

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 live [REDACTED], and a big part of the attraction of living in Withington was the thriving local businesses just a stone's throw away. Within what felt like moments of moving in, one of the reasons I moved to Withington closed down. It was replaced with a mortgage office within weeks of closing down.

Cafe Blah was evicted, and a mortgage office moved in. Not that a mortgage office doesn't enrich the community, I'm sure, in the way it does, but what it took was a community centre—a cosy cafe and a casual cool bar—a Place to hang out. In a world with dwindling "third spaces," the protection of the existing ones should be a priority of the local council.

It is baffling that the local council would ever inhibit these local businesses from thriving. It would be a significant loss to the community to see the same thing happen to something more Productive.

Something More Productive has filled a "cafe blah"-sized hole in my heart. I work there and drink coffee during the day, white wine in the evening, and struggle to think of quiz answers. Something More Productive is a vital third space; it has a unique identity that scratches an itch I didn't know I had. The creative and cool activities, like pudding night, barista training, and groovy jazz night, all work to reinject vibrancy and identity into the community.