

Dear Joy Norris

I am writing to you today to make a complaint about the market barber on Thursdays. The reason for this complaint is for him staying over is elected time One day he was there to 5 o'clock i'm under the assumption his pitch is to 4 o'clock but some people have told me it's earlier no one seems to know what time they have to finish most of the traders are gone by 1 o'clock. It really upsets me that the council wish to support in my opinion traders that offer nothing to the town that the town hasn't already got. my rent alone is 10 times more than he pays for his pitch a month. I have also seen my customers down there so he does poach my customers it sounds silly but I charge £6.00 for seniors and he charges 5 pound and they will go down there over A pound as pathetic as it sounds. And I can't compete with him with younger customers because I charge £7.50. also I have spoken to the other traders in the town and no one is happy about the market because again they're offering nothing that the Town hasn't already got I.e Mike from the fruit and veg shop and Phil from town and country and other traders as well. I also think that market should offer the town something that they haven't already got like if you go to Taunton they have a continental markets the only thing that Ilminster market does is upset the rest of the traders because Ilminster does not need the market traders that are there at the moment. I would like to also state for the record that I go out of my way to support the Town I Pay for the fag for the summer experience and towards the Christmas lights I also sponsor local people. I also know the person in question only works two days a week and you don't have to be Einstein to work out why it's properly to stay under 11,000 a year so he doesn't have to pay any tax so in my mind it's a Loop hole in the system for people to exploit to earn a quick buck and if the council wishes to support people like that rather than local traders that are there every day paying a lot to be there. I know this is a bit blunt and sound a bit harsh but facts are facts and it's not fair when you're trying to earn a honest living when you see people turned up paid nothing for the pitch really and take a lot of your customers. And if I have to take it to the local paper to get my point across I will and if you could tell me when you have a meeting I would like to come along and put my point across in person.

Your sincerely