

## About the application

Application number: 2024/70/91684/w	
What is the application for?:	Variation of condition 4 (opening hours) on previous permission 2007/93346 for c
Address of the site or building:	Marios Diner, 9, Peel Street, Marsden, Huddersfield, HD7 6BR
Postcode:	HD7 6BJ

## User comments

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I'm writing in support of the above planning application, and feel strongly that the council should be supporting this application.

I know all too well the struggle that town centres are currently facing. The cost of living and Covid has put a huge strain on our already struggling high streets and therefore operators need to do all they can to ensure that their businesses remain viable. The partnership that is applying for this license have run a street food kiosk, Oi Dumplings, in Marsden for several years. This brought an exciting, vibrant and popular concept to the village, and as villagers we were very proud to have a different kind of food outlet such as this in the village. The success of Oi Dumplings has meant that the owners are able to move into a larger unit and we are honoured that they have chosen to stay in the village.

They are investing significant personal funds into refurbishing the former Mario's cafe premises, into an exciting new cafe concept with an Asian twist. I personally am so excited to see this open and to see the wider range of food on offer than was served previously at Oi Dumplings. This type of investment is exactly what is needed in Marsden and rather than just serving locals, it will pull people in from a wider area, adding to the village's attraction and vibrancy. Thriving businesses and high streets also mean more jobs for local people.

Marsden has struggled to keep up with neighbouring villages in recent years. Slaithwaite, for example, has flourished since the opening of Aldi and with the significant investment in Globe Mills. The council are shortly to appoint consultants to prepare a masterplan for Marsden, and hopefully the Levelling Up funding for New Mills will help turn the tide. However, both of these investments will be some time before a difference is seen on the ground, and that's why supporting smaller investments in Peel Street now is critical.

For the new cafe to be a success, it is essential that they are allowed to open into the evening so that they can maximise the opportunity of evening dining. This is no different from the existing eating establishments in the village; all of which are very responsibly managed, as I have no doubt that Oi will be too.

I urge you please to extend the opening hours of Oi to allow this home-grown, local business to reach its full potential and to give it the best chance of thriving on our important high street.