



KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Fast Food Vendor Policy

On receipt of an enquiry regarding fast food vendors, Council will refer all initial enquiries to East Suffolk Council (ESC) based at Riduna Park in Melton, Suffolk.

ESC has a policy entitled: 'A Strategic Compliance and Enforcement Policy to Secure Better Regulation Service Delivery Outcomes for the Councils' Regulatory Services'. This includes 'Environmental Health – i.e. food safety, port health, health and safety, environmental protection including statutory nuisances, contaminated land, fly tipping' governing this area.

ESC will either have direct or indirect responsibility for any applications for Fast Food outlets on land it owns or is owned by Suffolk County Council or on private land as a consultee/permit provider. Council may be asked to comment on these applications and will use the policy outlined below for its own land as the basis for its response.

Council owns land that potentially can be used for Fast Food Vendor outlets, namely the Rupert Fison Centre (RFC), the Council Office car park, the Millennium Sports Ground (and its car park) and other Public Open Spaces it owns or leases. The RFC and other areas are restricted in their permitted use by their respective leases and land adoption covenants. These must be taken into account when considering enquiries in addition to the following:

- Any restrictions imposed on the land by leases or covenants.
- The proximity to housing with respect to noise, odours, parking issues, safety etc.
- Residents' views.
- Opening hours – short open hours are preferred to all day trading.
- The likelihood of the amount of litter that will be produced.
- Only one vendor at the same time.
- Healthy options.
- Environmental impact.
- Other similar food outlets in the area.
- The number of days trading on the site - once or may be twice a week is the norm.

If a request is approved, then a rent agreement will be put in place including arrangements for setting up, trading and clearing away along with any duration and review arrangements.

Council will monitor the operator to make sure it is fulfilling its obligations in the agreement. Council typically reserves the right to cancel the arrangement with 1 months' notice at any time.

Council has allocated a Thursday, 4pm-8pm on the Council car park at Ferguson Way for one fast food vendor. Due to restrictions on available land and planning permission it is Council policy to restrict hosting in this location to one vendor.

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Next review due: 02 June 2028