

I have a supporting statement for the planning application above and was going to submit today but noticed the comment period ended yesterday.

I have therefore sent it to you on email if it can be please added to the comments...

We wanted to take a moment to express our wholehearted support for the Little Lock cafe's proposal to extend its opening hours. As proud neighbours operating across from the Little Lock at A Place In The Pennines, we can attest to the positive impact it has on our community.

The Little Lock has proven itself to be a charming and cosy establishment with dedicated and successful owners. Our close proximity has allowed us to forge a strong partnership, working together to enhance the overall experience for our guests at A Place In The Pennines. We frequently recommend the cafe to our visitors, and the feedback we receive is consistently glowing.

Collaborating as neighboring businesses, we understand the importance of supporting one another. Our guests contribute significantly to the success of the Little Lock, and, in turn, the thriving cafe adds to the allure of our accommodation. This relationship not only benefits our individual enterprises but also contributes to the economic vitality of Marsden.

The tourism we bring to the village has a ripple effect, with visitors spending money not only at our establishment but also at other local shops and cafes. In a small town like Marsden, this interdependence is crucial for survival and growth. We are proud to be part of a community that values collaboration and mutual support.

We also want to add that we feel the canal network needs exactly this type of venue and business in order to provide facilities expected for day trippers and boaters alike.

Contrary to concerns raised about potential noise disruption, we have not experienced any issues. Instead, we eagerly anticipate the Little Lock continuing to flourish and become the vibrant hub it has the potential to be. We firmly believe that an extension of its opening hours will only contribute positively to the local economy and the overall charm of Marsden.

We stand as proud neighbours, ready to support the Little Lock in its endeavours. We look forward to witnessing its continued success and contributing to the collective prosperity of Marsden.