

**Administration Motion: in the name of Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg
Extending Sunday trading hours**

Amendment in the name of Cllr Kath McGuirk:

Delete all after “Council welcomes...” and replace with:

“Council notes that the stated aim of this Government is to improve the UK’s productivity and to make Britain a more productive and enterprising country. This Council is proud that we are one of the most diverse boroughs in the country and believes that hardworking individuals and families of all backgrounds should benefit from growth in our national and local economy.

This Council believes there are many ways in which we can increase productivity, but are concerned that the relaxation of the Sunday Trading Laws will:

- Have an impact on hardworking families, particularly women;
- Have an impact on small businesses who, under existing legislation and according to their size (less than 280 m² or 3,000 sq ft) can already trade longer than the 6 hours on a Sunday.

This Council further believes there are better ways of improving productivity, such as:

- Building more affordable homes;
- Investing in our local town centres;
- Investing in apprenticeships for SMEs;
- Protecting local transport;
- Opposing cuts to tax credits that will have an impact on many of those who work in retail and the service industry.

Council recognises that free parking at Brent Cross has already impacted on small businesses in Barnet and believes that extending the hours of Sunday trading will advantage larger chains and could spell the death knell for the many small traders who already rely on Sunday trading.

Council asks the Leader to respond to the coming consultation opposing the relaxation of the Sunday trading laws that could threaten the future of our valued small traders.

Under Full Council Procedure Rule 23.5: If my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.