

Waste Management Plan for Proposed West Hampstead Daily Food Market

Existing arrangements

The current Saturday farmers market has been trading for 5 years. Currently very little waste is generated on site. All businesses trading at the Saturday market remove their own waste and equipment on the day, they are requested to leave their pitch clean or can be charged a service fee by the market operator. A market manager is on site for the duration of the market and cleans up any spillages and checks the site is left clean after market. No waste is left or stored on site. The farmers' market management has not been made aware of any complaints relating waste of mess left on the site in the last 5 years and will carry out the same policy of 'leave no trace' as part of this proposal

Rubbish bins are provided at the station entrance in the form of clear plastic bags and these are emptied into commercial waste bins on site and collected by a private contractor.

The forecourt is monitored daily by the train operating company and they have a contracted cleaner to clear the site daily.

Current issues

Litter associated with street drinking and general street use can accumulate on site at weekends and during the week. This is not generated from the existing market but often needs to be dealt with by the market manager on Saturday mornings so the site is often cleaned before use. Dog mess can also be found around the trees and again this is removed by the market manager. A growing problem on site are discarded cigarette butts, around the station entrance from passengers waiting for a train.

Proposals for Daily operation

The mid-week market will be 50% smaller with a maximum of 16 stalls compared to Saturdays. Initially we do not expect there to be more than 10 stalls per day. Customer demand will be lower during the week as people are at work so the expectation is that there will be less waste created compared to the current Saturday operation. However a more robust waste management plan will be in place:

-Each stall will have their own clear waste bag for the public these will be removed at the end of the day either by a licensed waste carrier or to a nominated waste bin currently used by the station. If a private contractor is used for waste collection from site a waste transfer note will be provided by the market operator. Where possible waste will be recycled. Public bins will not be used on the site as they present a security risk.

-Stalls will be requested to use compostable packaging

-A daily check will be carried out by market management to ensure the site is left tidy, this will be in addition to the existing daily checks by the train operating company

-A cleaning company will remain on call daily to deal with any major spillages or issues

-No waste will be stored or left on site overnight

-A cigarette bin will be provided around the station entrance

