

'Higgledy-piggledy market needs sorting'



The Friday market in Tenterden High Street which a councillor says needs improvement

The “higgledy-piggledy” look of the Friday market in Tenterden High Street needs sorting, according to a town councillor.

Cllr Sue Ferguson said the new market sign looked homemade.

“There is a lot of room for improvement,” she said. “It looks a bit higgledy-piggledy. The market is in need of publicity and some new signage.

“I am sure there is something better that we can do. It is quite horrible.”

Cllr Ferguson said she had written to Cllr Graham Galpin who was in charge of town centres at Ashford Borough Council.

The borough authority was consulting with the public over the Ashford market, but not over Tenterden, she said.

She asked if the town council could contact ABC about how the market looked.

Cllr Callum Knowles said the town’s tourism and business committee had discussed the market.

“We would like to meet with traders and see how we can support them,” he said.

Councillors agreed to let the tourism and business committee look into the matter.

After the meeting Cllr Ferguson said: “There is a lot of room for improvement.

“More advertising is needed to improve vibrancy and buzz and help for the stallholders to make the stalls more uniform and pretty.

“At the moment, to anyone looking at the market from the south side of the High Street it looks a mess and not in keeping with the historic character of Tenterden. A large professional banner would help.”