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Planning Department
Kirklees Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Support for Amending Condition 4 to Extend Opening Hours for Oi Dumplings, 9 Peel Street, Marsden, HD7 6BR

I am writing to express my strong support for the request submitted by Oi Dumplings to amend condition 4, thereby extending their opening hours to better meet the needs of their existing customer base and support the business's sustainability.

Oi Dumplings, located at 9 Peel Street, Marsden, currently operates between 08:30 to 18:00 Monday to Saturday, and 12:00 to 17:00 on Sundays. The proposed amendment seeks to extend these hours to 08:30 to 23:00 Monday to Sunday, with last orders for food at 21:30. This adjustment is crucial for accommodating evening meals and the working patterns of our modern, post-COVID community.

The restaurant is situated in the heart of Marsden town centre, on the main high street, surrounded by other commercial businesses that operate until midnight. Notably, other local food establishments such as 'Mozzarellas', 'Bao Bros', and 'Peel Street Social' serve customers until 21:00 on weekends, and various takeaway establishments cater to patrons until 23:00. Extending Oi Dumplings' hours would align with these existing operations, enhancing the town centre's evening economy.

Past precedents show that similar requests have been approved, such as the 2013 approval (planning reference 2013/9056) for a 12-month trial period, indicating a history of community support for extended hours.

The amendment aligns with Kirklees' local plan spatial strategy, which aims to foster a robust, thriving economy and support sustainable local businesses. By extending its hours, Oi Dumplings will be able to increase its customer base, provide consistent services, and create more local jobs. Currently, the restaurant plans to employ 8 local residents, a number that could grow with extended operating hours. Without this amendment, the business may face significant financial strain, potentially leading to staff reductions.

Moreover, Marsden has a significant population of young families, many of whom comprise the restaurant's clientele. With many residents finishing work at 5 PM, the current operating restrictions prevent the restaurant from capitalizing on the crucial 6-9 PM dinner period.

Oi Dumplings is committed to maintaining noise levels and respecting the community. Measures include disposing of glass bottles in the morning, designating a smoking area with appropriate disposal facilities, and placing signage to encourage quiet departures. The restaurant also continues its practice of using eco-friendly disposable products and promoting reusable coffee cups.

In conclusion, extending Oi Dumplings' operating hours will significantly benefit the local community by providing more dining options, supporting the evening economy, and enhancing business sustainability. I wholeheartedly support this application and urge the council to approve the proposed amendment to condition 4.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,