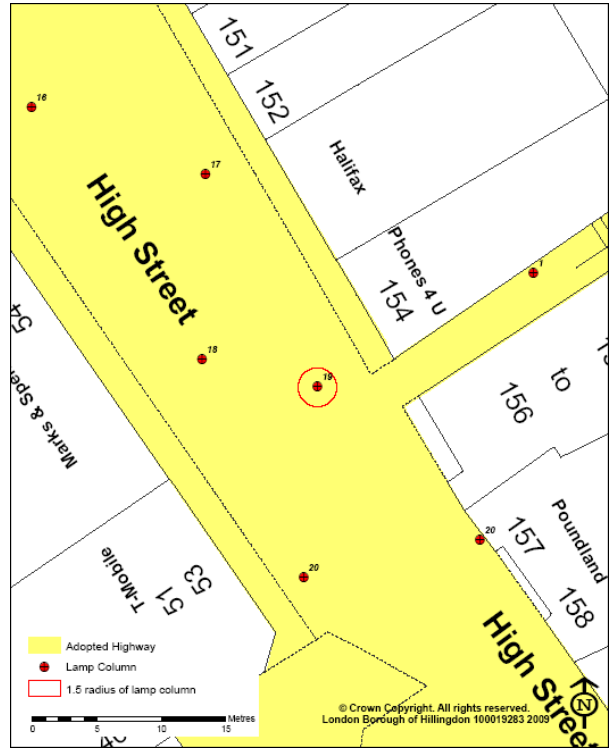
2.0 DESIGNATED STREET ENTERTAINMENT PITCHES

The following plans show proposed locations of the designated Street Entertainment Pitches marked  being 1.5 metres radius from numbered street light column:

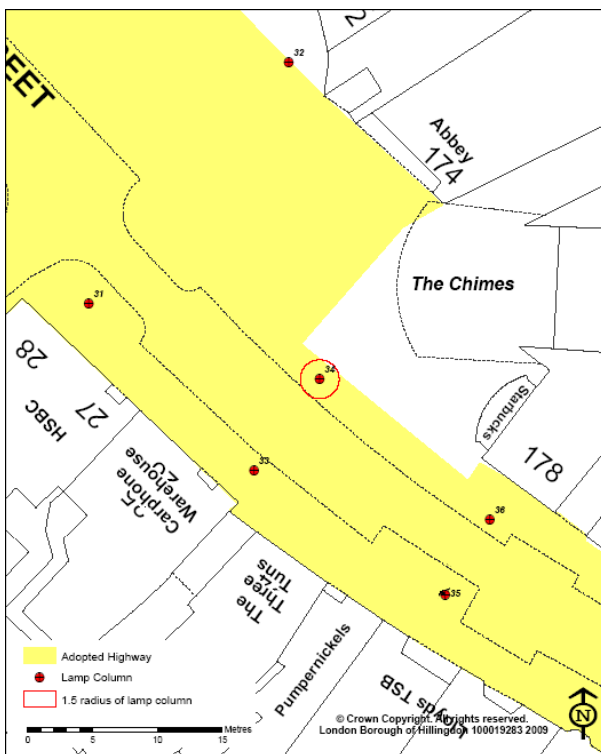
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Uxbridge



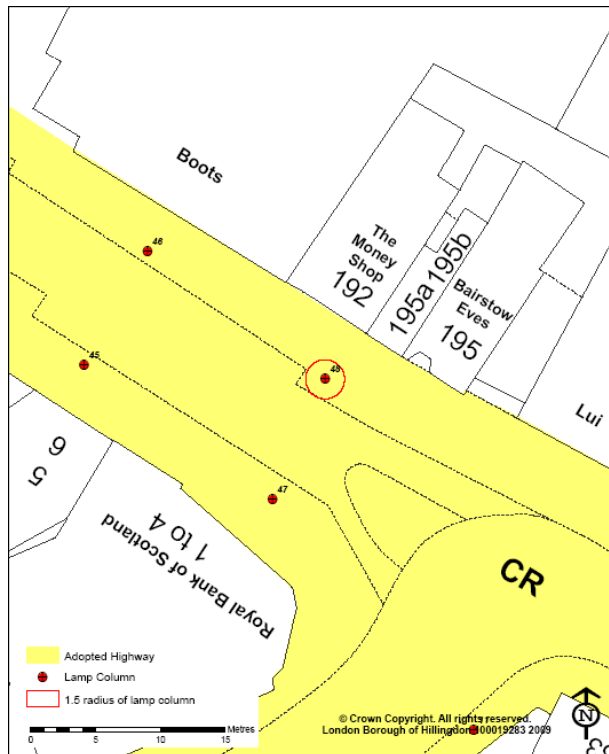
Pitch 2 (lamp post No. 19)



Pitch 3 (lamp post No. 34) Uxbridge
Uxbridge



Pitch 4 (lamp post No.48)



3. DEFINITIONS

In the regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

- 3.1 “**Act**” means Part V of the London Local Authorities Act 2000.
- 3.2 “**Advertisement**” means any word, letter, model, sign, placard, board, notice, whether illuminated or not, in the nature, and employed wholly or partly for the purposes of advertisement, announcement or direction and includes any hoarding or similar structure or any balloon used, or adapted for use for the display of advertisements, and references to the display of advertisement shall be constructed accordingly.
- 3.3 “**Authorised Officer**” means an officer of the Council duly authorised as required by the Act.
- 3.4 “**Commodities**” means any goods, wares or merchandise for sale or on display.
- 3.5 “**Designated Street Entertainment Pitch**” means an area in any authorised street or place at which Street Entertainment may be conducted in by a Street Entertainer, and includes any temporary alternative place approved by the Council.
- 3.6 “**Street Entertainer**” means any person who is registered and licensed by the Council as a Street Entertainer under Part V of the Act.
- 3.7 “**Nuisance**” shall have the meaning described in Section 79(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- 3.8 “**Pitch Limits**” means the authorised ground markings or stated dimensions defining the area within which a Street Entertainment is to be conducted.
- 3.9 “**Refuse**” means waste which has been generated in the course of a licensed Street Entertainers business activity including cardboard, paper, small plastic items and other non-perishable waste.
- 3.10 “**Register**” means the list of registered Street Entertainers.
- 3.11 “**Registered Street Entertainer**” means any person who is registered to apply for a Street Entertainment Licence.
- 3.12 “**Regulations**” refers to the contents of this document.
- 3.13 “**Street Entertainment** (including busking) shall have the meaning described in Section 32 of the Act.
- 3.14 “**Temporary Street Trading Licence**” means a Street Trading licence granted under the London Local Authorities Act 1990 (as amended) valid for a single day or for such period as may be specified in the licence.
- 3.15 “**The Council**” means the London Borough of Hillingdon.