

Planning Services  
Department of Planning and City Development  
Camden Council  
2nd Floor, 5 Pancras Square  
c/o Town Hall,  
Judd Street London  
WC1H 9JE

8<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find attached our application to amend the permission we have for the existing Bloomsbury Farmers Market in Torrington Square ref. 2011/5561/P. We would like to request that permission for the number of stalls be increased from 30 to 35. This increase will be within the current area permitted for the market by the existing planning permission.

In addition to Bloomsbury we operate 3 other farmers markets in the borough; one in Eton Avenue in partnership with the Council, one in William Ellis School in Parliament Hill and the other in West Hampstead.

The University of London is pleased with the weekly market we bring to their estate and support our moves to expand the market by just a few stalls. The University continues to consult all its stakeholders about the market who continue to report that the market is popular amongst the academic community. You can see a video about the market here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXMQONQdQfg>

We would ask you to consider the following in support of this minor amendment to the existing permission:

- The existing permitted stall numbers are not based on the space available on site, nor does the permission take account of the size of the stalls or specify the size; the site could fit 40 – 50 stalls if they were all a uniform 2 x 2m size (not that we would want to do this or be permitted to by the University)
- The existing figure was set with good intentions at our request by the Council at the start of a new venture to ensure it was properly managed. We underestimated both the size available and the demand for more stalls by customers.
- This would support an extremely popular local event that is thriving
- The market is supported by the academic institutions and buildings that surround the site and who licence the site for the market to take place, without their support the market would be forced to close so there is a double lock on making sure the market is managed responsibly both by the planning permission and the ownership of the land
- The market is not overlooked by any independent residential developments and there have not been any complaints from residents about the markets operation
- Allow the market to grow within the existing permitted site using more of the space available under the current planning permission

- Reduce queueing times for visitors which have become a problem during peak times due to the markets popularity
- All loading and unloading takes place on site. No vehicles unload or load on the public Highway, so an extra 5 vehicles per week will not impact on the highway
- Any problems associated with this minor amendment would still be covered by the same enforcement policies in place for the current permission

As part of this amendment, please find attached the following;

- Market rules
- Noise prevention plan
- Design and Access Statement

Yours faithfully,

Mark Handley  
London Farmers' Markets