

Street Café Style Guide

The guidelines below cover the whole of Oxford City.

Location

You must consider the following points:

- Pedestrian and vehicle activity must not be compromised
- Safety and convenience of customers and the public
- Environmental Effects
- Proximity to existing street furniture
- Proximity to respective indoor premises

Size and Layout

The street café should be located directly outside of the business premises, where possible.

The area of the street café should be no wider than the associated business premises and be contained within that width.

The extent and shape of the available space will determine the layout, orientation and choice of furniture.

The minimum depth for a street café is 1 metre.

Street café furniture and layout cannot obstruct emergency exits and must allow access to services, ramps and other building entrances.

Provisions must be made for customers with mobility difficulties by allowing adequate access and space around tables.

A 2 metre wide, clear pedestrian route must be maintained on the pavement outside the premises.

Individual tables must not be more than 1x1 metre in size, or for a round table the diameter must be no more than 1 metre.

Barriers, Enclosures and Advertising

You are able to use barriers to define the street café area however these need to be removed at the end of daily trading or designed as an integral part of the open space.

Where space permits, plant boxes can be used as partitions however, they would have to be stored away after daily trading along with any other furniture outside of business hours.

Advertising on barriers, use of umbrellas and free standing advertising boards will be considered on an individual basis.

Furniture

Furniture is defined as chairs, tables, umbrellas, boards, plant boxes and signs.

The furniture needs to make a positive contribution to the street scene and should integrate well with the surrounding architecture and cityscape.

All furniture should be of a high standard and be suitable for all weather conditions. It needs to be safe, with no sharp edges or moving parts, must be easy to stack or fold and store away indoors.

Plastic white and reflective furniture will be rejected.

Furniture needs to be kept in good order and replaced if broken.

Umbrellas

Umbrellas are to be securely fixed to withstand the effects of wind and should be removed in very windy conditions.

They should not be fixed to the pavement and should not overhang onto pedestrian areas.

The height of the umbrella shall be at least 2.2 metres from the ground and be manufactured from fire retardant material.

Umbrellas should be of muted and neutral colours. Beach style umbrellas are not suitable.

You must keep umbrellas clean, well maintained and in good working order.

General Consideration

The street café must be kept tidy. All food and drink litter/remnants should be removed from the pavement frequently.

The pavement area should be washed on a daily basis to clear any food or drink spills and chewing gum.

Additional washing and toilet facilities may be required depending on the number of new outdoor seats provided.

Unbreakable glass is recommended for use in the outdoor seating areas.