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Dear Ms Onikosi

Re Consultation on Street Trading & Pedlary Laws

It is very difficult to convey how much of a blight is caused by street traders in Cornish seaside towns like Padstow. Our harbour in the summer is ringed by hair braiders and tattooists who cause a public nuisance, obstruct the highway, blot the landscape and create a real danger to the safety of people living in and visiting our lovely town.

We are not talking about one or two entrepreneurs trying to make a living but a force of 25 to 30 people who exploit the limitations of the current legislation to operate seperate businesses every few feet around the open quays. In a recent consultation process between our Town Council and the local community this issue attracted more complaints than any other. It seems the authorities can do little or nothing to regulate "service providers" and the end result is seaside towns such as ours are blighted every summer.

We desperately need to bring all businesses such as these into sensible legislation which empowers local authorities to do what is best in their own area. Please make sure that before any new legislation is put into effect that you fully investigate what it will mean in practice to towns like Padstow.

Yours sincerely,

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