

Public Feedback from Street Trading Policy Consultation

What do you think the benefits would be for the town?

More vibrant at top end of town, increasing footfall for local businesses and attracting people to the town
Economic growth, community spirit, and healthier and lower-carbon diets
Just keep it good quality, with proper producers and proper traders
Increased footfall / reason to visit the town
Variety of shopping, seeing something different, chance for small businesses to have a place in the main retail area
More life and vibrancy. The precinct desperately needs a boost after so many broken promises in the past.
Increased footfall and consequent economic benefits.
Footfall
Increased footfall, more offering of local products to residents, markets are often good day out so can be seen as leisure, would encourage more people to go into shops and restaurants on a Sunday,
Increased footfall and vibrancy
Encourage more people into the Calverley precinct/ Victoria Place area
Bring life to that part of town; something for young people to do
A reason for shoppers to come into town
The town centre feels dead. Any injection of life would be beneficial
Creating small enterprise, bringing people to TW (it needs pp) generating and building a community again
I more diverse choice of traders would undoubtedly draw people into the town to shop.
It would attract more people/shoppers to the town which in turn attracts more traders to the town which attracts more people making the town a nicer place to visit and live.
More of a community feel.
Bring people into the town who will spend money at other businesses rather than then going elsewhere

more visitors, more footfall, happier and healthier residents
It would bring more people into the town centre.
Bringing more people into the town to support wider local businesses
Increased footfall in increasingly neglected area.
Increased footfall, interest returning to the top of town. More options for small traders to sell their goods.
More people
Provide variety of products, drive footfall
It'll be livelier
Bring in more people who would use the other shops, cafes, and restaurants
Increased trade and footfall in the town centre area.
Increased customer interest
Positive use of space for independent traders. Variety of goods. Community spirit.
more visitors, more spending in shops etc
A more vibrant town centre and greater shopping choice
Local business offering services/goods
More footfall
More to do on a Sunday; encouragement to local businesses and to spend locally
Bring people into town on a Sunday.
It will increase foot-flow in the north part of centre town & fulfil a need for a local fresh produce market the kind you see all over the continent
Liveliness, character, range of shopping options
Opportunity for local businesses to show products. Creates a return of the much-missed town hall market and brings new life to this part of town seen in Pantiles.
Hopefully to draw people into the town, which would benefit the local coffee shops as well as the other shops.
Will bring people to the top end of town bringing hopefully some regeneration
If it is a good market, it should bring people into the town who will hopefully visit the existing shops as well and it will, provide items for sale that are of interest to both residents and people from outside.
Attract more people into the town especially the top end which can be very sparse at times
anything that brings more life to the northern part of the town has to be good
Footfall and increased spending in area
More lively atmosphere and new businesses coming to an area that has been in decline
Perhaps more footfall, more income for traders
More trade bringing more income to stall holders and the town
Able to buy local produce
We desperately need to revive the shopping available in the Tunbridge Wells town centre and I think this idea might help.
Increase income. Great to have a market again at this end of the town.
Provide a more vibrant and interesting range of shopping with a focus on local produce.
Might bring people at a time when roads are gridlocked.
Bring in independent traders and residents into the town who wouldn't normally on a Sunday
Bring new visitors to top end of the town and coach tours
Attract more people to top of town

Anything that makes the town more interesting and offers products such as food, rather than nail bars, coffee shops and vapes shops must be good for the town
Increase in visitor numbers, increased footfall in shops, improve reputation as a place to visit for a new experience
A market in the centre of the town is long overdue for the benefit of the public and will bring into town people who will also spend money elsewhere. The original one was far too inaccessible/visual.
Attract visitors
More people spending money and hopefully regenerating that part of town
Hopefully will attract small food businesses and specialist vendors. Welcome addition. More visitors
More footfall to the town centre - good
Bring more people to visit Tunbridge Wells
To have a market will be good for shops will bring more people to the town as long as items are not too expensive
Residents will have a chance to purchase locally sourced food
extra buyer
It will add colour, footfall, and life to the precinct
Bring people into the centre
More footfall therefore more money exchanging hands
Create much needed footfall for the top of town.
Give it some life, bring people to the town
Competition and new smaller business
To bring more people into the town centre and hopefully make the large number of empty shops a more attractive prospect for potential retailers.
Anything to bring some life back to this pedestrianised wasteland
It will make it a more vibrant town, and let businesses have a go.
more footfall which in turn assists the local economy
To encourage visitors & bring life back into the town & support local businesses which would benefit from more footfall
Bring more people into town on Sundays. It would be lively. Hospitality would benefit.
Bring more people /money into the town, more trade for local businesses. Cafes/restaurants, some of which that are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.
Drive footfall and trade to a part of town that is not thriving.
More interesting traders and footfall increase
Bring more people into the town
It would encourage a greater footfall on Sunday and increase opportunities for smaller traders to do business.
Bring in more visitors and shoppers
Footfall
It would attract people to the town, particularly if parking were made free or half-price on Sundays. It would draw people to other shops particularly in RVP and Calverley Road.
Bring more people in to shop
every Sunday will increase footfall in Tunbridge Wells
It's a space crying out to be better used. It would generate footfall on a Sunday and bring a different group of shoppers in.

Increase footfall
Larger footfall
More business generated and somewhere interesting to go to on Sundays.
T. W. is becoming a ghost town - empty shops, no flair and this is "Royal" Tunbridge Wells. Our street decorations for the Coronation were a disgrace. Let's hope the dynamic and YOUNG Lib Dems will turn things around.
Encourage trading
Bring people into the centre. Create a buzz.
More business input and a larger income
It should encourage visitors and spending.
Giving welcome attention to upper end of town
To draw visitors to the town
The proposal would draw additional people to the Calverley area of town, with positive knock-on effects for Monson Rd, Camden Rd, and RVP
Add to Community involvement/business opportunities. Bring some life back to that part of town. Looks quite empty currently
Help to bring more people to town
More footfall in the town, a reason for going into the town
increased pedestrian activity on Sundays
tourism, more fun
Increased footfall
Bring in business and variety to the shopping experience
More footfall in the town and welcoming new and different traders
Draw people into the town and create a buzz
Improved footfall.
Hopefully bring some welcome alternatives to the ubiquitous coffee shops/restaurants/hairdressers that currently dominate the town centre.
It provides a reason to come into town
Increase footfall to the upper part of town if combined with additional shops e.g. Primark
Opportunities for small traders without the burden of greedy leases from the Council.
Attractive to shoppers, lively atmosphere, more variety of goods, competitive prices, enliven town centre, show off the town as a lively place, good for existing businesses and eateries.
Better provision of a wide range of goods, provided they are not all selling expensive items (however good the product, as sometimes happens with farmers'/specialist markets.)
Might bring more people into town.
More footfall, more trade. Will bring life back to the area.
Extra business in TW must be good for the town increasing the diversity of available goods.
Will bring more people and trade to the town.
More people in town and variety of stalls.
More interest, increased footfall, more business, increase in quality of the town centre at this end
To encourage people to visit top of town and May then visit the RVP
Give a bit more buzz to the place.
To see some life in the town centre
Bring more people into the town. The precinct is dead at the moment. We need to encourage more traders.

I think it would bring people into the town centre
Increased footfall
Attract vendors/ customers / tourists
Bring visitors in.
increased footfall
Entice people into the town.
Bring people in
Would bring vitality and interest to the top end of TW.
Attract more shoppers
Liven it up, make the town a destination & add colour to a very drab and dead part of the town
It would bring people into the town
More people coming to our town, and an improvement for people who live here
The Precinct has become neglected and needs a proper facelift and for people to go to it, not just through it. Some pretty market-style stalls would be an attractive draw and bring some much-needed tourists too, if properly promoted. e
Will bring life to the area, appeal to visitors
Good to shop local and keep business in the community
It will bring a life to the centre, people will visit, it will bring much needed life.
It will bring a feeling that Tunbridge Wells is beginning to come alive again after its long and depressing decline.
Create more of a community feel and access to new facilities to a current sleepy town.
encouraging footfall in the town centre, supporting local farmers and traders
That depends on the market traders invited to use the facility.
Community engagement
Attract visitors from outside the town
Residents would probably visit a market and other businesses why
Hopefully bring in people outside of Tunbridge Wells and turn a town that is dying to a place where people want to come.
Greater footfall
more growth in town
Same as when Sat market in front of Town Hall existed - local fresh food available at reasonable prices, together with services like knife sharpening and bio cleaning refills.
Re-energising a dying locale
More footfall to make the town more interesting.
It would attract both residents of t.wells and further afield to come in and spend time and money.
More trade in the town centre
Potential to make the town busier so all shops would benefit
Possible increase in visitors to the town centre
More commercial activity, more visitors, more "liveliness"
Bring more trade at an easily accessible site.
To attract more shoppers, which in turn may attract more businesses to the many empty shops & kick start a town centre regeneration.
It would encourage more people to come into the centre of town on a Sunday which would improve the economic performance.

It would bring in more shoppers and might regenerate the shops, many of which are presently closed
To bring in more visitors. To buy fresher produce than in supermarkets.
To encourage more people to visit and spend.
It could if the trading is right stimulating trade in much the same way as the markets on the panties do but it very much depends on the type of stalls that will trade there, plus the area needs a good spruce up it's an eyesore at present.
Hopefully, it would encourage more visitors
Bring in customers
Encourage people to use the top of the Town as opposed to the crowded Pantiles
more footfall
Bit more liveliness up top of town. Help out businesses around the area by bringing more people there.
More footfall to the top of town which is starting to feel run down. Hopefully, opportunity to buy products which are not available in town.
Increased footfall and generation of interest in that area
This will bring in much needed local produce which is amazing by local people and businesses, hopefully it will be like the original farmers market we used to have which was excellent.
Encourage people to 'wander' therefore increase footfall. Good for local economy, local producers, and support climate action. Walking. Ensure cycling can still happen.
More people would shop there on Sundays, especially if parking was free for up to two hours.
It would bring more people to the town who would also use the shops while they are here.
Benefits for traders if customers can find parking without having to pay and avoid congestion because of funnelling traffic.
For residents & visitors --adds appeal and vigour to the town centre. For market stall holders potentially more business. For existing non-market businesses potentially more competition, but also more footfall on Sundays so they might also benefit businesses
More people visiting the town centre
Bringing some life and prosperity back to the area, making existing shops/cafes more viable maybe encouraging more shops/cafes to open in empty premises. Also, if the area was more attractive it would be less subject to acts of vandalism and hooliganism by
It will attract both local and visiting buyers.
Increase footfall to the town centre, and benefit local businesses in the area, as well as the market stall holders. Contribute to making TW a destination for day trips from outside the area.
TW lacks a Farmers' Market. A good range of fresh food will attract residents and tourists to the Calverley Precinct, benefitting existing shops and in time attracting new traders to lease the many empty shops. . .
Somewhere for people to go. Bringing business to the town - they may return other days of the week.
This would add a much-needed community feel and hustle and bustle we currently lack and draw in families.
More visitors, more variety
Attract more people into RTW
Help the economy.
Help to bring footfall back to the high street
Improved footfall for all businesses

Increased footfall and a sense of community spirit
That area is dead as a place other than a walkway. The empty units there will then get regular occupancy
Bring more footfall to the town centre.
Increase the footfall in 'upper' Tunbridge Wells
Increased footfall, add interest
Bring more life to the town with a different shopping experience
Draw in shoppers from tw and further afield, benefiting existing shops and hospitality
Increased footfall
Variety of trade, visitors, positive atmosphere
Increase footfall, better atmosphere, move lairy kids away, hopefully help other retailers.
It would attract visitors to the town it would also be an improvement to the precinct which has become a messy jumble of tat
Somewhere to actually shop rather than an empty rvp
It would be a relatively easy way to make commerce between local businesses and residents greater, benefiting both groups, while creating a stronger community.
More life in the town would be good!
Social cohesion, leisure, and tourism boost, supporting small and local business
Increased trade
Bring in more people to area
More footfall...encouraging people to shop & use local businesses
It could make the pedestrianised area livelier and encourage people into town on a Sunday, especially if the Farmers' Market is there
Enliven the town centre, support small local businesses and suppliers
Different offer on a Sunday for shoppers, access to local produce as well as ability to shop in established outlets - all in one visit to the town centre
It would bring much needed benefit to the top end of town. Although the Pantiles is recognised as important, it is, the proposal will be both enjoyable and will bring much needed investment in the shopping area around RVP.
Interesting shopping- would attract customers
Bring more visitors to the town, create a new vibrancy in the centre of the town. Create more footfall for the surrounding businesses.
Bring much needed colour to that end of town
Benefits to local businesses through increased footfall in the town centre
Sadly, we now have very few places at which we are able to purchase fresh local produce in the town. Particularly sad as we did have a thriving market twice a month outside the library. If a new market can be reinstated, it can only be of huge benefit.
To invigorate precinct and northern part of central town.
The town centre is in a terrible state and needs reviving. A Sunday market would be great to bring more trade and focus on the town centre. Hopefully, it will kick start more progress here.
Attract people into the town centre, not only to visit the market but to spend time in nearby shops and hospitality and create a focus to support local traders.
More footfall & diversity of traders
Anything to generate footfall, without being too much like the Pantiles.
More footfall, more reason for us to come to the centre and also help the businesses in the area with increased custom

Bring people into town
Footfall May increase which may help the shops in the RVP
Bring more visitors into the centre
Economic benefits
Increased foot fall for other businesses
Help keep the shops in use. Encourage visitors
Increased draw to the town centre on a Sunday
It would bring more people into the town and give residents more choice. We have been lacking a market for many years. I used to go to the market every week when my children were small, in the eighties,! Loved it.
A bit more life and would bring people into town
It should be a nice relaxed atmosphere on a Sunday and people will have more time to potter and purchase.
More footfall, people staying and lingering more in the area. Would introduce a feelgood factor to the area and liven it up. Ability to purchase produce that might not otherwise be easily available. available. feelgood
More shoppers
Community spirit and supporting small business
Improve choice and bring visitors to top of town.
A more user-friendly feel
It would attract more shoppers and offer opportunities to small business traders
More footfall in the town, a reason for going into the town. As long as it is properly managed, and the vehicles used for the market are not causing obstruction on the surrounding streets
It would help increase footfall for RVP and Ely Court
More footfall, more business, more money
Increased footfall if the proposed market was able to sell items at good value rather tha. Excessive prices.
Draw more people to the town to spend directly with local vendors
Easy access to local produce. Interest and vibrancy in a very flat / dismal part of the town.
Increase footfall, make better quality local products available (vs that junk food that's swamping the area)
Increased outdoor commercial and social activity which is peaceful and refocuses on high streets instead of indoor centres. Hopefully will regenerate Camden Road and arcade leading to RVP as well.
Bringing more footfall to the 'top end' of the town.
Increased engagement, positive impact on local business
To bring Character to the Town and draw people to the town centre that is so desperately in decline.
Community, engagement with the town centre, opportunities for local businesses, attract visitors, activities for residents of all ages
A sustainable market offering local produce is essential and something Tunbridge Wells needs
It would encourage residents to walk into town on Sundays and shop local
More people would come to shop.
Heighten its profile and provide a lively place to visit
Both attractive and useful and anything that attracts more people benefits existing businesses

Community and small businesses
The response from the Transport Working Group of the Town Forum have been submitted to the chair of the Licensing Committee. This is a closed question! There should also be a question about disbenefits!
Little is open on a Sunday, and it would help the businesses who traded at it, as well as providing a source of fresh/healthy/environmental food.
Anything to bring some life back to the town would be great. Primark opening is fantastic, but we need more shops for the teens and places for them to go. This will also bring people in and help give the town a bit more purpose.
Showcase and support local producers, bring footfall back to the high street and potentially drive onto RVP and surrounding businesses. Make the high street a destination again.
Higher footfall, give local traders an outlet to sell their goods and give residents the opportunity to shop locally
Encourage people into the town and then they may use other services eg coffee shops
To bring life to a failing shopping center. With the intended opening of Primark, this will make a huge difference to foot fall.
More footfall and more shopping options especially for independent businesses
The increased footfall that this would bring must be beneficial for the town's economy as a whole
It would help to make the town more attractive and livelier to residents and visitors. At the moment it looks like a ghost town.
More choice and a chance for independent small businesses to reach a bigger market share
More visitors, more vibrant centre, independent sellers, fresh and local produce, supporting local and independent producers.
More variety of choice & access to local produce
It would probably benefit shops in the precinct, but my main concern is that there should be a farmer@ market in the town centre which I think would be of benefit to residents and out-of-town shoppers.
This needs to be controlled with great care. If the type of markets offer something above and beyond what is already on offer by businesses who are permanent, then this could be a great attraction. Locally grown or produced products could be great.
More visitors
Increased footfall top of town. More diverse businesses
Bringing more footfall to RTW which benefits shops
The only downside is that Paddock wood has no buses on a Sunday
Increase footfall at that end of the town and widen range of shopping opportunities
I believe more people might come in to see what is on offer and it might then move into the shops
BRING A BIGGER FOOTFALL TO THE TOWN. IT IS CURRENTLY DEAD AND THERE IS VERY LITTLE REASON TO VISIT.
Hopefully it will bring more people into the Town.
They would draw people into the centre who may well spend money in the shops as well.
More shopping options, give street traders a chance to do more business, attract more people to town on a Sunday.
Supporting local trades who cannot afford rent of shops in precinct and also lack of shops in precinct which appears to be dying very slowly
Thriving local market attracting people
More footfall at the north of the town centre

get more people into town on sundays and hopefully help other shop traders and encourage more people to visit
increased incentive to come into the centre
Will bring people into the town
More options for both parties and greater footfall
More footfall and business for traders
Make it more accessible and welcoming
footfall in Tunbridge Wells should increase but Sunday only could be improved on
Enormous.... bringing local traders into town, increasing current trading, promoting local talent at the 'top of the town' and increasing council revenues: reduction in Rates? An integrated society ... less them and us. still obvious after 40 years!
Footfall increase
May encourage more people to come
Will bring people to the top end of town bringing hopefully some regeneration
More business, encourage other traders, encourage cafés, more friendly and convivial.
Would increase footfall and TW as a destination town again - IF parking and routing issues were sorted
More people thus more being spent in the town
Encourage more people
Liven the area up, add colour, be a little cheaper than shops and not too arty and expensive
More competition from traders, another chance for working people to shop.
Attract more people to the town on a Sunday - especially if there was free/cheaper Sunday parking.
to bring more footfall to the town of a weekend and offer more shopping choice
Increased footfall should benefit other open businesses also
Free parking.
Greater foot fall and interest
Increased footfall and vitality in the area on a Sunday.
Might encourage visitors
More footfall in the shopping g zone on a sunday
Bringing life and activity back to a sadly deserted and dead area of the town
Local shopping. Traditional style shopping. More footfall for the town
Increased footfall in town center
Attract people to the town centre.
Bring some life to what has become a vacuum in the central shopping area. Introduce local and varied foodstuffs for sale. Encourage existing retailers to review their approach to selling local produce. local produce.
A lively atmosphere which would encourage more footfall
Encourage shoppers to come to rvp
Encourage footfall on a Sunday; boost to small traders rather than chain stores/global retailers
More income from tricking motorists to drive in Mount Pleasant Road
It will no doubt bring further business to the town centre area in and around the Victoria Place/ Camden Road
More people would shop there on a sunday.
Opportunity for small/start up business, bring life to the town centre

Makes it a more lively community feel. I would come.
It would hopefully draw in people from the surrounding area of TW. It might also attract more businesses to the Victoria shopping centre.
It would bring more people into the town and offer more choices currently not available
It would offer the top end of town something to enjoy as opposed to everything being focused on the Pantiles.
Increase in footfall to the town .
It would be another way to attract people into TW
It may encourage more visitors to town and Victoria Place
Create an improved atmosphere and shopping experience
Footfall
Jolly it up.
It will bring people back into the centre of the town. It's a brilliant idea.
Bring people in from outside the town also bring more people into town in a Sunday. People will then browse other shops. Have lunch etc
Markets are, if attractive and big enough, always an enjoyable alternative to supermarkets. Parking should be free, all over the borough.
Livelier. Providing you get good traders of course.
extra shoppers
bring more visitors in
Increased footfall and spending.
Bring new visitors to top end of the town and coach tours
Encourage more people to come into the town, which hopefully will generate more business for other trades people
It would bring more people into the town and that would be good for everyone
Hopefully, it will Encourage more people to the area to shop
Hopefully bring more people into the town so we can encourage other retailers to take over the empty shops.
Bring more people into the top end of town
Bring in more footfall. Provide access to a wider range of local quality food
It would bring life and vibrancy to the top of the town which is perceived to be pretty lifeless at present. It would be a reason to come to the precinct instead of all the action being in the Pantiles.
More people out and about. More atmosphere.
It will bring many more visitors/residents into the town.
Increased interest and variety, more footfall, enhancing the town as a destination.
Offer different goods being sold. Bringing people into the area.
Offering different goods. Bringing people into the shopping centre. Which will benefit the shops in general.
Bring life and activity to the town
Better employment, wealth creation, positive vibes, young people having things to do and hence minimise bad behaviour, entrepreneurship, Tunbridge Wells as a town of interest to tourists and visitors, and lots of other benefits. Nothing negative at all
Increase in footfall, attracting new businesses, good for residents.
Bigger footfall. More business

It will bring desperately needed residents and visitors into town to shop, and some life in Calverley Precinct, which quite frankly has been sad and of very low interest.
We often stay with friends in Hampshire and go highly rated Winchester Farmers market on a Sunday - we buy fab tasting food & drink (Old Winchester cheese!!) support local businesses & lunch in the pub - investing in local community. TW should do the same
May bring more people up to top end of town, and possibly keep them there longer.,
Increase in footfall at the top of 5he town that could spin off into RVP
If there is a possibility for local artists/craft makers and up market food providers to sell their wares.
It could provide an alternative source of fresh produce, fish, and meat.
Anything that increases footfall has to help business. The town centre needs livening up.
Hopefully with Primark to rejuvenate the upper part of the town.
Bring more people into town.
Might bring more people in from outside the town
Bring more people in, generate more business to
More people in the town centre on a Sunday would create more of a 'buzz' and the established shops would no doubt benefit from additional passing trade. If the market gains a good reputation, it would bring people in from out of town as well.
Hopefully bring more footfall to that part of the town on one of the quieter days of the week.
Increased footfall
More visitors, more footfall for existing shops, access to fresh local produce for residents.
Attract visitors and provide local interest
Increased footfall and interest in town centre, hopefully.
Increase footfall for local businesses, bigger sense of community, re-balance upper & lower town divide, attract more visitors from surrounding areas, keep local residents local, support local producers and crafts, create a buzz for the local community
Increase in revenue would support local businesses, will also aid more footfall into town. Residents need to support local businesses and farmers where possible. Fresh produce is beneficial to everyone.
More footfall, diversity in customer, smaller businesses can tarde at a lower cost, add to street/café culture.
A reason to visit. A new route to visit within the town. Evidence to residents and businesses that change is happening.
Anything to increase footfall is positive.
Access to fresh local produce for residents, community engagement, cultural exchange, supporting local businesses, visitor attractions.
Any events to help boost trade at the top of the town are most welcome and hopefully will increase footfall in Monson Road. We struggle as only a few shops are open as most are indepenednet and closed sundays. It would be great to have more footfall in Monson Road.
More residents to come into the town centre.

Do you have any additional comments and suggestions about the proposal?

All very positive
Please hurry up and do it!
It's should not be a farmers market type market let's have a typical market
I hope that this could be encouraged to get even bigger and maybe be able to spread further. Special Christmas markets would also be good for the towns
It's a great idea
A few stalls would feel sad. The bigger the better.
It's good to keep things local and encourage small business and local farming produce
Make parking free or cheaper. Bluewater is always busy as people can shop and browse at their leisure without fear of a big parking fee
It would be more successful if it attracted unique traders, Eg. Unique clothes retailers or farmers wares
Parking needs to be free or drastically reduced to make visiting Tunbridge Wells worth while. You could even introduce a maximum stay.
Free parking on a Sunday would support this.
Saturday would be better than Sunday. There used to be a market every Saturday outside the library/town hall; there was one near the Camden centre every Wednesday. There were fish and cheese vans at different points in time and place. Bring them back!
This should help to bring life back into the almost dead top of the town
Review after initial 3 months
All stall holders should be checked for quality control - see how Seven Dials market in London is run
Should encourage local crafts people to trade
Free parking
Benefits will only accrue if the quality of the street trading stalls is sufficiently high- lots of cheap tat would be worse than nothing!
It will be great if this kind of market will become a permanent feature every Sunday. It will become a celebration of colour, smells & nature
Free Sunday parking in all of the car parks great incentive for people to come to see Tunbridge Wells
Parking charges must be reduced preferably free
It should be a market that is available for all without having to pay an entry fee into the market. It would be good to have a variety of stalls, selling green grocery, bakery items, crafts, everyday items (but not tacky).
I would prefer the locally sourced 30-mile radius to be reduced to 10 miles
It's important that there is no haranguing of pedestrians as is currently the case with the charity groups that routinely block the access of pedestrians walking in the precinct as does Homeland which daily moves its wares far into the street.
I note litter collection is mentioned, I feel that's important. Bins overflowing at times already
The fact it is an all-day market might put off potential businesses. If you have to pay for a slot maybe allow a half day pitch
The pigeons need to be got rid of as they are vermin and could cause contamination to food items & then the unwitting public.

The current two stalls that are regulars opposite M&S seem to be very popular on Saturdays - it would be good if more were encouraged to join them, especially the stall holders from the former Farmers' Market, which is much missed
Restriction on permitted noise/ music.
The paving slabs are in poor condition and need to be replaced
no, but the canvassers and people trying to get you to join charities etc shouldn't be allowed
Please keep the stalls on Saturdays
That part of town needs regeneration massively- it's a mess
Free parking on Sundays
More interesting outdoor shopping
A market is good for the town and for shops will bring more people in
Local businesses that have permanent stores, should be supported not threatened. Business rates, rents and corporation tax have made it difficult for many to compete with tax clever online giants. Help business don't compete with it. Support free parking
A few years ago, I launched a campaign to try to get the dormant BHS site turned into an indoor market. The positive response from the community was stunning. We all love markets because unlike fixed retail you never know quite what to expect.
Saturday would be better
Please make parking free on Sunday in the car parks and surrounding roads
Free parking for the duration of the market would be essential for its success and to make it an attractive, viable option
Too many of the stalls at the former Farmers' Market in Civic Way, and especially those in the Pantiles Market, sell high-end or 'artisan' goods. What would be most desirable is to have local traders offering local produce at sensible prices.
i think it's a fantastic idea for the current shops trading and for RVP
Please supply enough bins for the rubbish that this will create. Thanks
Extend the proposal to Saturdays and possibly Fridays. Something needs to be done to inject life into the town centre.
You could extend to Saturday for a farmer's market
Community groups could be encouraged to run stalls e.g. community allotment holders to sell surplus stock. The cost for community stall holders should be minimal
As long as the precinct is kept clean, litter free & safe.
Would there be a conflict of interest with the Pantiles markets? should dates be synchronised to avoid a clash?
should this prove popular consider both Saturday and Sunday
Make it happen!
I'd rather small local business than stalls selling "tat" and mass-produced cheap rubbish
Would love to see Tunbridge Wells regaining its former, and unfortunately long-gone, glory.
Bring life to an otherwise lifeless area
It is important that the street trading only allows good quality, individual, specialised type stalls
No
Would like to see a this on other days of the week.
No Buskers. At All. Absolutely none.
Would need to consider suspending parking fees or limiting for short period to allow for visitors. Not sure what parking fees are currently on a Sunday
Make sure it is affordable as to high a price will be past on by dearer products meaning less people coming.
As long as they clear up after themselves, I think it can only be beneficial
I have worries this may increase littering [already a problem in TW] increase anti social behaviour already a problem and rogue traders.

Make Car Parks free at the Northern End of the town on a Sunday. That will encourage more shoppers and help the area.
When Royal Victoria Place was built the thriving and very good market was displaced. I would be very pleased to see a street market return to the upper part of the town.
I hope the market will offer more foods in addition to the existing fish and pie stalls
Great idea
If it is going to be detrimental to the markets in The Pantiles, then I would not be in favour.
make sure there is a good variety of goods on offer including food and artisan products. Maintain good quality of goods
Why is the font for replies so ridiculously small? I can barely see what I have written.
Maybe lower parking charges?
It would be good to have a proper artisan market for instance a French food market or great local British produce by producers that supply local restaurants and cafes.
Must be matched by relaxation of parking constraints which are killing the town as a welcoming venue.
A return of the old Saturday farmers market would be preferable to a Sunday one
How about a world food market, showcasing British, Asian, Chinese, Carribean, African, Spanish, French, Italian, Middle Eastern foods and produce. Let's bring more diversity in all aspects to the town.
We don't need cheap and tacky stalls. We need mid price up stalls.
Parking should be free on Sundays as the charge puts off many people visiting the town
The street trading in Calverley precinct should be 7 days a week to make any difference to the town trading
No
Please do not allow the charity touts to operate in this area - it is not pleasant being accosted by various organisations trying to get you to sign up to donations if one sort or another
No
TW lacks a genuine 'market.' The craft/speciality market in the Pantiles is successful, but TW lacks a conventional market. (See Sevenoaks, and Tonbridge) Where are the vfruit and veg? Plants and flowers? Meat and fish?
Why just Sunday? What about Saturday?
No
It would also be beneficial to the town to maybe make the parking cheaper, or maybe an hour's free parking, I know the expense of parking put people off coming into town
Maybe a flower stall, as it would add a colourful boost and a much-needed florist in the locality. A piazza where people can enjoy different foods, sushi, Mexican, even Polynesian. Something different to the plethora of Italian eateries. TW is multi cti
Should be reviewed after a year of trading
Is there any chance of it taking place on a Saturday rather than a Sunday as there is no public transport on Sundays.s.
Themed arts / music / Xmas markets would be so beneficial, not just Sundays but all weekend. Get the town lively again.
It should be open to traders other than just food and drinks eg jewellery, esoteric stand, stalls for local associations to promote events (eg scouts, DofE, U3A, Hospice in the Weald etc
Would only approve of local artisans and farmer's market traders. Do not want to see "bargain basement" traders.
Make parking free or a minimal charge on that Sunday
Why just Sundays?
Make it economically viable for people to want to have a stall. If there are charges incurred by the stall holders are reasonable. I have a qualification in retail and the first thing you learn is its more expensive to leave a place empty.
No

Latterly the market had too many sweets and cake stalls. Must have fish, plenty of veg stalls, cheese, charcuterie, less of the 'home made' jewellery, wood turning, amateurish 'craft' items. Preferably NOT one licence to a single organiser - who creams a%
Not enough outdoor places for people to sit
Free or cheaper Sunday parking would in courage more visitors
No
Also bring back the farmers market outside the Amelia
Free car parking might help.
No
Firstly, free parking on Sundays and also covered walks or areas for when it rains and finally some hot drinks and live entertainment.
The town desperately needs initiatives like this to grow and compete against neighbouring towns
Why only Sunday?
It will detrimental to the struggling independent food shops. Most people who wish to buy artisan food go to the bottom of the town. If there are no buses, I wouldn't visit anyway
Definitely do not need more burger type eateries or tatty rubbish items for sale it needs to be brought up to the standards on the Pantiles.
Signage from the station would be vital. Visitors are very confused by the fact that the town is in two halves. People often ask, outside Hoopers, if we have a M&S in Tunbridge Wells!
Yes, bring in other stalls selling crafts
No
no
Get useful and valuable shops in the shopping centre - like primark with all ages clothes, h&m with all ages clothes, pop up shops, hobbycraft type shop, pet shop. etc etc
Would like a mix of stalls such as fruit and vegetable/clothes/crafts and not just artisan ware which is available on the Pantiles
This operation will damage the market established already in the Pantiles which it badly needs to attract footfall and customers
diversify a bit like the pantiles and encourage food and drink so people settle and stay like pantiles
This will be fantastic for our town shame it won't be on a weekday or Saturday as don't usually come into town on a Sunday because from September/ May the kids have football or rugby on Sunday's.
People enjoy walking round a market with varied stalls ie clothes, antiques, food etc
no
OPEN UP ROAD TO MONSON ROAD IN FRONT OF TOWN HALL. OTHERWISE, THERE WILL BE CONGESTION ON THE ROADS AROUND THE CENTRE. and put people coming into town again.
Litter control will be important. Signs for toilets put up.
Link it to include Ely Court so business there also benefit. Build it around the existing regular stallholders (fish, pies, biltong) who I would be very sorry to lose. Accommodate stallholders' vehicles. Charge them a low rent (Tunbridge Wells needs them
No
The fish stall on Saturdays is a major current attraction. Please consider strengthening the existing Saturday market. Please offer stallholders free local parking! For safety Camden Road needs 20mph signs to remind drivers of the 20-mph zone.
Suggest try for 12 months.
Farmers market would be ideal
Like to see more proper farmers to market rather than candle makers
None.
No
Would be good to allow stalls to sell food and alcohol, such as local breweries
Make it everyday products. That area has had non commercial businesses that last 10 mins as to niche.

None
Excellent idea
Good mix of stalls including local home-made crafts (not just food & drink) would be good
Just pass the plans and let's have a breadth of fresh air to the town
Car parking. Extend residents parking in Dudley to include Sunday. Non residents double park entire length of Dudley on Sunday
Parking and traffic issues are always a problem, so any increased number of visitors needs to be considered in these terms
I feel it would cheer the town up bit
I think this is a great idea
If there are market stalls, try and make sure it's something the local people would need
Free parking
Only that the space is already limited by benches, lamp posts and other street furniture so there is limited space available for market stalls. The area in front of the Town Hall might be a better location
1) Arboricultural work needed to increase the light level 2) Investment in Christmas decorations enhance the market. 3) Perhaps 4pm feels too late for traders & 3 or 3.30pm better?
The upper town needs livening up
Tunbridge wells should have a weekly market which should accommodate the farmer's market. This would benefit the rest of the town's traders. St Albans has a very successful market and Tunbridge Wells is missing a trick here.
Hopefully, some good quality food stalls
A mixed market perhaps focussing on certain goods for selected days, Saturdays and Sundays. Regionally/locally produced food, and cooking. Collectibles. Used period clothing, Plants
Please just be mindful of protecting parking for town centre residents. Zone G is rarely fully covered by wardens on Sundays and the increased number of visitors may well make parking more difficult. Also, Garden St is a problem on Sundays.
Just need to think about free parking on Sundays!
Free parking for 2 hours? Or a set time to encourage people to come in
Perhaps some free parking as well
Make sure there are strict rules about the style of stall and what they sell. It would look horrid if it ended up looking like the streets of Whitehall which are all lined with dirty stalls selling saris and similar.
Make parking free for duration of the market
Needs to include quality stalls and the precinct needs outdoor cafe/restaurant seating like in Europe.
Just make sure the stalls suit everybody's pocket, not too expensive as people won't visit it.
Any stall should not compete with permanent address businesses
Parking will have to be cheap, say £1 fee for the day, otherwise people will not come.
Have a variety of stall holders selling a mixture of things so it could include everyday foodstuff such as fruit and vegetables, but also more artisan goods. Plus non food items, clothing, accessories etc.
No
A covered market would be preferable for inclement weather, but that may not be cost effective.
Watford town centre has a great, vibrant user-friendly vibe. A similar approach could be beneficial, positive, and outgoing.
I think it is important to ensure that there is a variety of artisan type traders
I think as long as it is properly managed it would be quite a good thing for the town. as it would encourage more people into town. I am concerned about the vehicles used to transport the goods in as they have to go somewhere.
Why restrict the market to local produce. There are I am sure many local businesses that sell good value (not cheap necessarily) items from other parts of the world. Fruit for example.
Encouragement for stall holders to keep prices reasonable.

Hope it is restricted to local producers & some will sell food to eat on the street. I miss the old farmer's market! Would be fantastic to see this happen.
I do object to the radius of suppliers being 30 miles. That is too great. I strongly object to any trader coming from even further afield.
Fully behind this excellent proposal
A local farmers' market will be a boost for the town's economy and eco friendly vibe, less packaging, fresh produce and local job opportunities.
Only that I think it's a great idea and that a market similar to the Pantiles market, but at the top of town, would benefit both the town and the surrounding businesses
I really miss the farmers market we used to have in front of library.
No
Yes, and these have been submitted to the chair of the Licensing Committee as above.
I did Southborough Town Square Market 100824; same setup as Calverley Precinct proposal: gazebos or trucks outdoors. It is a wind tunnel. I did sell, but the damage risk to cards & art blown off the display from wind is too great to sell outdoors again.
Sunday will be quiet whereas on Sat - folk may decide to go for drinks and eats. A farmers' market is only half the story. You need the Independents in fact 70/30 would be the right mix. Veg is heavy to carry and would give Indies a home for their wares.
Let's do it!
Should be a diverse selection of traders, rather than something that mirrors eg farmers market with mainly food stall. Stall prices should be affordable for small traders to increase individuality and diversity.
That market stools are not too expensive, as a lot of these traders will be local people with local businesses. Could we also try and have a variety of stools, rather than just filling spaces.
The only other comment would be around parking charges alongside these initiatives as they do put a barrier to people visiting the town.
If agreed, this should be implemented as soon as possible, before we lose the few remaining visitors, we have
We need better quality fresh and locally produced food from small producers for the health benefits that brings to the residents in the town.
Having done market trading myself in the past it is important that stall fees are not excessive in order to maintain the interest of the traders in the market
Please do not allow the stalls to be competing with permanent stores and businesses. Example: We have permanent mobile accessory stores, so we don't need a stall/s popping up at xmas and taking their custom.
A market is a great idea, means I won't have to travel to Tonbridge market
This rules out us and friends as pensioners
Care should be taken to ensure this type of market and the ones held on the Pantiles are discernibly different
Better placed in the square outside The Camden Centre in the RVP - more room. Please make it proper market to include produce not just the same old scented candles and assorted tat.
Is it not possible to have it on Saturdays as well?
Home grown vegetables and fruit please - perhaps from allotment holders.
Would be great to make it as big an attraction as possible. More stalls, more variety, more likely people will show up. Maybe tie in with farmer's market or food market. Tonbridge market is a good example.
I think this is a great idea I have always thought a street market would be great for the town
How far is this proposal because of the increased congestion in the Pantiles meaning there is less scope for traders (as opposed to restaurants) in the Pantiles. Perhaps a clear distinction between types of stalls in Pantiles and Calverley? n
Why a Sunday why not during the week or a Saturday
Allow entertainment and perhaps free parking on a Sunday
No
it should be 7 days a week market trading in Calverley precinct

Keep the area cleaner. it's often disgusting. include windows! Local volunteers perhaps? More seating, more greenery, more evenly distributed 'eating' facilities. Provision of doggy poo bags and waste bins !!!!
Yes. Free parking on a Sunday
Parking charges must be reduced preferably free
Cafés and restaurants should be incentivised to occupy empty shop premises and to expand on to the precinct. It would revitalise and re-energise Calverley Road and the top of the town.
Have to complement rather than compete with The Pantiles
Does not solve the problem of parking Sundays should be free as an incentive. It's too easy to go to bluewater
greengrocer, bread stall, egg stall, home made cake stall, plant stall. No need for coffee stall or fast-food greasy stalls, household stall, game stall....
More signage would be beneficial to attract visitors from one end of the town to the other. I've often been asked where M&S is when I've been passing Hoopers or where the Pantiles are. More prominent maps/signs might help.
My main concern would be not only the rubbish but also the staining of paving stones, especially regarding food outlets. It's not just a matter of picking up rubbish.
Has the possible effect on footfall in the Pantiles weekend markets and events been considered?
Why isn't Tunbridge Wells the thriving and buzzy town full of independent retailers and eateries that Lewes seems
Why Sunday?? I would much prefer a weekday or Saturday. Sundays are family/church days so likely to have lower numbers for the traders.
Litter clearance after the market is essential but, if the implied high standards are to be maintained, litter clearance should be a priority throughout the day.
Ensure cyclists, scooters etc are kept out of the precinct as the space will be even more limited and should be accessible to pedestrians only.
we have a lot of independent businesses in Tunbridge Wells, this sort of market could be detrimental to them.
Just let it go ahead
Your questions ask only yes or no. There should be 5 levels available from very in favour to very against. It makes the survey next to useless. Buskers MUST NOT be amplified - at the moment they are.
It maybe considered that in the past there has been a little unrest from businesses bottom of town with increased attention to top end. For our service increase needed in litter bin emptying / cleansing until end of Sunday trading. Potential trade waste
Free parking on Sundays would also encourage people to come.
Please you are considering such a change, well done. It's quite dead on a Sunday in town.
No
Registration should be free of charge. It should not be an opportunity for TWBC to rake in cash, similar to the illegal cash collected from the failed Kent County Council Highways no entry to Mount Pleasant Road
More seating would be nice if there were any food trucks. And maybe use Ely Court as an overspill area to eat/drink and enjoy those restaurants too
As long as the traders are of a standard and not fly by night merchants and there is a good choice i.e. not all pet stalls!
No
No obstruction of a through walkway both sides
Outdoor cafes would be good there too.
Advertise
Make sure the quality of traders is high. Make them interesting and diverse. Do not have the same traders well in week out. Change them up a bit
As above. Hope it is a success.
Just avoid trashy vendors. Food and drink always go down well. And local producers.

disabled parking needed close to calverley road
make parking free on Sundays
just do it now
No
It needs to be quality items, ideally local. So many market stalls are selling mass produced tat, that doesn't encourage anyone to spend. With Christmas not to go far in the distance it would be good if local craftspeople had access. Vet the stalls first
It needs to be made viable and attractive to encourage local producers to come eg affordable stalls
To be successful there must be free (or maybe £1) parking available in the multi-storeys.
Cancel carpark charges during the opening hours of the mrket.
I like buskers but please ban all forms of amplification - there's no need for it and it make busking a nuisance instead of a benefit.
Need sometime new to regenerate a dying shopping centre.
The scheme should expand beyond just the precinct including closure of Monson Road for street markets. Also allow street food & drink stalls in the scheme. Can extend beyond Sundays. And an indoor market will also benefit the town
As a new resident I'm surprised there are no farmers shops with fresh fruits and vegetables in the area except for one on Camden Road which doesn't always have fresh products.
Retail would benefit by additional footfall. Pop up business and markets will offer a variety of creative street products at affordable prices too. Keep price of stands down to ensure a broad interest. Suggestion box at the precinct. Great music /buskers.
Long overdue - the French and Italians have been utilising the streets for local traders for a long time and since 9/11 its difficult to bring food & drink home from hols the UK should do MORE to get us to support our local farmers, winemakers, etc.
Not sure what the parking tariffs are on a Sunday - but if they are cheaper than standard rate that would be useful
Why Tunbridge wells?
Please try not to give stalls to cheap clothing and household goods..... we will have plenty of that in the new Primark.
Long overdue!
Ensure widest possible promotion through the media. The BBC are already nearby I believe.
Why just Sunday? What about Saturday?
After some years I nowfind the Pantiles market repetitive and don't go there as often as I used to. A farmers' market would sell useful things, ie food, that could be bought regularly. Or at least not the same items/stalls all the time.
To allow live music while the market is trading
I would be concerned with a number of things as follows: What it looks like; quality of the offering from stallholders; to ensure that there is regular churn of the stalls, so the offer is kept "fresh"; ensure there is no direct competition with retailers
Prescribe the variety/type of vendor so it's not all craft/ olive merchants
It's worth a try as Tunbridge Wells is a shadow of its former self.
Trees on Calverley precinct could do with a trim to make the street more airy and lighter. More street scene/signage to promote businesses in surrounding shopping streets (Monson, Camden Rd), keep streets clean (esp. five ways), reduce alcohol consumption
As with all market trading, trading standards are important as too often markets are selling dodgy goods and non CE/UKCA marked products. We do not want to see this in Tunbridge Wells.

If you do not support the proposed changes, please provide the reason(s) why below.

The permanent businesses that are located locally, pay rents, rates etc. 365 days of the year only to have these pop ups cream off their business are key times. The focus should be on getting better stores, and free parking. This will bring customers back
Sunday should be a quiet day
Market Traders outside the library found the council fees to set up their stalls to be too high and many disappeared because it was not worth their while.
There are plenty of unused premises in this part of Tunbridge Wells. It is not necessary to use the street.
At this time, with the current shopping centre being half empty I think having the market wouldn't achieve much. There's not enough around to do when people finish looking at the market
Inevitably poor trading standards will develop as the scheme grows with cheap goods being sold by itinerant traders as well as the littering mess that this type of trading creates.
We already have independent greengrocers, butchers, and fishmongers! Most are already struggling to keep open with cost of living and pay rents, business rate and bid district payments!
Sunday is the WRONG DAY it should be Saturday!!!
The stalls on the Pantiles, and most other "markets" offer poor quality and poor value.
Charging traders £200.00 for an application automatically puts traders off coming. As well as their transport costs and possible wages, it is not a viable proposal.
Why not paddock wood, close commercial road on a Sunday