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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 September 2025 15:12
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 25/00569/ECOU - Pop-up Cafe at St Mary's Cathedral 23 Palmerston Place
Edinburgh

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to the planning enforcement case referenced above.

As discussed on Friday 29 August 2025 at the site, I have now had the opportunity to check the planning history.

The check established that there is no planning permission in place and that planning permission had been refused under application reference 22/00734/FUL for the erection of a temporary structure for cafe use to be located on the south side of St Mary's Cathedral. Whilst this is not the location where your café is situated, it does provide a form of precedent in terms of this type of development being unacceptable. Furthermore, a check of the street trader licensing register reveals that you had a licence in 2022 but this expired in June 2023. No further licence applications appear to have been made. Given this, you have been operating without planning permission and a licence.

In view of the above, it is requested that you cease trading and remove the tables and chairs and wagon. I shall allow two weeks from the date of this e-mail. A failure to comply with this request may result in formal enforcement action being initiated.

Should you wish to discuss this matter then please feel free to e-mail me.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Senior Planning Officer | Enforcement | Planning and Building Standards | Sustainable Development | Place Directorate | The City of Edinburgh Council | Waverley Court, Level G:2, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8 BG |

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 September 2025 08:29
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 25/00569/ECOU - Pop-up Cafe at St Mary's Cathedral 23 Palmerston Place
Edinburgh

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to my e-mail dated 8 September 2025 in respect of the above.

Can you please provide me with an update on the situation?

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Senior Planning Officer | Enforcement | Planning and Building Standards | Sustainable Development | Place Directorate | The City of Edinburgh Council | Waverley Court, Level G:2, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8 BG |

On Mon, 11 May 2026 at 08:30, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to my site visit and email communication in relation to the above last year.

I have been made aware that works to re-commence the pop-up café have started. I note that a street trader licence has been granted in respect of the café. However, I note that planning permission has not been obtained despite this being brought to your attention last year. It is therefore requested that an application for planning permission be submitted within the next two weeks for the café operation. A failure to comply with this request may result in formal enforcement action being commenced.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Senior Planning Officer | Enforcement & Monitoring | Planning and Building Standards | Sustainable Development | Place Directorate | The City of Edinburgh Council | Waverley Court, Level G:2, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8 BG |

From: WestEnd Garden By Don't tell Mama <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 12 May 2026 10:26
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: FW: 25/00569/ECOU - Pop-up Cafe at St Mary's Cathedral 23 Palmerston Place Edinburgh

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope you are well, and thank you for your email.

When I applied for my street trading licence, a hearing with the full council board was requested. During this hearing, representatives from all departments were present, including councillors, Historic Environment Scotland, and the police. The licence was successfully granted, and we received very positive feedback across the board.

Because we had zero complaints, our trailers are on wheels, and no one at the hearing mentioned a requirement for planning permission, I mistakenly assumed that all necessary procedures had been completed.

Could you please advise me on how to proceed and guide me through the next steps? I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience or oversight on my part, and I greatly appreciate you bringing this to my attention before it became a difficult situation down the line.

Thank you again for your help,

[REDACTED]

On Thu, 14 May 2026 at 07:16, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your prompt response.

I note the content of your e-mail.

You were advised last year that you were operating without an appropriate licence and planning permission so it should not have come as a surprise. Whilst you may not have had any complaints for the licence application, the matter was reported to Planning Enforcement and has again been reported thus my reason for contacting you.

An application for planning permission for the pop-up café can be submitted through the Scottish Government's eplanning website. A link to the site is provided here: <https://www.eplanning.scot/ePlanningClient/>. A location plan at a scale of 1:1250/1:2500, a site layout plan at 1:100/1:200 showing the structures which will be in place and elevation drawings showing the trailer will be required to accompany your application. In addition to this, the relevant fee should be paid and in that regard a fee wizard is on the website.

I shall allow two weeks from the date of this e-mail for an application for planning permission to be submitted. A failure to comply with this request may result in formal enforcement action.

I trust this is of use.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Senior Planning Officer | Enforcement & Monitoring| Planning and Building Standards
| Sustainable Development | Place Directorate | The City of Edinburgh Council | Waverley
Court, Level G:2, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8 BG |

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: 14 May 2026 07:32

To: Licensing Queries <Licensing@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Subject: Street Trader Licence - St Mary's Cathedral 23 Palmerston Place Edinburgh

Morning

I refer to the street trader licence granted to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in respect of the above
(your reference 559112).

Can you please advise on any conditions attached to the licence as a planning enforcement
case was opened last year following a complaint about noise from amplified music and lack of
planning permission for the pop-up cafe?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Senior Planning Officer | Enforcement & Monitoring| Planning and Building Standards
| Sustainable Development | Place Directorate | The City of Edinburgh Council | Waverley
Court, Level G:2, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8 BG |

From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk> On Behalf Of Licensing Queries

Sent: 14 May 2026 10:32

To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Street Trader Licence - St Mary's Cathedral 23 Palmerston Place Edinburgh

Hi [REDACTED]

Can you provide this information to planning please.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] | Licensing Officer | Directorate of Place | Licensing Department |
The City of Edinburgh Council | City Chambers Business Centre 9:43 | 📠: 249 High
Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ | ☎: 0131 529 4208 | ✉: licensing@edinburgh.gov.uk |
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From: WestEnd Garden By Don't tell Mama <[REDACTED]>

Sent: 14 May 2026 11:05

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: FW: 25/00569/ECOU - Pop-up Cafe at St Mary's Cathedral 23 Palmerston Place
Edinburgh

Hello [REDACTED]

Following our phone call, here are the attached documents. If you need anything else from my end please let me know! Thank you so much for being kind and very helpful.

Kind Regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 May 2026 11:27
To: WestEnd Garden By Don't tell Mama <[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: FW: 25/00569/ECOU - Pop-up Cafe at St Mary's Cathedral 23 Palmerston Place
Edinburgh

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for forwarding on a copy of your licence for the pop-up café at St Mary's Cathedral, 23 Palmerston Place, Edinburgh.

I shall still carry out my planned site visit tomorrow morning so that I have a record of the current situation.

I note that condition 22 attached to the consent relates to music, amplified music and/or vocals being controlled. Given that this was my only concern due to the operation being temporary and within the curtilage of the cathedral, I am satisfied I can draft a report recommending no further action and the closing of the case.

I trust this is of use.

Kind Regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Senior Planning Officer | Enforcement & Monitoring| Planning and Building Standards
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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Sent: 14 May 2026 14:27
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Street Trader Licence - St Mary's Cathedral 23 Palmerston Place Edinburgh

Hi [REDACTED]

The conditions are as follows

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/24547/street-trader-licence-standard-conditions>

With the additional conditions:

- 1 The Licenceholder shall trade only between the hours of: 12:00-20:00
- 2 The Licenceholder shall not sell, hawk, or offer or expose for sale any article or offer to carry out for money or money's worth any service other than the following: Coffees, soft drinks, ice cream, pizzas

Regards

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: 20 May 2026 09:28
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@[edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>
Subject: Enforcement Case 26/00277/ECOU – Additional Evidence

Dear [Redacted]

Further to your acknowledgement letter of 11 May regarding enforcement case 26/00277/ECOU, I am providing additional specific evidence relevant to the ongoing investigation.

The attached photographs were taken on 20th May and show that all benches on the site have been freshly repainted and reassembled, and two kiosks are currently positioned on the café site area. These structures were not present when I submitted my original enquiry and appear to have been set out again during the ongoing enforcement investigation.

Please let me know if any further information would assist.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: 04 June 2026 20:51
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@[edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>
Subject: Re: Enforcement Case 26/00277/ECOU – Additional Evidence

Dear [Redacted]

I'm writing to provide an update on the unauthorised structures currently positioned on the grounds of St Mary's Cathedral on Palmerston Place.

The structures were fully put up in mid-May and have now been in place for several weeks. During this period there has been no planning application, no opening or trading activity, and no visible steps toward either regularisation or removal.

As the same setup was used last year for a beer-garden style operation, it does not appear to be a low-intensity incidental kiosk use.

I appreciate there may be discussions ongoing that I am not aware of, but based on what is visible on the ground, the structures appear to remain an unresolved planning breach. I would be grateful if you could confirm what action the Council intends to take to bring the situation into compliance.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

From: Customer.Care@edinburgh.gov.uk <Customer.Care@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: 08 June 2026 08:47

To: Planning VIP <planning.vip@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Subject: SR Assignment - SR Ref: 1145059, Frontline Resolution, [Redacted] Target Date 15/06/2026

Dear Colleague

Please:

- see attached details of the request assigned to you
- ensure the customer receives a response before the target date
- send a copy of the response or any updates to the Capture Updates (capture.updates@edinburgh.gov.uk) - this is to ensure all performance data is accurate for your team

When sending closures please can you inform us of the following details:

Outcome of Complaint/SR - upheld, not upheld, partially upheld

Resolution - what was agreed with the customer

Type of Complaint/SR - people, policy, service delivery, process (it can be one or more of these).

When a response is passed target, a reason why the target was missed is required, for example, investigation took longer than expected etc

If this assignment does not relate to your service area, please notify us immediately.

Customer Care, C3, Courtyard, Waverley Court, Edinburgh, EH8 8BG. Tel: 0131 200 2000. Fax: 0131 200 2301. Email: customer.care@edinburgh.gov.uk

From: Planning VIP <planning.vip@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: 10 June 2026 15:08

To: [Redacted] <[\[Redacted\]@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>

Subject: FW: SR Assignment - SR Ref: 1145059, Frontline Resolution, [Redacted] Target Date 15/06/2026

Hi [Redacted]

Please can you respond to the attached complaint.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 June 2026 13:52
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: SR Assignment - SR Ref: 1145059, Frontline Resolution, [REDACTED] Target Date 15/06/2026

Afternoon [REDACTED]

Please find attached a copy of a complaint in relation to the investigation of the temporary use of part of the St Mary's Cathedral grounds on Palmerston Place for a pop-up café. To be fair, having read through the report of handling, he has a point. How do you want to approach this? My thinking is to acknowledge the lack of analysis of whether a material change of use has occurred and offer to re-open the case rather than get involved in a full stage 1 response and possible stage 2. What do you think?

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Senior Planning Officer | Enforcement & Monitoring | Planning and Building Standards | Sustainable Development | Place Directorate | The City of Edinburgh Council | Waverley Court, Level G:2, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8 BG |

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Sent: 11 June 2026 15:40
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: SR Assignment - SR Ref: 1145059, Frontline Resolution, [REDACTED] Target Date 15/06/2026

Yes, happy with that approach. If he's not satisfied with this informal approach that we can do a stage one response that formally states this.

[REDACTED] | Team Manager | Planning Enforcement and Monitoring | Planning & Building Standards | Sustainable Development | Place Directorate | The City of Edinburgh Council | Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8BG | www.edinburgh.gov.uk

On 12 Jun 2026, at 07:23, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your communication to the customer care team about the investigation of the temporary use of part of the St Mary's Cathedral grounds on Palmerston Place as a pop-up café under reference 26/00277/ECOU.

The matter has been passed on to me as the case officer to respond in the first instance. In that regard, I note your grievance with the handling of the investigation, in particular the lack of assessment into whether a material change of use of the land has occurred. Having re-read the report of handling, I acknowledge this to be the case and offer my apologies. Given this, I am going to request that the case is re-opened. If you are satisfied with this course of action, then please let me know. If, on the other hand, you still wish the matter to be dealt with as a stage 1 complaint, then please let me know and I will draft a response.

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Senior Planning Officer | Enforcement & Monitoring | Planning and Building Standards
| Sustainable Development | Place Directorate | The City of Edinburgh Council | Waverley
Court, Level G:2, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8 BG |

From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: 12 June 2026 16:14
To: [Redacted] <[\[Redacted\]@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk)>
Cc: Planning VIP <planning.vip@edinburgh.gov.uk>; Planning Enforcement
<Planning.Enforcement@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: SR Assignment - SR Ref: 1145059, Frontline Resolution, [Redacted] [Redacted] Target Date
15/06/2026

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email and for your acknowledgement regarding the handling of the original assessment. I appreciate your apology and your willingness to revisit the matter. I would be grateful if enforcement enquiry 26/00277/ECOU could now be reopened so that a full and transparent reassessment can be carried out.

To support a clear determination, I would appreciate it if the reassessment could address the following points explicitly, as they are material to whether a material change of use has occurred:

1. Lawful use of the land

Identification of the existing lawful use of the cathedral grounds as the baseline for comparison, applying the statutory definition of development under s.26.

2. Actual café use

A description of how the café operates in practice - including hours, activity levels, commercial nature, and operational characteristics - so that this can be compared to the lawful baseline.

3. Comparison of uses

A step-by-step comparison of the existing lawful use and the café use, applying the fact-and-degree test. Although the café occupies a relatively small part of the grounds, its impacts fall on the most sensitive part of the site, so it would be helpful if the reassessment considers the significance of this.

4. 2025 enforcement position

The 2025 enforcement case concluded that the café use was unlawful and required removal. It would be helpful if the reassessment explains how this enforcement history has been taken into account.

5. FOI evidence

The FOI material confirms the commercial nature of the operator and that the use is not ancillary to cathedral functions. It would be helpful if the reassessment sets out how this has been taken into account.

6. Operational impacts not visible on a site visit

As the additional seating and overspill, tables and chairs, large umbrellas, and amplified music only appear when the café is operating, it would be helpful if the reassessment considers these operational elements explicitly.

7. Late-evening operating hours

The café previously operated well beyond cathedral opening hours, including into the late evening when the cathedral grounds were otherwise closed and unstaffed. It would be helpful if the reassessment considers the significance of this in terms of character, amenity, and compatibility of uses.

8. Historic intensification of use

It would be helpful if the reassessment considers the historic intensification of the café operation in previous years, including increases in seating, hours, activity levels, noise, and the scale of the commercial setup, as this may be relevant to understanding the nature and impact of the use compared with the lawful baseline.

9. Early-years nursery and shared access path

Any implications for the early-years nursery located on the cathedral grounds should be considered, including the fact that parents and very young children access the nursery via the same internal pedestrian path used by the café for customer circulation, overspill seating, and vehicle access. It would be helpful if the reassessment addresses safeguarding, amenity, and compatibility of uses in this context.

For completeness, I note that the previous planning application related to the lawn on the opposite side of the Cathedral, which does not share the same nursery-adjacency or memorial-garden sensitivities as the current location.

10. Residential amenity

Consideration of residential amenity impacts, including noise, footfall, and activity levels in a quiet residential setting.

11. Character of the land and statutory duties

Assessment of how the café operation affects the character of the land within the West End Conservation Area, and the impact on the setting of the Category A listed building.

12. 28-day rule

It would be helpful if the reassessment considers whether the operation falls within or exceeds the 28-day allowance under the GPDO.

13. Recurrence of the use

As the use has recurred following previous enforcement action, it would be helpful if the reassessment considers recurrence as part of the overall planning context.

14. Cumulative impact

Consideration of the cumulative impact of commercial activity, vehicle movements, nursery proximity, late-evening hours, historic intensification, and residential context.

Given the importance of ensuring a fresh and impartial assessment, I would be grateful if the reassessment could be handled independently by a colleague who was not involved in the original decision. This will help ensure confidence in the process and avoid any perception of inconsistency with previous assessments.

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to the outcome of the reassessment.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

On 15 Jun 2026, at 15:06, [Redacted] <[Redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your e-mail in connection with the above.

I can confirm having discussed with my line manager that the case can be re-opened and investigated by another officer within the team.

I trust this is acceptable to you.

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Senior Planning Officer | Enforcement & Monitoring | Planning and Building Standards
| Sustainable Development | Place Directorate | The City of Edinburgh Council | Waverley Court,
Level G:2, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8 BG |

From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]>
Sent: 15 June 2026 15:31

To: [redacted] <[redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Cc: Planning VIP <[redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk>; Planning Enforcement
<[redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: SR Assignment - SR Ref: 1145059, Frontline Resolution, [redacted] [redacted] Target Date
15/06/2026

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for confirming this and for discussing it with your line manager.

I am content with the case being re-opened and allocated to another officer for a fresh assessment.

I look forward to hearing from the assigned officer in due course.

Kind regards,

[redacted] [redacted]

From: Planning Enforcement
Sent: 18 June 2026 20:43
To: Planning Enforcement
Subject: New case: St Mary's Cathedral, 23 Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, EH12 5AW (UPRN: 000906190318)

Allocate to [redacted]	Date received	15/06/2026
	Enforcement cases	26/00277/ECOU
	Planning applications etc	
Type ECOU	Conservation Area	New Town
	Listed Building	A
	Other notes	Need to consider MCOU of land in more detail. Previously we had only looked at operational development.

From: Planning Enforcement <[redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Sent: 19 June 2026 10:42
To: [redacted] [redacted] <[redacted]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: New case: St Mary's Cathedral, 23 Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, EH12 5AW (UPRN: 000906190318)

New case

26/00388/ECOU Enquiry 1

Thanks

From: noreply@edinburgh.gov.uk <noreply@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Sent: 23 June 2026 13:58
To: Planning Enforcement West <PlanningEnforcementWest@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: Report a possible breach of planning controls submission

 External email >

 Contains topics of a financial nature >

Web reference 670461

Page: Your details

- Title
- First name
- Last name
- Telephone number
- Email address
- Home address

Page: The property where the planning breach may have occurred

- Address 23 Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, EH12 5AW

Page: The possible planning breach

- When do you think the breach first occurred? The breach first occurred today (23/06) when the operator began actively trading, serving customers and taking payment.
 - Why do you think a breach has occurred? The operator is trading without planning permission. This is a repeat of last year's unauthorised use and is occurring while the previous enforcement case has been reopened.
 - How is the breach affecting you? The commercial use introduces activity, noise and servicing movements directly onto the nursery access path beside my home. Vehicles and customers are using a pedestrian route used by toddlers, creating conflict with vulnerable users.
 - Who do you think is responsible for the breach? St Mary's Cathedral as landowner, and the third-party operator running the food and drink kiosks.
 - Have you contacted any other Council services about this? Yes - Planning Enforcement are already dealing with a reopened case (26/00277/ECOU => 26/00388/ECOU). This report relates to new trading observed today (23/06) and should be logged as a new breach event.
 - Does your enquiry concern short term let use? No
-

From: Planning Enforcement West
Sent: 23 June 2026 14:42
To: Planning Enforcement
Subject: 23 Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, EH12 5AW

Afternoon,

This is a further submission from the existing enquirer - 26/00388/ECOU

Please send him standards template acknowledgement letter – “ACK – further, sub, existing enquirer”

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: Planning Enforcement <Planning.Enforcement@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Sent: 24 June 2026 08:19
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: 23 Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, EH12 5AW - 26/00388/ECOU - Further sub.

FYI

26/00388/ECOU - Further sub

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 June 2026 21:03
To: Planning Enforcement
Subject: Planning Enforcement Enquiries 26/00277/ECOU and 26/00388/ECOU – Request for Status Update

Dear Planning Enforcement Team,

I am writing to request a status update on Enforcement Enquiry 26/00277/ECOU, reopened as 26/00388/ECOU. The matter was first raised on 5 May and formally acknowledged on 11 May. As it has now passed seven weeks from acknowledgement (and eight weeks from submission), I would be grateful to know whether the assessment is nearing completion.

Thank you for your time, and I would welcome any indication of expected next steps.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: Planning Enforcement <Planning.Enforcement@edinburgh.gov.uk>
Sent: 30 June 2026 09:31
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Planning Enforcement Enquiries 26/00277/ECOU and 26/00388/ECOU – Request for Status Update

Hi [REDACTED]

Can you provide an update before you go on AL.

Thanks,

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] | Team Manager | Planning Enforcement and Monitoring | Planning & Building Standards | Sustainable Development | Place Directorate | The City of Edinburgh Council | Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8BG | www.edinburgh.gov.uk

From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Sent: 10 September 2026 15:07

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: St Mary's Cathedral (23 Palmerston Place) - planning enforcement enquiry

Dear [REDACTED]

I am contacting you following my site visit in June of this year, apologies for the delay in following this up. I have discussed the use of the land as a pop up café/food and drinks venue with the relevant team and they have confirmed that they would consider the use to be a material change of use of the land requiring planning permission. Given the timescales involved I do not consider it would be expedient to seek an application for the use this year, however I would advise that if it is your intention to carry on activities again next summer/autumn then an application for temporary planning permission should be submitted. Please note that the statutory time period to determine such applications is 2 months, although it may take longer, and therefore any application should be submitted to allow sufficient time for determination prior to the use of the land.

While it will be my recommendation to close the enquiry at this time, it would be useful if you can confirm when you intend to cease operating – it was my understanding that this would be in September.

Kind regards

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Senior Planning Officer

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