

'A' Boards

Hi,

I'm writing as co-Chairman of the CIC to the town council.

The CIC notes that the minutes of the May meeting of the town's Chamber of Trade include the following:

"A note from Mark Nelson. Concerns were raised over Eden's spread outside of shop. MN reported that customers had mentioned to him the amount on footpath. GB (Geoffrey Buswell) commented a number of businesses were putting A boards out. Agreed this is a town council issue, not a COT issue."

While some may wonder why the Chamber cannot discuss this issue with their members, we are aware that the use of A-boards and other pavement furniture is increasing in the town centre. Could we ask that the town council writes to the Chamber, asking them to remind members that there is a Code of Practice in place which does allow the sensible use of A-boards. Such material, along with display furniture on our narrow pavements, seriously impedes the safe movement of pedestrians, especially those with young children or who are disabled.

With best wishes,

Allan Muirhead, co-Chairman, Kirkby Lonsdale & Lune Valley CIC.

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