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Town council considers changes in response to anti-social behaviour

Market revamp to help tackle crime

Changes could be made to Newark market in a bid to cut anti-social behaviour.

A report to Newark Town Council says the existing market stalls have become an attraction for anti-social behaviour with groups of youths congregating around the empty stalls. The canopies shield them from being picked up on CCTV.

Nottinghamshire Police has requested that changes are made.

It was due to be discussed at an extraordinary meeting of the town council last night.

As well as anti-social behaviour, the report also said there was desire to make the Market Place more flexible in its use, but this has been limited as the existing stalls are difficult to move, and the market stalls have been criticised over their aesthetic appeal.

A new design for the stalls is now close to being developed and finalised, which will see retractable canopies and

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hinged trading boards that are locked off in a vertical position when not in use, eliminating a place to sit, and also will open up the stall for better identification on CCTV.

Wheels will also be included in the design for easy movement of the stalls.

The ambition is that, subject to external funding being secured, all the proposed 45 fixed stalls will be retrofitted with the new design.

A funding bid to the government's Pride in Place programme is proposed initially to pay for the work once a final design is agreed, and it was also recommended that members support the allocation of £125,000 in earmarked reserves towards future maintenance costs of the market.

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