



Pavement Café Guidelines

Roads (Scotland) Act 1984

For non-Council roads (e.g. Trunk Roads) application for consent should be made to Transport Scotland via development_management@transport.gov.scot

Guidance

1. The pavement café must not obstruct the sightlines of any bend, corner or road junction.
2. The pavement café must not interfere with the visibility of any traffic sign or signal.
3. The layout of the pavement café must not act as a distraction to drivers.
4. The pavement café must not obstruct or cause a danger to any road or footway user.
5. The pavement café must not cause any other hazard to public safety (for example, present no hazard to pedestrians or wheelchair users with sharp edges, protruding nails and so on).
6. The pavement café must be located directly outside the premises and positioned at the rear of the footway abutting the shop premises. Where the pavement café is remote from the frontage this must be agreed with the local Traffic & Development Officer in writing.
7. Where a barrier is used to separate the pavement café from the footway, a maximum permitted height of barrier will be 0.90m
8. Any barrier must be secure and be sufficiently stable so as not to be easily moved or blown over. The material used for barriers should be of high quality and be robust.
9. The design of barriers must have due regard to the visually impaired. All external corners must be visually contrasting to the surrounding area.
10. Minimum footway width of 1.8 metres must be maintained (refer to fig.1 below) at all times.
11. The pavement café must be covered by Public Liability Insurance to a minimum value of £5M.
12. Other permissions or licences may be required; for example, alcohol licence, planning permission, entertainment licence. This list is not exhaustive.

Figure 1

