



Note to Charities Requesting Permission To Collect On Private Land

The Police, Factories etc (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916 Section 5, allows Local Authorities to permit collection in any street or public place. The Council are concerned to ensure that, in the interests of preventing public nuisance, not more than one collection takes place in any locality (usually a town or village) in any one day.

This legislation applies to collections in any street or public place. Existing case law has shown that essential to the definition of a 'public place' is that it must be one to which the public have access. If the invitation could be withdrawn at any time, for example inside a supermarket or foyer of a cinema, then the location falls outside of the definition and a street collection permit would not be required.

This definition also has no consideration with regard to ownership; therefore the Council is entitled to grant a permit for a public area that is privately owned e.g. supermarket car park. In such circumstances we must advise you that the permit does not give the charity an automatic right to collect in that location and that you must seek permission from the owner/occupier.

If you require further clarification or assistance with this matter, then please contact the Licensing Administrator directly on 01737 276421