

## 1938 Re-Organisation of Markets

SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE TOWN PLANNING & CIVIC CENTERS - 15th AUGUST 1938.  
MARKETS RE- ORGANISATION.

The town Clerk reported upon discussions which he had with the Sheffield & District Wholesale Fruit & Potato Merchant's Association, the Sheffield Wholesale Fish Merchant's Association, the Sheaf Market Branch of the National Market Traders Federation, following the appearances of representatives of those bodies before the Special Committee. During such discussions the following eight sites had been suggested and considered as possible sites for the two Wholesale Markets, viz., Smithfield, Sheaf Street ( Alderman Wilson's scheme ), Duke Street, Sylvester Street, Farm Road, Stanley Street, Queens Road, and Shalesmoor. After consideration, Queens Road was given up by the two Wholesale Associations as impracticable; subsequently they gave up three other sites, and now only four of the original eight sites remained for further investigation, viz., Sheaf Street ( Alderman Wilson's scheme ), Stanley Street, Farm Road and Duke Street.

A letter was submitted from the Sheaf Market Branch of the National Market Traders Federation setting out the reasons why the Sheaf Market Tenants considered that they should remain on their present site.

The Town Clerk stated that it was imperative that a decision should be reached at this meeting if possible, as to which of the three Markets should not be removed.

Deputation from the two Wholesale Associations and the Sheaf Market Tenants being in attendance by invitations they were seen by the Special Committee,

The Sheaf Market Tenants repeated their consideration that they would suffer considerable loss and inconvenience if they were removed.

The Wholesale Merchants Association agreed the Retail Tenants ( Sheaf Market ) would suffer most of all by any removal. A representative of the Sheffield & District Wholesale Fruit & Potato Merchants Association stated that his Association were favourably inclined towards the Stanley Street site and the Farm Road site and that they would like further consideration to be given to the possibility of their transfer to either of these sites. The Wholesale Fish Merchants Association appreciated the necessity for their removal and considered that it was vital that they should be associated with the Wholesale Fruit & Potato Market or at least accommodated on a site adjacent to that Market.

After the representatives had withdrawn from the meeting the Special Committee gave further consideration to the matter and it was -

Resolved; That this committee, having heard the views expressed. on behalf of the two Wholesale Merchants Association and the Sheaf Market Tenants; are of opinion that the interests of the City will best be served by retaining the Sheaf Market in its present position and adding to the site of the Market the land which will be available when the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable and Wholesale Fish Markets are removed, and completely re-organising the Market on its enlarged site.

The Town Clerk was instructed to continue his discussions with the two Wholesale Merchants Associations with a view to a decision, satisfactory to all parties, being arrived at with regard to the future situation of the two Wholesale Markets.