

AGENDA ITEM No. 10
NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: The Education Resources Sub-Committee	Subject: PETITION : STREET TRADERS OPERATING ADJACENT TO ST AMBROSE HIGH SCHOOL, BLAIRHILL
From: Director of Education	
Date: October 2001	
Ref: MM/KF/MB	

Summary

This report is a petition from Coatbridge residents complaining about street traders operating adjacent to St Ambrose High School.

Recommendations

The education resources sub-committee is recommended:

- (i) to note the terms of the petition from Coatbridge residents objecting to the street traders operating adjacent to St Ambrose High School, Coatbridge.
- (ii) to note the action taken by the department to avoid the problems associated with street traders

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NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL : DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Petition: Street Traders Operating Adjacent to St Ambrose High School, Blairhill

Report by the director of education

1. INTRODUCTION

A petition has been received from Coatbridge residents raising objections to street traders operating adjacent to St Ambrose High School. They have complained about problems of road safety, litter and misbehaviour among pupils.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The policy of the education department is that mobile shops and vans should not be permitted to operate within the school grounds for terms of pupils safety.
- 2.2 Mobile vans which operate in residential areas require to have a street traders licence from the council. The education committee has approved a policy of objecting to applications which impact on schools.
- 2.3 The department of legal services have advised that the two mobile vans referred to in the petition are operating legitimately.
- 2.4 The head teacher has also expressed concerns about the location of the street traders and made representation to the licensing committee. He has highlighted that the street trader provision encourages pupils to leave the school campus resulting in problems with road safety and bullying. The promotion of healthy eating is made less effective at the school. The head teacher has also received complaints from the adjacent neighbourhood about misbehaviour and litter and has contacted the police on several occasions.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

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