

Comments for Planning Application 141642/JO/2024

Application Summary

Application Number: 141642/JO/2024

Address: 9 Egerton Crescent Manchester M20 4PN

Proposal: Variation of condition 3 (hours of opening) from planning approval reference 123650/FO/2019 to allow the premises to be open: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 08:00 - 22:30 ; Thursday, Friday and Saturday 08:00 - 01:00; and Sunday 08:00 - 22:30

Case Officer: Holly Wright

Customer Details

Name: Not Available

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I would like to register my strong support for this application. I am a local resident in Withington. The business applying for this change, Something More Productive, is a unique offering in Withington, providing a specific cafe experience and quality that is not available elsewhere in the area. It has made a very significant positive contribution to the local area, and is patronised regularly by a host of local residents, including students, young professionals and families. The venue also provides a level of cultural enrichment (e.g. through supper clubs and jazz evenings) that is otherwise not available locally (especially since Cafe Blah was evicted).

Given the significant financial difficulties that all hospitality businesses currently face, it is abundantly clear that these minor modifications to SMP's opening hours will be crucial in helping them remain open and profitable. Conversely, rejecting this application may well contribute to their business becoming unsustainable and therefore closing. This would be very much to the local area's detriment.

SMP's location on Egerton Crescent means that the majority of its neighbours are either empty buildings, a Post Office (closed during the extended opening hours), a Church (likewise), the rears of other hospitality venues, and a small number of rental houses, mostly occupied by students. It is very unlikely that slightly lengthened opening hours for SMP will cause any significant disturbance to those who live locally. It should be noted that, at the time SMP applied for its licencing extension, no objections were raised regarding disturbance caused by its current opening hours.

In summary, I believe there are no reasonable grounds to reject this application, and many strong grounds to approve it. I thank MCC for taking these views into consideration.