Pembrokeshire County Council

Café Culture Design Guidleines

The Council will consider applications from cafes, restaurants and bars for grant support in Pembrokeshire Town Centres (refer to attached Town Plans) to provide suitable outdoor awnings, canopies, igloo bubbles, outdoor heating, marquee coverings, barriers, street furniture and servery facilities.



Street Furniture

Tables, chairs and temporary street furniture must be suitable for commercial purposes. A standard design and colour scheme will not be imposed, however the Council will insist upon a reasonable quality and expect the style to harmonise with the local environment.

Materials and colours should not be too bright, garish or overly reflective, and in some areas further conditions as to the fabric or colour of the furniture may be a consideration, especially in areas of special interest or local conservation areas.

Domestic plastic patio furniture will <u>not</u> be acceptable.

Furniture must therefore be safe and intended for commercial use. It must be properly maintained, replaced as necessary and kept clean. Furniture must not be mixed. Furniture must not damage the surface of the public highway and should not generate unreasonable noise when being moved, particularly at night, and consideration should be given to using furniture with rubber feet.

Umbrellas/Parasols

Umbrella location, colour and material must be specified. They shall be positioned so that they do not overhang beyond the enclosure and weighted to prevent them being dislodged by the wind. Only the company name or logo may be permitted on umbrellas the lettering should not be too dominant and limited to about 450mm x 150mm. In communal street café trading areas each business should select a different colour fabric to enable the customer to identify the seating area with the Licence holder's business.

Electrical Power / Patio Heaters

The use of generators will not be permitted, and power cables will <u>not</u> be allowed to cross the public highway.

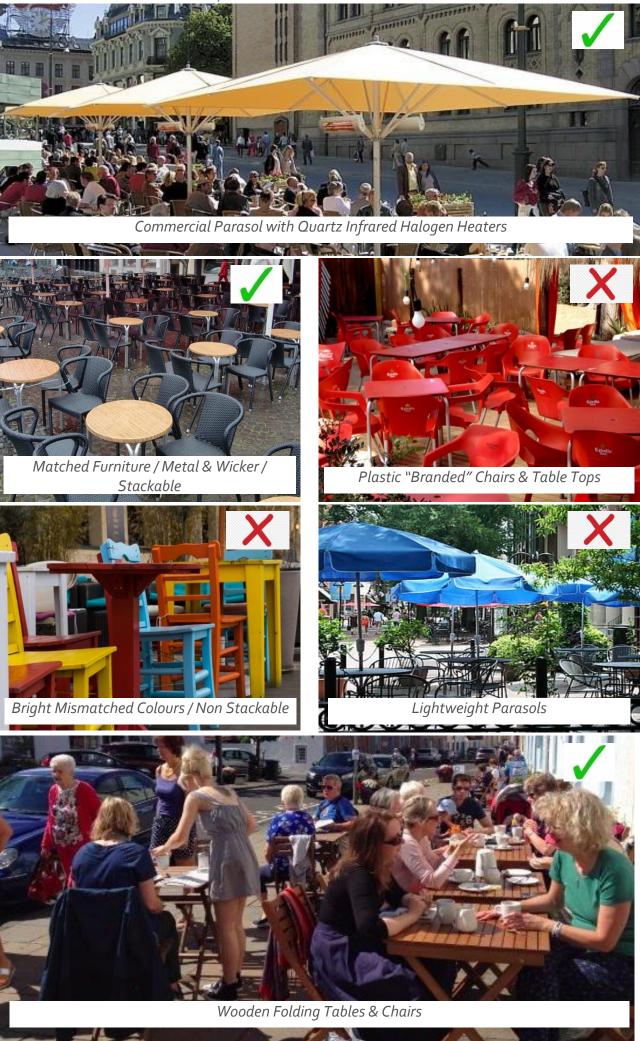
Where patio heaters are authorised the Licence holder must ensure they do not present a danger or fire risk to the public, all electrical wiring and components must comply with current Health and Safety and Institute of Electrical Engineers regulations and are tested annually for compliance. The Council will require annual test certificates for all apparatus in use on a licensed site.

Enclosure

When a street café or bar area is operational a temporary form of enclosure will normally be required with adequate openings to permit access. A low level tapping rail will be a necessary requirement. Rope or chain barriers are not considered suitable. Enclosures should have a minimum top rail height of 800mm and be no more than 1000mm.

Storage

Café furniture and other items must ideally be stackable of folding and not be stored on the public highway when not in use e.g. during inclement weather, or outside business hours. All furniture, umbrellas and enclosures etc. shall be removed at night and stored inside the business premises or within an alternative safe environment as agreed by the Council. Good and Bad Practice – Examples



Eligible Areas – Town Plans



