

# Site Management Agreement between PFRA and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

The purpose and spirit of this voluntary Site Management Agreement (SMA) is to facilitate face-to-face fundraising in Solihull, Shirley, and Knowle town centres and provide balance between the rights of charities or not-for-profit organisations to fundraise and the rights of the public to go about their business without the impression of undue inconvenience. For the avoidance of doubt, this document does not constitute a legal contract.

Once this agreement is in place it should minimise the administration for all concerned, providing just one channel for information and support, as nominated 'gatekeepers' only have to deal with one organisation, the PFRA, instead of dealing with each individual charity and fundraising organisation separately.

## Statement of Conformity

- 1) All fundraisers will abide at all times by the Institute of Fundraising [Face-to-Face Activity Code of Fundraising Practice](#), the PFRA / Institute of Fundraising abridged code of practice (Appendix 1), and any rules [promulgated by the PFRA](#) from time to time.

## Access Details

### Sites, team sizes, and frequency

- 1) Sites may be used as follows, as shown in the maps at Appendix 2:

#### **Solihull:**

Pedestrianised area of High St between Poplar Rd and Mill Lane.

Fundraisers are to avoid the entrances to Touchwood shopping centre (near Mill Lane and Poplar Rd), remain within the bollards indicating the central part of the pedestrianised road, and space themselves out

Capacity: maximum of 6 fundraisers

Frequency: fundraising may take place no more than 2 days per week.

Fundraising is not permitted on Saturdays.

**Shirley:**

Stratford Rd (A34)

Capacity: maximum of 5 fundraisers

Frequency: fundraising may take place no more than 2 days per week, excluding Saturdays

**Knowle:**

The High St and the pedestrianised area in the Knowle Shopping Centre, known as St Johns Way. No fundraising to be directly in front of shops.

Capacity: maximum of 5 fundraisers

Frequency: fundraising may take place no more than 2 days per week excluding Saturdays.

- 2) Where fundraisers are found to be working outside of the agreed locations, they must comply with requests made by Local Authority Officers and reposition themselves correctly or as directed on-site. Failure to do so may result in the imposition of penalties or sanctions according to rules promulgated by the PFRA.
- 3) Only one charity will be present in any of the three town centres on any one day.
- 4) Fundraising will only be permitted between the hours of 9am and 7pm, unless otherwise specified.
- 5) Exclusion Dates etc are to be announced by the Council (e.g specific event days) and must be pre booked as part of the PFRA Diary Management System. Any exclusion dates to give a minimum of 4 weeks notice to the PFRA from date of diary delivery.

**Other Conditions**

- 6) Fundraisers should be positioned in such a way as to offer an adequate 'comfort zone' to those users of the public highway who do not wish to engage and should endeavour at all times not to impede the egress of any member of the public. In furtherance of this, it is desirable that a minimum footway channel of 1 metre be maintained between fundraisers and the kerb / shop frontage where it is reasonable to do so. Fundraisers will not fundraise in any of the demarcated Town Centre Promotional Event Spaces which will be advised by Town Centre Management, or within 2 metres of demarcated Big Issue Vendor sites.
- 7) Fundraisers are at no point to be within 3-metres of any shop entrance or, where permitted, within 6-metres of the frontage of any licensed market/street trader.



Every effort must be expended to maintain a reasonable distance of 3-metres between fundraisers and any other legitimate street activities (e.g. Big Issue sellers, buskers, newspaper stands, promotional activities and market researching).

- 8) All fundraisers must wear official tabards or other official distinctive clothing to enable shoppers and other pedestrians to identify them from a distance. All fundraisers must wear official identity cards clearly visible on the upper body with personal details and photograph of the fundraiser in accordance with the activity being undertaken at the time.

### **Information Required**

#### Nominated Gatekeeper

- 1) The nominated gatekeeper for Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council is Anne Bettison and his/her contact details are [abettison@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:abettison@solihull.gov.uk) 0121 704 6817. In his/her absence all enquiries should be made to [connectcc@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:connectcc@solihull.gov.uk) or call 0121 704 8003.

#### Required Information

- 2) The PFRA Allocations Officer will maintain and manage the diary schedule. Diary/Schedule information will include: contact details for the agency (if applicable); and charity being fundraised for.
- 3) Copies of the diary are to be made available to:

Licensing Team Leader, Anne Bettison, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council  
e-mail: [abettison@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:abettison@solihull.gov.uk)  
0121 704 6817

Licensing Officer, Janette Hand, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council  
e-mail: [janettehand@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:janettehand@solihull.gov.uk)  
0121 704 6792

Licensing Assistant, Angela Scholey, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council  
e-mail: [ascholey@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:ascholey@solihull.gov.uk)  
0121 704 6804

Town Centre Manager, Becki Wood, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council  
e-mail: [bewood@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:bewood@solihull.gov.uk)  
0121 704 6546 or 0121 704 8752

- 4) These contact details shall be updated as and when necessary.

#### Transition and continuity

- 5) Should the nominated gatekeeper move on or responsibilities otherwise change, the gatekeeper will inform his/her successor of the detail of this agreement, the relationship with the PFRA, arrangements for the regulation of face-to-face fundraising, and provide the PFRA with contact details for the successor.

### **Complaint Management**

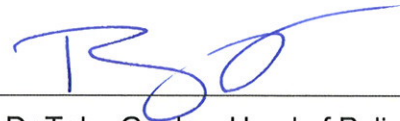
- 1) PFRA will log, monitor and inform the Council of complaints received on an annual basis, if requested. The Council will provide real time notification of individual complaints and cumulative volume on an annual basis. Where the collection agencies themselves receive complaints it is expected that they will provide information to the PFRA including information about the identities of any individual collector the subject of a complaint and of the action taken (if any) by the collection agency.

### **Working Together**

- 1) The local authority agrees to work with the PFRA to raise awareness regarding this site management scheme, including explanations on what face-to-face fundraising is, the PFRA, the Code of Practice, and facts about Direct Debit.
- 2) The PFRA will monitor member organisations, through a programme of random spot-checks and other mechanisms, to ensure fundraisers' adherence to the code of practice and Site Management Agreements, from time to time.
- 3) Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council will be notified of the results of any spot checks carried out.
- 4) This SMA will be reviewed 6 months after it is signed, and then once every 12 months, if necessary, or earlier if there is just cause to do so. All amendments will be agreed in writing before becoming effective. Either party can withdraw from this agreement, giving 3 months' notice in writing.

5) Depending on when this agreement is signed, in relation to the PFRA's bidding/allocation cycle, there will be a lead-time of up to 8 weeks before the agreement can be fully implemented.

Signed For and On Behalf Of PFRA:

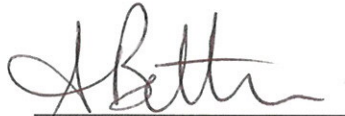


Dr Toby Ganley, Head of Policy

Date:

01.02.12

Signed For and On Behalf Of Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council:



Print name:

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Job title:

LICENSING TEAM LEADER

Dated:

08.03.2012



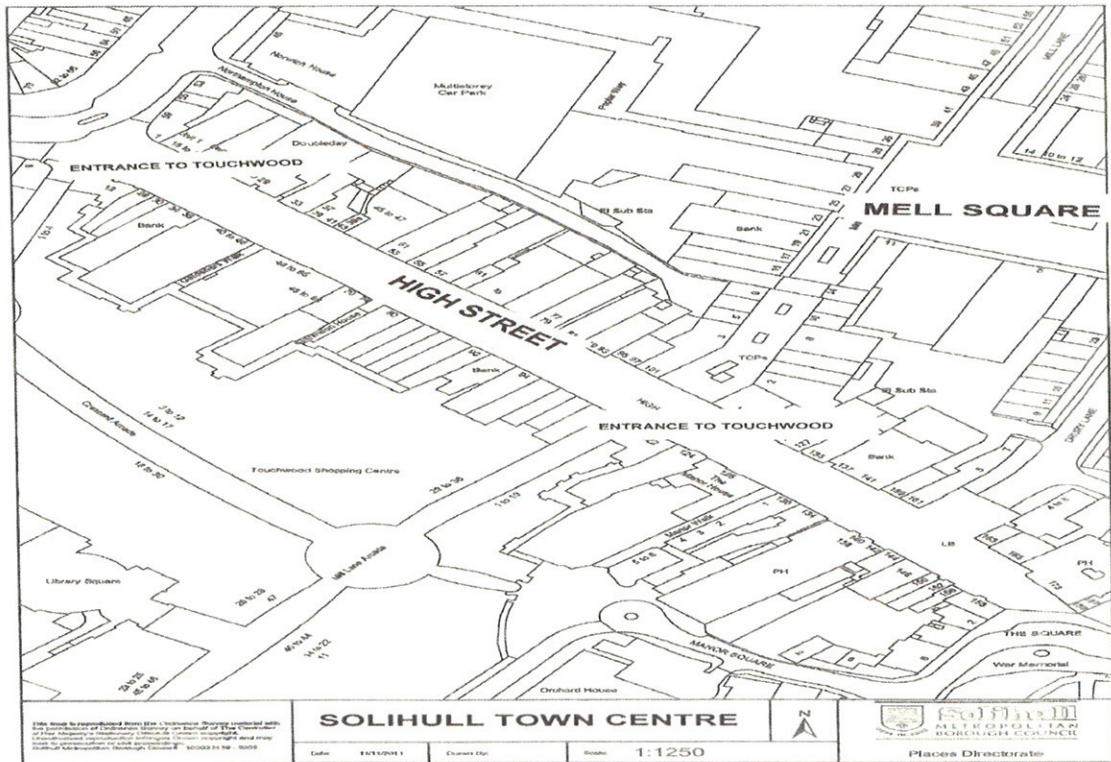
## **Appendix 1 – Abridged Code of Practice**

- 1) We always tell potential donors clearly that we are paid to speak with them, and that we are not volunteers - if this is the case - and we explain the basis on which we are paid.
- 2) We always carry and display ID so that any potential donor can verify who we are, whom we are working for and on whose behalf we are fundraising.
- 3) We always represent our charity or Not for Profit Organisation (NPO) at the time, in the place, and in the manner that has been previously agreed both with the charity / NPO and with the relevant site owner or Local Authority, and as directed by our team leader or other responsible agency personnel.
- 4) We always explain to a donor how the Charity or NPO will communicate with them after subscribing, and if they are likely to receive a follow up phone call we inform them of this.
- 5) We always ensure that forms with personal details provided by donors are handled at all stages in a secure manner.
- 6) We always end a conversation in a polite and respectful manner as soon as we are asked to.
- 7) We always ensure, wherever possible, that if a member of the public has a complaint, a full and accurate record of the complaint and the complainant's contact details are taken so that action can be taken promptly and appropriately. We will also offer the complainant contact details for a person in authority who can respond to their concerns.
- 8) We never say or do anything that could pressurise or harass people and we do not use manipulative techniques.
- 9) We never confuse or mislead the public and we never say, do or display anything for which we have not been given permission by the charity or NPO
- 10) We never behave whilst on duty in any way that might bring the charity / NPO or our employer into disrepute.

## Appendix 2

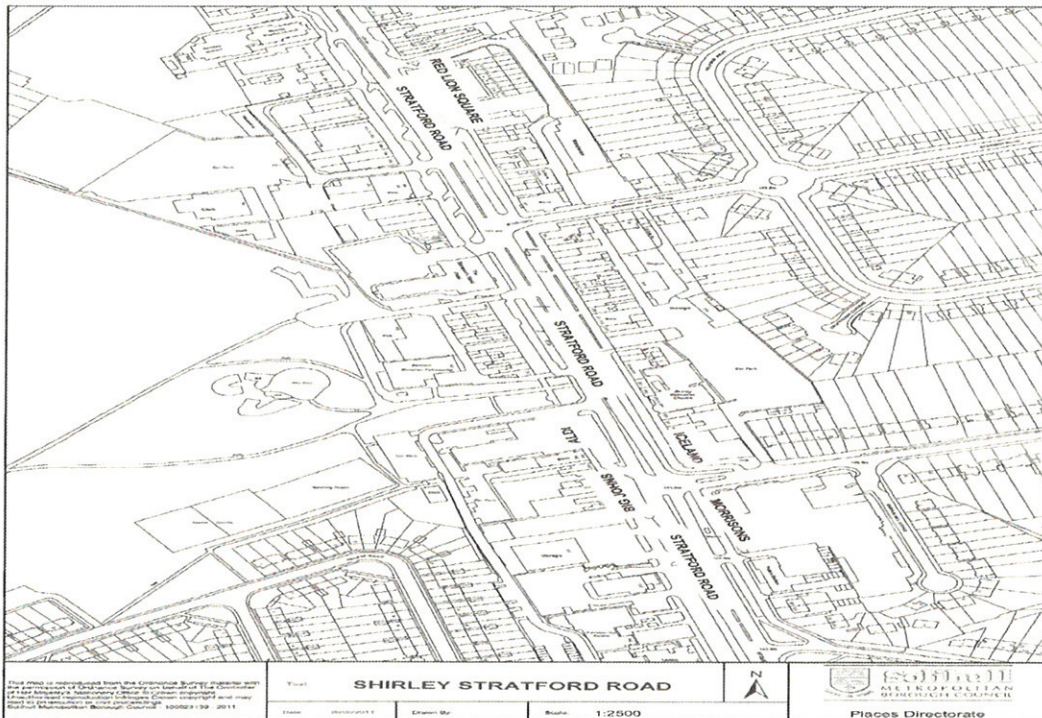
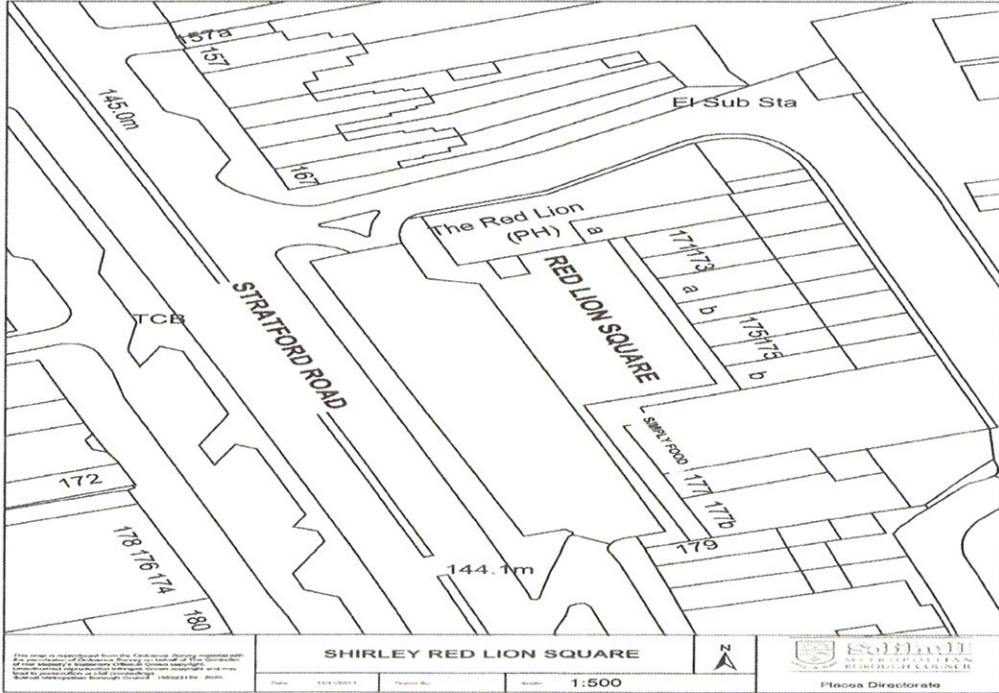
Plan showing the areas where fundraising is to be permitted:

### Solihull



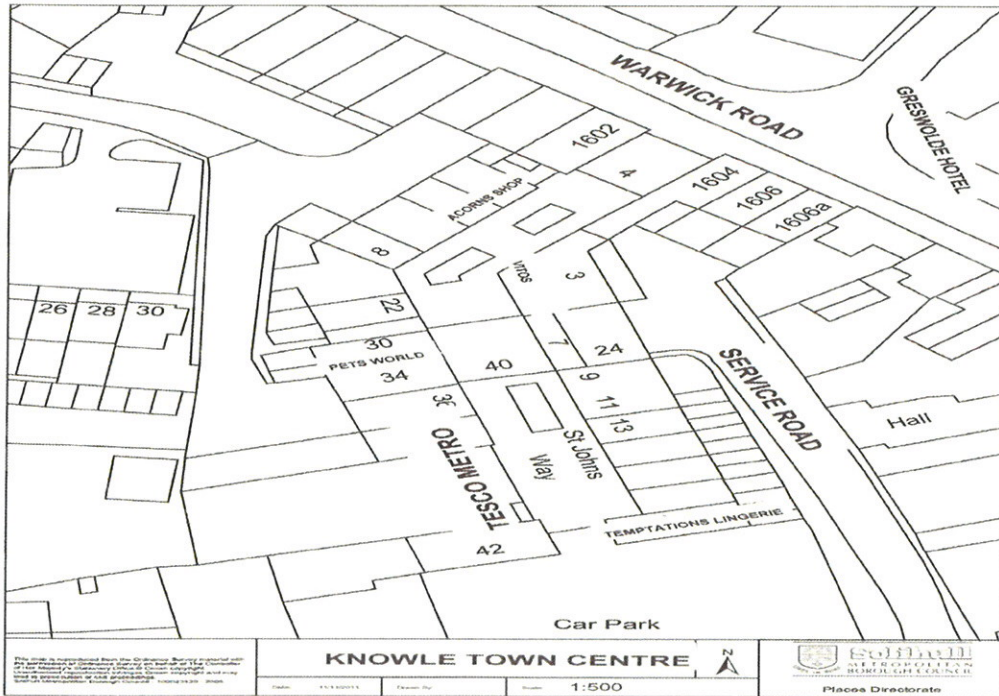


**Shirley**





## Knowle



## Appendix 3

### Know your rights - The Direct Debit Guarantee

Direct Debit is one of the safest ways of making charitable donations. Organisations using the Direct Debit Scheme go through a careful vetting process before they're authorised, and are closely monitored by the banking industry. The efficiency and security of the Scheme is monitored and protected by your own bank or building society.

The Direct Debit Scheme applies to all Direct Debits. It protects you in the rare event that anything goes wrong.

#### The Direct Debit Guarantee

- The Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits.
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit the organisation will notify you (normally 10 working days) in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request the organisation to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by the organisation or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society.
  - If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when the organisation asks you to.
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify the organisation.