

Mr D. Armiger

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Chief Executive, Bassetlaw District Council

Queen's Buildings

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**Petition re: Retford Markets Proposal and Retford Market Square**

Good afternoon, Mr Armiger

We do hope that you are well and have had a pleasant Christmas break.

We wish to avail you of a recent petition gathered from people in or that frequent the town of Retford and to share with you an online petition [Change.org - The world's platform for change](https://www.change.org), both regarding the above subject.

We kindly ask that these are taken into consideration with BDC's recent 'consultation' regarding Retford's Markets Proposal which the signatories wish to see halted and at least reviewed.

Market traders and many local businesses feel they have had zero consultation before the proposals were seen online, and many residents and visitors to our town do not want to see the wonderful Market Square and glorious War Memorial blighted by almost permanently positioned stalls, which many believe will attract anti-social behaviour.

We believe that the term semi-permanent is not really accurate as they will typically only need removal for 3 or 4 days per year, so they will be 99% permanent, which means there is a clear conflict with the Neighbourhood Plan/Planning Codes.

Please will you receive these petitions with over 1,100 signatories and give due consideration to them. I will be handing the petition to the Queen's Building offices this afternoon.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely

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Mike Introna, Retford resident and Nottinghamshire County Councillor for Retford East Division.