

License conditions for Market Trading-Electricity

Agreement Between

Market Team, London Borough of Camden represented by Deborah Carpenter, Market Development Manager

Licensee's name:

Electricity Use Guidance and Trader Acknowledgement

Applies to: All Camden-managed markets

1. Purpose of This Guidance

This guidance explains how traders must safely use electricity provided by Camden Council at market sites, what equipment is permitted, and what conditions must be met before connecting to any Camden feeder pillar or other electrical supply.

All traders must read and sign this document before they can be authorised to use electricity at any Camden market.

The Licensee shall adhere to the standard licence conditions attached to the Temporary Street Trading Licence at all times [Street trading licence conditions - Camden Council](#).

The Licensee shall ensure that neither they or any associated individuals shall comply with the terms and conditions.

2. What Are Feeder Pillars?

Feeder pillars are secure outdoor electrical cabinets installed by Camden Council to safely supply power to traders. They include:

- RCD protection (typically 30 mA)
- MCB circuit protection
- Weatherproof (IP65+) sockets

- Lockable access
- Metering equipment (where installed)

The Licence holder must only use the external sockets.

Opening or tampering with internal compartments is strictly prohibited.

- 2.1 Access to the electric bollard is allowed to the Licensee and it is the responsibility of the Licensee to ensure that the bollard is locked at all times when trading is not taking place.
- 2.2 In the event that the access key to the electric bollard is lost, the Licensee shall be responsible for any costs incurred to gain access to the electric bollard and to obtain a duplicate key.

3. Using Electricity Safely

The Licence holder must:

3.1 Use safe equipment

- Only use **PAT-tested** appliances.
- Use correct **BS EN 60309** plugs and weatherproof cables.
- Use **portable RCD protection** when using handheld equipment or items exposed to water or adverse weather (as required by Camden and the IET Wiring Regulations).

3.2 Manage cables safely

- Cables must be secured, tidy, and must not create trip hazards.
- If connecting to a supply that is **not** Council-provided (only with written permission), all cables must be **overhead**, with the minimum legal clearances:
 - **2.6 m** above footway
 - **5.1 m** above carriageway
- No cables may run along the ground.

3.3 Prevent overloading

- Do **not** exceed the supply's maximum amperage.

- All equipment must be pre-approved (see Section 6).
- Camden may refuse or remove authorisation for high-load equipment.

3.4 Connect and disconnect safely

At the beginning of trade, the licence holder shall **switch on** the Isolators when using the trader power bollards, using the individual switches that they have access to.

- **Please ensure you follow the procedure you have been given as to how to use the power bollards safely.**

At the end of each trading day the Licence holder must:

- Switch off all equipment; switch the isolator off, **ensure the socket cap is fully secured & ensure the pillar doors are fully secured** when you have finished using the electricity.
- Disconnect ALL plugs
- Ensure the bollard is properly closed and secure

(Terms and Condition 153)

4. What Electricity Can Be Used For

Under Terms and Condition **84**, Camden power may **only** be used for:

- Lighting
- Scales
- Tills
- Card machines
- Testing low-wattage electrical goods

Using electricity for cooking, heating or other activities is **only allowed if Camden has given written consent in advance.**

5. Damage, Misuse & Liability

The Licence holder is liable for:

- Any damage caused to feeder pillars or supply equipment (Terms and Condition 86)
- Any misuse by their assistants or staff
- The full cost of repairs caused by improper use

Deliberate or negligent misuse may result in enforcement or licence action.

6. Equipment Authorisation Requirements

Before using ANY electrical item, the Licence holder must:

- Submit a list of all equipment to Camden Markets Team
- Provide the **wattage/load rating** for each item
- Provide proof of **PAT testing**
- Receive written approval for all items (Terms and Condition 85)

Only approved equipment may be used onsite.

There is a maximum load limit per pillar, and Camden may refuse items that would overload the system.

7. Inspections & Compliance

Camden will carry out regular inspections of:

- Trader equipment
- Cable routing
- Pillar usage
- Load capacity
- Safety compliance

The Licence holder must cooperate fully and make PAT certificates available on request (Terms and Condition 81).

8. Alternative Electricity Supplies (If Council Power Is Unavailable)

The Licence holder may only use alternative electricity if:

1. Camden gives written consent
2. The premises bill payer gives written consent
3. All cables are overhead at required clearances
4. No cables touch the ground
5. Cables are protected from weather and damage

(Terms and Condition 88)

If Camden provides a supply, **no other supply may be used** (Terms and Condition 87(1)).

9. Electricity Charges

By connecting to Camden's power system, the Licence holder agrees to:

- Pay all electricity usage fees (metered or estimated)
- Pay maintenance and repair contributions (Terms and Condition 85)
- Pay for any damage they cause or associated costs
- Pay invoices within 4 weeks (Terms and Condition 87(3))

Failure to pay may lead to withdrawal of power access and licence enforcement.

10. Declaration and Acknowledgement

I confirm that I have read and understood the above guidance and agree to comply with Camden Council's requirements for the safe use of electricity at market sites.

I also agree to pay electricity recharges as invoiced by Camden Council and understand that failure to comply may result in withdrawal of access or market licence enforcement



The Licence holder **Name:**

Business Name:

Market:

Pitch No.:

Signature:

Date: