



## **St Albans Street Festivals**

### **Packaging, plastics, and waste**

#### **General Information:**

The following items may not be used to package and sell items at St Albans Street Festivals:

- Single-use plastic cups
- Plastic cutlery and coffee stirrers
- Plastic plates
- Plastic drinks bottles
- Plastic bags
- Plastic straws
- Any polystyrene items

Traders are asked to consider the environment when choosing how best to package takeaway food for sale. Consider aluminium containers: light food residue from these can be washed and they can be recycled by our contractors Veolia. If you are using cardboard and pizza boxes, please line the box with a compostable deli sheet which can be discarded with food waste. Otherwise, the boxes become too soiled to be recycled. Please consider offering paper plates as an alternative to pizza boxes, as these are very bulky and can take up a lot of space in our recycling points. This can result in other recyclables being dumped in with landfill.

Traders intending to sell cold drinks for immediate consumption may not bring single-use plastic cups. Instead, SADC will be providing event cups in pint and half-pint sizes. These will be distributed from a central point on the morning of the event.



Please specify how many of each you will require on your booking form.

We are not asking you to run a deposit scheme. The cups are not intended to be taken home – they are not souvenir cups. We will provide signage for your stalls explaining that we would like all cups to be returned (much as people do when they go to the pub). We will be doing much work to communicate the environmental benefits of this scheme and asking people to do the right thing. We'd really appreciate your support with this.

If your offering is not suitable for selling in this type of cup, please contact us to discuss your proposed solution. Any trader selling drinks from non-event cups without prior arrangement may be asked to cease trading and will not be invited back to trade.

We are interested in working with traders who are considering sustainability when sourcing, transporting, packaging and displaying their products. We particularly welcome those who want to share inspiration and best practice with their fellow traders. Please feel free to let us know how you will contribute to making this as sustainable an event as possible by emailing [festivaltraders@stalbans.gov.uk](mailto:festivaltraders@stalbans.gov.uk) with your ideas.

### **"Compostable" packaging:**

As no large-scale facilities are available for us to use to dispose of compostable packaging, this kind of packaging may not be used at St Albans street festivals.

**Waste:**

The following recycling bins will be provided at the event; Cans & Plastics, Food, Cardboard & Paper and General Waste. Please be mindful of this when considering the packaging of your products. Suppliers whose packaging or associated waste is considered problematic may not be considered for future events.