

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 am writing in full support of Something More Productive's (SMP) application to extend their opening hours. This business provides a welcoming community space in Withington - which has been needed for a long time. Allowing them to operate later will help ensure continuation of their business in today's difficult economic climate.

Personally, this café has meant so much to me during its 17 months of operation. As a local resident of Withington (for over 7 years), and a local employee at [REDACTED], SMP has become a fundamental part of my daily routine. SMP offers a quiet and safe environment to work, take a break, and meet new people. The friendly staff create a sense of belonging, helping to combat any feelings of loneliness and isolation by making everyone feel part of a much larger community. They only ever have the best interests of this community in the heart of everything they do.

An extension in opening hours would provide a much-needed alternative to bars and pubs in Withington, offering an intimate and relaxed setting for conversation, connection, and a chance to enjoy more events they host in collaboration with other local businesses.

Something More Productive has consistently demonstrated responsibility in managing their space, creating a safe and enjoyable environment for the local community without disrupting the neighbourhood. Given their small venue, they can only ever accommodate small crowds. This allows their strong sense of community to continue from day to evening, so locals and visitors can enjoy craft beer, natural wines, and good quality conversation. Due to their kindness and consideration to others, I see no possible reason why an extension of opening hours could

negatively impact residents.

I strongly encourage the approval of this application, as it aligns with the best interests of both the business and the wider community. I urge you to consider how vital it is to support both local businesses and community spaces, particularly in these difficult times. Supporting SMP's continued success will only enhance Withington as a better place to live, work, and socialise. Thank you for considering this request.