

## **Social Distancing :- A 'rough' Guide to calculating the number of visitors permitted into your market**

This is purely a guide to help you develop an informed and SAFE estimate as to how many visitors you could permit to enter your market at one time and include in your Local Authority Plan. It is essential to monitor the situation to determine whether you can amend the number in future.

The size and shape of the area, any physical 'pinch-points' (\*) and queuing areas for specific stalls need to be taken into account to determine the number of visitors as well. Use this calculation to give you an idea as to what is feasible and then adjust the numbers depending on any specific layout attributes you may have.

*(\*) Pinch-points, i.e. doors, corridors influence the flow of visitors and you may well have to use additional marshals to control these points.*

- 1m distancing gives each person an area of 4 sq m. (i.e. 1m to each side plus back and front)
- Determine the area of your market less any area taken up by stalls and any local obstacles.
- Dividing the area by 4 will give you the theoretical maximum you could absorb at one time so to be on the safe side we would recommend you divide the area by 8. This answer lies between the two. However, we would strongly recommended that you start conservatively and then make decision for the next market .

Marshalls should permit the number in as per your calculation and should keep it there during market opening i.e. permit the same number in as those going out.