



Business opportunities for Torridge Evening Concessions

Description

Torridge District Councils Estates team are inviting business owners to register their interest in taking up an evening food concession for the 2024 spring / summer season.

We are encouraging businesses who will assist in Torridge's evening economy.

Three temporary pitches have been made available in Torridge.

1. Bideford Quay (Opposite Post Office)
2. Great Torrington South Street (Sydney House) Car Park
3. Holsworthy Manor Car Park

Torridge District Council believes that these sites have the potential to be a significant tourist and local resident destination. The concessions will help to support local businesses and enterprises to gain a platform to start, grow and succeed.

We will consider business plans from food vendors who are looking to bring new audiences to the streets of Bideford, Great Torrington and Holsworthy to support the evening economy. Food concessions should deliver a range of healthy options and promote local produce and businesses.

Concession Details

- Spring / Summer trial concession duration: April – September 2024 (6-month trial period)
- Three temporary pitches have been made available in Bideford, Great Torrington and Holsworthy
- Designated Trading Days: Monday – Sunday.
- Designated Trading Hours between: 16:00pm – 21:00pm

Important information

- Food concessions should deliver a range of healthy options and promote local produce and businesses.
- Recyclable materials for food/drink distribution to be used. No single use plastics.
- Traders can only utilise the area of the pitch that has been given. They will not be able to use the space outside of the allocated pitch.
- Car parking is not available on the pitch. Parking will be paid and arranged by the trader.
- Concessions must increase choice to customers, not creating an overly competitive environment for existing businesses within the immediate area.
- The concession will need to be packed up and moved away at the end of each trading day.
- The concession will not be allowed to stay overnight.
- On event days that run into the evening the concession will not be allowed to take place.
- The sale of alcohol is not permitted.
- If a generator is required only a sensitive electrical generating appliance with a noise rating of no more than 60 dB(A) at 1.0m distance from source will be allowed

Bideford Concession rates

- Bideford Quay (Opposite Post Office)
- The rate / rental of 1 x pitch will be £15 + VAT per evening.
- There will be a one-off licence fee due @ 41.67 + VAT.
- The business rates payable is £239.52 unless you can claim exemption. For further details please see <https://www.torridge.gov.uk/businessrates>
- Utilities Fee @ £5.00 + VAT per day for the use of electricity and water.
- The size of each pitch is 4.85m x 4.35m

Great Torrington Concession rates

- Great Torrington South Street (Sydney House) Car Park
- The rate / rental of 1 x pitch will be £15 + VAT per evening.
- There will be a one-off licence fee due @ £41.67 + VAT.
- The approximate business rates payable is £239.52 unless you can claim exemption. For further details please see <https://www.torridge.gov.uk/businessrates>
- Pitch location within the Car Park to be confirmed following application.

Holsworthy Concession rates

- Holsworthy Manor Car Park
- The rate / rental of 1 x pitch will be £15 + VAT per evening.
- There will be a one-off licence fee due @ £41.67 + VAT.
- The approximate business rates payable is £239.52 unless you can claim exemption. For further details please see <https://www.torridge.gov.uk/businessrates>
- Pitch location within the Car Park to be confirmed following application.

In your Expression of Interest form the Estates team will be looking for:

- A workable business plan, a clear product offer and sound financial planning
- A full trading history / previous experience (including any relevant qualifications)
- Please state which Car Parks you wish to trade in and what day(s)
- Consistent product quality and range of products
- Environmentally considerate and sustainable business practice
- An attractive concession unit - a picture of your mobile unit / shepherd hut or gazebo to be sent through.

If your offer is accepted, you will need to provide the following documents before trading commences:

- Risk assessments specific to your business/location.
- Valid public liability insurance and employer's liability insurance to the value of at least £5m
- Equipment safety certificates
- Environmental food safety and hygiene certificates for food and drink concessions

The overall aim is to identify, develop and maximise additional commercial opportunities, including the enhancement of existing facilities, services, and attractions within the area. We will ensure that concessions granted are of a high quality and a "good fit" with local needs and aspirations. We will encourage and promote activities that fit in with approved local strategies and add to the attraction of the towns.

We are encouraging increased commercial activity across Torrington to provide a greater economic benefit to the towns, by considering concessions that are not just seasonal but are prepared to return year on year.

To register your expression of interest, please complete the expression of interest document by **Monday 11th March 2024 at 5pm**. Successful applicants will be notified by **Friday 15th March 2024**.

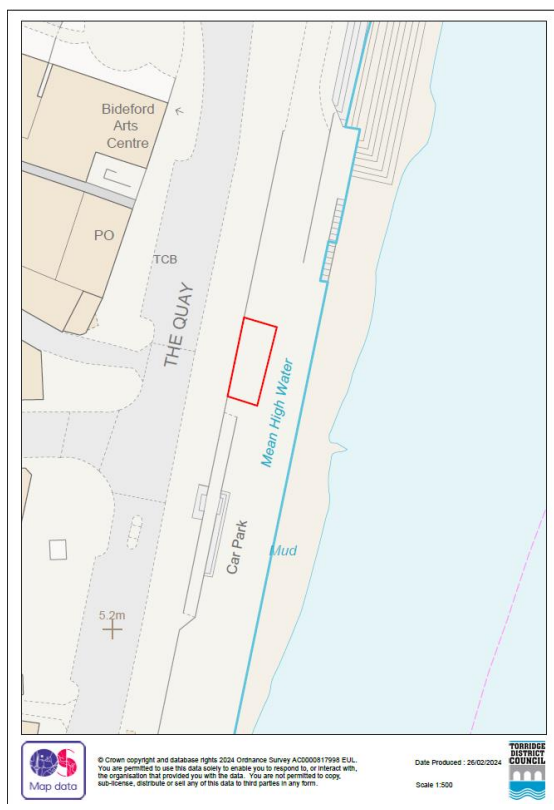
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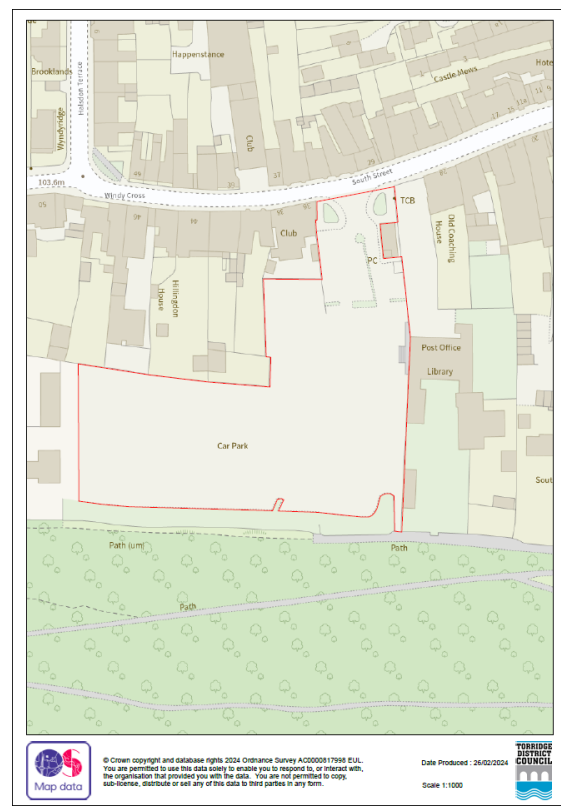
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