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<p>Thank you for sight of the above mentioned draft policy.</p> <p>I think it is key that charitable collections are regulated and we have always asked charities intending to collect within Three Spires Shopping Centre to apply for a street collection permit as a safeguard. I welcome a policy for collections but have the following queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please confirm whether the area demised as Three Spires Shopping Centre (primarily Gresley Row and Bakers Lane) will be subject to the licensing policy • How will this office be made aware of written applications when a charity intends to collect within Three Spires Shopping Centre and how will we be notified that LDC has approved the application • Will this office be able to make additional comment regarding our instructions/restrictions such as collectors not blocking entrances to retail premises or anything which specifically relates to the date of the proposed collection in relation to planned events or maintenance on the mall areas • We maintain a register of charitable collections and would normally record the total donation amount. Please confirm how this office will be made aware of the donation amount. <p>Thank you for informing us of your charitable collections policy review and for inviting our comment.</p>	<p>The Charitable Collections Policy will be relevant to the Three Spires Shopping Centre.</p> <p>We have amended the application form and inserted into the policy regarding obtaining permission from the landowner.</p> <p>The Three Spires could make this a condition subject to their permissions.</p> <p>The Three Spires could make this a condition subject to their permissions. We wouldn't be able to share the proceeds statement.</p>

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<p>We have in the city, the Lichfield Christian Aid Group. They are a voluntary group who have been raising funds for Christian Aid annually for more than 32 years, which has enabled us to help some of the world's poorest communities. The main fundraising period being Christian Aid Week, which takes place in May each year.</p> <p>Many of the volunteers have been volunteering with us for several decades, have a track record of operating with excellence, and the sense of community generated through their work, is valued widely by many groups across the city. Many of them volunteer with other local charities too.</p> <p>My specific comments on the draft paper are:</p> <p>House to House In accordance with 4.5 of the consultation document, Christian Aid has a National Exemption Order (and has had for many years), so Lichfield Christian Aid Group will continue to do house to house during one week each May, under those regulations.</p> <p>Street Collections Lichfield Christian Aid Group currently don't often do street collections, but if we do, the group is very happy to work within the regulations as stated in the draft policy.</p> <p>Finally, a recommendation. When groups make application to you to do house to house or street collections, it may be useful within the application process, to ask how long the group has been operating as a group in Lichfield and record that information for future reference.</p>	<p>House to House Exemption Orders are referenced at page 6 under 4.5.</p> <p>This suggestion has been incorporated within both application forms.</p>

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<p>Wishing you all the best with the policy review and we look forward to a continued successful working relationship with you.</p> <p>Good morning</p> <p>I would like to apologise for my late response but I have just been forwarded your email.</p> <p>I have taken a look at your policy and would like to suggest that the Charities Act 2016 is included, this gives direct guidance on the bag, solicitation statements, I.d. badges of the collectors for house to house collections. The Fundraising regulator has very clear guidance around not collecting from households displaying signs saying “No charity bags” but as charity bags are not classed as junk mail. These signs are not related to collection bags. A very important detail needs to be the “Do not deliver lists” which the collector must be responsible for and maintain, ensuring households which have opted out of receiving a bag do not do so. Also I believe that the rules around the National Exception order should be taken into consideration when writing the policy.</p> <p>Hello,</p> <p>Looking through the proposed Policy this section is the one of interest to me:</p> <p>“Direct Debit collections</p> <p>3.24. Direct Debit collections are where pledges are collected for direct debit donations. This type of collection does not require permission from</p>	<p>Reference in the policy has been made to no cold calling zones or displaying no cold calling cards at page 7, 4.12. A list of the street concerned would be provided to the applicant.</p> <p>House to House Exemption Orders are referenced at page 6 under 4.5.</p>

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<p>the Local Authority as there are no legal provisions for these types of collections.</p> <p>3.25. In an attempt to regulate the frequency and location of Direct Debit collections the council has entered into a site agreement with the Public Fundraising Regulatory Association (PFRA).”</p> <p>With regards to point 3.25, the PFRA merged with the Institute of Fundraising (IoF) in 2016 and so the Agreement, (attached) would be with the IoF. Also, the Agreement hasn’t been officially agreed and finalised, although I was assured at the time that this would be a formality.</p>	<p>The wording has been changed in the Policy to Institute of Fundraising. The agreement will be signed by the Head of Regulatory Service, Housing & Wellbeing subject to being ratified.</p>