



I am writing to express my full support for the planning application submitted by i (Application ID: 2024/70/91684/W) to extend their opening hours beyond 6pm.

I lived in Marsden for years and visit family and my partner every weekend.

Since its recent opening, i has become a vibrant addition to Marsden village, providing a unique dining experience that is both delightful and essential to the local community. The restrictions currently imposed on their opening hours are significantly limiting their ability to serve customers and sustain their business.

The nature of i's cuisine is ideally suited for afternoon and evening dining, and the current restrictions are not only causing inconvenience to patrons but also impacting the restaurant's ability to operate effectively. The demand for reservations and walk-in customers after 6pm clearly indicates a strong community interest in having i available during standard restaurant hours.

Moreover, it is important to note that other establishments on Peel Street do not face similar restrictions (Mozzarellas, Riverhead, Peel Street Social) and these are all very close to the location Oi is restricted in. As such, it appears inequitable that Oi is subjected to these limitations, particularly when considering their prime location in the heart of Marsden village. Allowing i to operate during evening hours would not only level the playing field but also contribute positively to the local economy and enhance the village's evening trade.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to approve the application to remove the unreasonable conditions on i's opening hours. This change will undoubtedly benefit the local community, support a burgeoning local business, and bring more vibrancy to Marsden village.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,