

**DITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Incorporating the Hamlet of Capton and the Manors of Bozomzeal and Coombe**

**Topic: Proposal for mobile cafe in the Ham Car Park**

**Date: 28/03/25**

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**1. Proposal**

DPC has received a request from the owners of a mobile cafe service operated from a converted horse trailer for it to be operated from The Ham Car Park.

The service to be offered would be coffee, a selection of hot drinks, soft drinks, and pastries.

**2. Power & Legal Context**

**2.1. Car Park Order**

Permits vehicles with a length up to five metres.

DPC can give permission for commercial activity (South Hams District Council, which does enforcement for DPC, has confirmed).

**2.2. Title document**

I can see nothing in the Title which prevents this activity.

**3. Historical Decision**

Minutes June 2022

*95/22 Mobile Coffee Cart Enquiry*

*This item was moved up the Agenda at the Chair's discretion.*

*Correspondence regarding a Cart operating in Dittisham was considered. A member of the public gave their view opposing the proposal and then left the meeting. It was resolved not to support the proposal for a mobile coffee cart to operate in the village in the current economic climate because of the possible negative effect on existing static business which are already challenged to find staff and to manage rising costs.*

**4. Cost Implications**

4.1. The car parking fee for the spaces taken would need to be paid.

4.2. The service might increase usage of The Ham and The Ham Car Park.

4.3. The service is offering a service which overlaps with those offered by existing hospitality businesses in the village – FBI, Anchorstone Cafe, and Red Lion Inn.

**5. Risk Assessment**

Not yet carried out.

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**Appendices**

**Appendix 1**

Further Details Requested by DPC. Response regarding timings & size:

We would like to suggest starting with Thursday - Sunday, serving from 08:00 to 16:00. We would love the opportunity to extend these times in peak season.

We are also very open to suggestions from the Parish in regards to serving days and times, we would love to work with you to reach the most beneficial schedule for the Dittisham community.

Our horsebox foot print is roughly 5m long x 2m wide.

**Appendix 2**

'PROPOSAL FOR COFFEE PITCH AT THE HAM 10/03/2025'

See separate pdf.