

You will not revive the economy by antagonising the consumer.

People go to shops knowing what they want to buy. Door step sellers (and cold callers) sell goods and services that the customer probably does not want.

We no longer answer our telephone when we do not recognise the caller's number as such calls are almost always sales calls. I believe we are not alone in refusing to answer the telephone.

We are now increasingly reluctant to answer our front door due to the number of unwanted calls (in particular home improvement salesmen) and the persistent nature of some such callers.

If you allow unlimited hawking, we would stop answering our front door.

If people refuse to answer their front doors, that would corrode social cohesion. It would impede the work of legitimate callers (such as delivery services and meter readers). It would also be dangerous in any emergency.

Your proposals could encourage the spread of gated communities.

If unsolicited door step callers are allowed they should be required to show identity. They should also be required to respect any 'No Hawker' or similar notices.

You should respect the wishes of local authorities on these matters as they are the voice of local democracy.

In my opinion, a better solution to the problem of unemployment would be the promotion of capital investment, in particular infrastructure and housing.