

REPORT TITLE:

Licensing Act 2003 – Application for the Grant of a New Premises Licence: Oi Dumplings, 9 Peel Street, Marsden, Huddersfield, HD7 6BR

Meeting:	Licensing Panel
Date:	3 rd July 2024
Cabinet Member (if applicable)	Councillor Adam Zaman
Key Decision Eligible for Call In	No No
Purpose of Report To determine the application.	
Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the panel are requested to determine the application. Reasons for Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In accordance with the requirements as set out in the Licensing Act 2003, where relevant representations are received by either a responsible authority or any other person, the matter is referred to the panel for a decision. 	
Resource Implications: There are no resource implications.	
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance? Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	Fiona Goldsmith – on behalf of Rachel Spencer-Henshall Strategic Director for Corporate Strategy, Commissioning and Public Health Not applicable Not applicable

Electoral wards affected: Colne Valley

Ward councillors consulted: Cllr Beverley Addy
 Cllr Harry McCarthy
 Cllr Matthew McLoughlin

Public or private: Report to be heard in Public.

Has GDPR been considered? GDPR has been considered and appropriate sections of the report have been amended.

1. Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of an application for the Grant of a premises licence. Initially 4 representations and a petition opposing the application have been received, in addition, a total of 146 representations in support of the application have been received and an online petition supporting the application was created which gained over 1500 signatures in support. The application is therefore referred to this Panel for determination.

2. Information required to take a decision.

2.1 Application

2.1.1 An application for the grant of a Premises Licence for Oi Dumplings, 9 Peel Street, Marsden, Huddersfield HD7 6BR was received on 14th May 2024. A copy of this application and a plan of the premises can be seen at **Appendix A**

2.1.2 The licensable activities applied for are:

The retail sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises, every day from 10am until 11pm

2.1.3 During the consultation period, a total of 4 representations were received in respect of this application. All 4 representations are from members of the public. A petition opposing the grant of the licence has also been received. However, after the consultation period ended, one of the representations was withdrawn. In total 141 emails have also been received along with 5 letters, all from members of the public supporting the application. The applicant also set up an online petition on change.org inviting comments of support. At the end of the consultation period, there were over 1500 supporters.

2.1.4 The representations received consider the following licensing objectives would not be met should this licence be granted:

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance

A copy of the representations may be seen at **Appendix B** and correspondence supporting the application can be seen at **Appendix C**

2.1.5 Since 2007, the premises has been a food establishment. Initially as an ice cream parlour and latterly a diner. The premises has never been licensed. The Council's planning department have confirmed that there are planning restrictions on the opening hours at the premises. Currently the trading times are restricted to 08:30am to 6pm Monday to Saturday and 12 noon until 5pm on Sundays. The applicant has indicated that they will seek to have these timings amended with

planning in due course. Despite the current restrictions, there is no reason why the application cannot be determined by the panel today.

2.2 Licensing Policy

Members considering the application should take note of the Authority's Statement of Licensing Policy, which provides the following guidance on how Members should approach the application and representation(s):

1.0 – Executive Summary

1.2 In exercising its duties and responsibilities under the terms of the Licensing Act 2003, the Council will operate within the statement and procedures mentioned in this policy statement. Notwithstanding this statement, all applications will be treated on their own merits and judged accordingly.

The council will have regard to any relevant guidance issued by the Secretary of State in exercising its powers under the Act.

2.4 The Licensing Authority will carry out its functions under the Licensing Act 2003 with a view to promoting the four licensing objectives contained in the Act and each has equal weight.

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance

2.13 The Licensing Authority recognises that each licence application must be considered on its own individual merits in the context of the four licensing objectives, and that unless relevant representations are received from responsible authority's or interested parties, there is no provision for a Licensing Authority to impose conditions on a licence other than those proposed within an application. Only conditions which have been volunteered by the applicant or which have been determined at a Licensing Panel hearing can be attached to a licence or certificate. If an application is lawfully made and no relevant representations are made in respect of an application, the Licensing Authority is under a duty to grant the licence on the terms sought. Only if relevant representations are made will the Council's discretion be engaged.

2.3 Secretary of State Guidance

Members also need to consider the statutory guidance issued, by the Secretary of State, under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. As the representations related to 2 of the licensing objectives, member's attention is drawn to Section 2 of this guidance, which can be seen at **Appendix D**.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Working with People

Residents of Kirklees need to be confident that under the Licensing Act 2003 licence holders under the Licensing Act 2003 are in a position to uphold the four licensing objectives. The committee is required to take appropriate and necessary action against

licence holders where they fall short of their duties under the Licensing Act 2003. This will support both the licensing objectives and support the corporate outcomes of citizens in Kirklees living in cohesive communities, feeling safe and protected from harm.

3.2 Working with Partners

The Council's licensing team work closely with partnering agencies, named 'Responsible Authorities' under the Licensing Act 2003. Responsible authorities include Planning, West Yorkshire Police, Trading Standards, Environmental Health, Fire Service, and Safeguarding Children team.

3.3 Place Based Working

Working closely with Responsible Authorities the Licensing Authority can address issues within the districts that make up Kirklees.

3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

There are no climate change or air quality implications in this report.

3.5 Improving outcomes for children

A key objective of the Licensing Act is the protection of children from harm and any decision made by the Council, in its capacity as the Licensing Authority, will have regard to this objective.

3.6 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications in relation to this report.

3.7 Legal Implications

In determining the application Members should have regard to the Authority's licensing policy statement and the Secretary of States Guidance. The applicant or any other person who made relevant representations in relation to the application have a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court.

3.8 Other (eg Risk, Integrated Impact Assessment or Human Resources)

Under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 there is no requirement for an IIA, while licence conditions should not duplicate other statutory provisions, members should be mindful of requirements and responsibilities placed on them by other legislation, which may include:

- The Gambling Act 2005
- The Environment Protection Act 1990
- The Noise Act 1996
- The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environmental Act 2005
- The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005
- The Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
- The Equality Act 2010
- The Immigration Act 2016

- Regulators' Code under the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006

4 Consultation

4.1 Consultation has taken place in accordance with the requirements set out in the Licensing Act 2003. 4 Representations have been received as detailed above. No representations were received from the responsible authorities. 1 email from a ward Councillor was received that supported the application.

5 Engagement

5.1 Engagement is not a requirement as set out in the Licensing Act 2003.

6 Options

6.1 Options considered

Members of the Panel are requested to determine the application.

6.2 Reasons for recommended option

In accordance with the requirements as set out in the Licensing Act 2003, where relevant representations are received by either a responsible authority or any other person, the matter is referred to the panel for a decision.

7 Next steps and timelines

7.1 When determining the application Members, having regard to the representations, may take such steps as they consider appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. These steps are:

- Grant the application
- Grant the application with appropriate conditions
- Exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities which relate to this application, or
- Reject the application

7.2 Findings on any issues of fact should be on the balance of probability.

7.3 In arriving at a decision Members must have regard to the relevant provisions of the statutory guidance and the licensing policy statement and reasons must be given for any departure.

7.4 The decision should be based on the individual merits of the application.

8 Contact officer

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9 Background Papers and History of Decisions

[Revised guidance issued under section 182 of Licensing Act 2003 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

[Licensing Policy \(kirklees.gov.uk\)](http://kirklees.gov.uk)

10 Appendices

Appendix A – Grant Application.

Appendix B – Representations.

Appendix C – Supporting correspondence.

Appendix D – Section of 182 Guidance – Licensing Objectives.

11 Service Director responsible

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Appendix A

New Premises Licence

Premises Details

Premises Address *

MARIO'S DINER, MARIOS DINER 9 PEEL STREET
MARSDEN HUDDERSFIELD KIRKLEES HD7 6BR

Telephone number at premises (if any)

[REDACTED]

Non-domestic value of premises. *

£ 12499

Applicant Details

I/We apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as:

a person other than an individual -as a limited company/
limited liability partnership

Applicant Details

If you are applying as a person described in one of the above please confirm: *

I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities; or

Other Applicant (Non Individual)

Name *

Oi Dumplings LTD

Registered Address *

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Town/City *

[REDACTED]

County

[REDACTED]

Other Applicant (Non Individual)

Postcode *

Registered Number (where applicable)

Description of applicant (for example partnership, company, unincorporated association, etc) *

Telephone Number

Email *

hello@oidumplings.uk

Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start? *

11/06/2024

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

Please give a general description of the premises. *

Cafe Oi, formerly Mario's Diner, operates as a brunch cafe from morning until afternoon and transitions into a restaurant in the evening. The service of alcohol is strictly limited to patrons consuming it alongside meals, reflecting the family-friendly ethos of the diner. The ground floor includes a main dining and bar area. The bar is equipped with two beer pumps and ample storage, supporting a vibrant dining space that features full-height windows, creating a bright and welcoming atmosphere. Additional facilities on this level include a fully equipped kitchen, storage areas, and a toilet. Access and egress are facilitated through a street entrance and a back entrance, which also serves as an emergency escape route. The first floor includes additional dining space where alcohol will also be served. This level also hosts an office and storage space, and features a low-level roof area. Both floors are designed without raised floors or lifts, ensuring accessibility for all patrons. The ceiling height across both floors is maintained at 3 meters, enhancing the open feel of the diner. Comprehensive safety measures, including clearly marked escape routes and emergency exits, are integral to the design, ensuring a safe environment for patrons.

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend.

Operating Schedule

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises? * (Please see sections 1 and 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Schedules 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

Operating Schedule

Provision of regulated entertainment (please read guidance note 2) *

Plays

Films

Indoor Sporting Events

Boxing or Wrestling

Live Music

Recorded Music

Performances of Dance

Anything of a similar description falling under Music or Dance

Provision of late night refreshment

Supply of Alcohol

Supply of Alcohol Standard Times

Standard days and timings, where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol. (please read guidance note 7)*
Please enter times in 24hr format (HH:MM)

Day *

Every Day

10:00

23:00

Supply of Alcohol

Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption on premises or off premises or both? (please read guidance note 8) *

On the premises

Is the premises used exclusively or primarily for supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises? *

Yes

State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol. (please read guidance note 5)

N/A

Please state any non-standard timings, where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times from the Standard days and times listed?(please read guidance note 6)

N/A

Designated Premises Supervisor

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as designated premises supervisor (Please see declaration about the entitlement to work in the checklist at the end of the form)

Title *

Miss

First name *

Mollie

Surname *

Power

Street address *

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Town/City *

[REDACTED]

County

[REDACTED]

Postcode *

[REDACTED]

Personal Licence Number (if known)

[REDACTED]

Issuing Licensing Authority (if known)

Kirklees

Adult Entertainment

Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use

N/A

Adult Entertainment

of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 9).

Opening Hours Standard Times

Standard days and timings, where the premises are open to the public. (please read guidance note 7) * Please enter times in 24hr format (HH:MM)

Day *

Every Day

10:00

23:00

Opening Hours

State any seasonal variations. (please read guidance note 5)

N/A

Please state any Non-standard timings, where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from the Standard days and times listed? (please read guidance note 6)

N/A

Licensing Objectives

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General - all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 10) *

G01: Alcohol Sales: There shall be no sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises. G02: Alcohol Strength: Beers, lagers, stout and ciders sold at the premises should not exceed 5.0% alcohol volume. G03: Spirit Bottle Size: Spirits should not be sold in bottles of less than 35cl/70cl. G04: Notices: Prominent, clear notices shall be displayed at every public entrance stating the actual operating hours of the premises. More conditions attached as documents due to limited space.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder *

CD03: Alcohol Consumption: With the exception of residents and their bona fide guests, no alcohol shall be consumed more than thirty minutes after the permitted terminal hour for the supply of alcohol. More conditions attached as documents due to limited space.

c) Public safety *

PS01: The Premises Licence Holder or nominated person shall ensure that the accommodation limit specified on the licence is not exceeded and shall be aware of the number of people on the premises at reasonable times. PS02: Seating for no less than 75% of the maximum occupancy shall be

Licensing Objectives

	provided in the premises at all times the premises are in operation. More conditions attached as documents due to limited space.
d) The prevention of public nuisance *	PN01: Restrictions on Live Music: The performance of live entertainment will be limited to specific hours and days, ensuring minimal disturbance to the local residents. PN02: Speakers: No speakers for amplification of music shall be placed on the outside of the premises or on the outside of any building forming a part of the premises. More conditions attached as documents due to limited space.
e) The protection of children from harm *	PC03: The premises shall display prominent signage indicating at the entrance to the premises that a Challenge 25 scheme is in operation. More conditions attached as documents due to limited space.

Declarations

Declaration Type *	Sole Applicant - Individual or Other
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Declarations

I have uploaded a copy of the plan of the premises. I have uploaded a copy of the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be designated premises supervisor, if applicable. I understand I must now advertise my application. I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected. Applicable to all individual applicants, including those in partnership which is not a limited liability partnership, but not companies or limited liability partnerships I have included documents demonstrating my entitlement to work in the United Kingdom (please read note 15)

IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT 'IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED.

Signature/Declaration of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see Guidance Note 11 & 12). If signing/applying on behalf of the applicant, please state your name and in what capacity you are authorised to sign/apply. When submitting an on-line application form the 'Declaration made' checkbox must be selected.

- I understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK (please read guidance note 15).
- The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, if appropriate (please see note 15).

Declarations

Full Name *

Michael Soselia

Date *

14/05/2024

Capacity *

Authorised Agent



Declaration made

Do you wish to provide alternative correspondence details? *

Yes

Joint Applicant Declaration

I have uploaded a copy of the plan of the premises. I have uploaded a copy of the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be designated premises supervisor, if applicable. I understand I must now advertise my application. I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected. Applicable to all individual applicants, including those in partnership which is not a limited liability partnership, but not companies or limited liability partnerships. I have included documents demonstrating my entitlement to work in the United Kingdom (please read note 15).

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Signature/Declaration of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see Guidance Note 11 & 12). If signing/applying on behalf of the applicant, please state your name and in what capacity you are authorised to sign/apply. When submitting an on-line application form the 'Declaration made' checkbox must be selected. For joint applications of 2nd applicant or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 13). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity you are authorised to sign/apply. When submitting an online application form the 'Declaration made' checkbox must be selected.



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The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, if appropriate (please see note 15).

Full Name *

Mollie Power

Date *

14/05/2024

Joint Applicant Declaration

Capacity *

Applicant



Declaration made

For joint notifiers or second notifiers solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 3). If signing on behalf of the notifier please state in what capacity you are authorised to sign/apply. When submitting an online application form the 'Declaration made' checkbox must be selected. IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

Full Name *

Michael Soselia

Date *

14/05/2024

Capacity *



Declaration made

Do you wish to provide alternative correspondence details? *

Yes

Alternative Correspondence

Please provide Contact Name and postal address for correspondence associated with this application.

Title

Mr

First name

Michael

Surname

Soselia

Street address *

Town/City *

Alternative Correspondence

County

Postcode *

Telephone Number

Email *

Email confirmation

On submission an email confirmation will be sent using the details below

Forename

Surname /Company Name

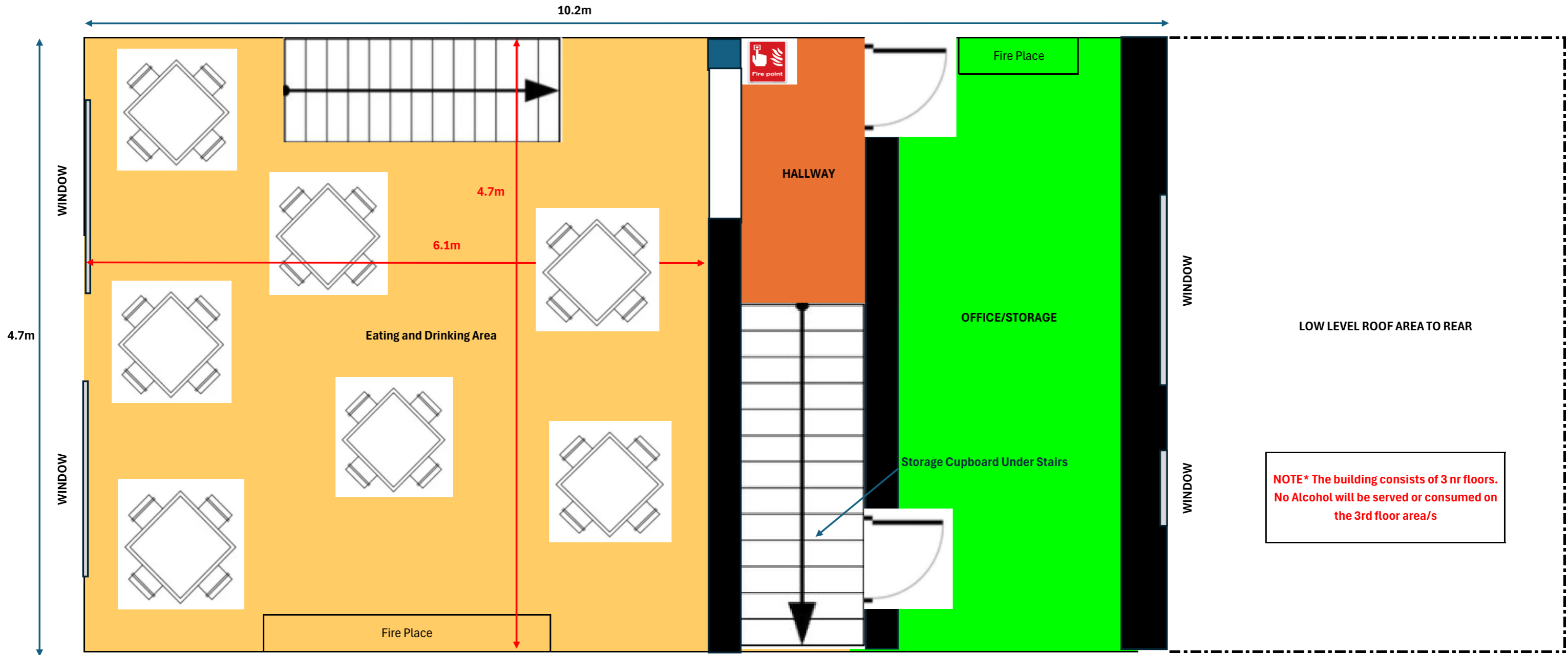
Email *

Telephone

FIRST FLOOR TOTAL AREA = 47.94m²

Area of where Alcohol will be consumed = 28.67m²
Columns and Nibs

Notes
Low level roof area identified
No raised floors
Seating shown is indicative (For reference only)
Ceiling Height is 3m
Drawing is not to scale but shows total layout areas / fixed structures



Appendix B

Kirklees Council Licensing
Licensing Service, PO Box 1720, Huddersfield, HD1 9EL.

[REDACTED]

Dear Sirs

29th May 2024

Re:- Application for an Alcohol Licence at 9 Peel Street Marsden HD 7 6BR

[REDACTED]

I object to the License on the following grounds.

- 1) Granting the alcohol license will create more noise than the current use as a café. The use of alcohol makes people more liable to make noise as they become intoxicated. This will significantly effect my way of life through excessive noise disturbance. When planning permission was granted for the change of use to a café a condition for restriction of opening hours to 6pm was imposed which is at odds with the applicants request for 11pm
- 2) [REDACTED]. During summer no doubt these will be left open for ventilation increasing direct sound transmission. [REDACTED]
- 3) Any chairs and tables on the pavement will make the situation considerably worse causing additional noise disturbance and smokers fumes coming in through my windows.
- 4) There are many alcohol Licences already in what is a small village centre and as a community we have suffered from the Ale Trail . I enclose a map showing the other close licensed premises. Adding to this will cause further community wide disturbance and loss of amenity. The river head tap is the main source of noise and disturbance in the village and the proposals close vicinity will further add to noise pollution and contribute to potential unrest.

In conclusion [REDACTED] many of the other commercial premises on Peel street have residential accommodation above. An additional Alcohol License will cause an increase in public nuisance and add to the social disorder associated with a concentration of bars in the area causing loss of amenity to the existing residents. Marsden is a small place and the Ale trail already leads to considerable problems in public disorder. Another licence will only exasperate this. We enclose a petition of objection to the granting of the alcohol licence from local people we have canvased.

It should also be noted that local long established pubs and clubs find it economically difficult too sustain business already and a further dilution of trade will cause hardship.

I also believe there are planning issues which are relevant to the licensing application. I enclose a letter I have forward to the Authority which address these



Mike Skelton

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

[REDACTED]
Licensing

Application for an alcohol licence for Oi Cafe

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To Whom it May Concern

RE: Application for an alcohol licence for Oi Cafe, 9 Peel Street, Marsden HD7 6BR.

I am writing to oppose the application for this alcohol licence. Nobody has approached me asking me to do so. I was made aware of the issue due to an appeal on Facebook, by the owners of Oi Cafe, in favour of their business. This was a direct personal appeal and many people have signed, wishing to support the owners, but I wonder if they are aware of the longer-term consequences.

I have prior experience of this issue. Before I moved to Marsden I lived in a community that came to be dominated by alcohol retailing. Businesses which started as cafes were given a licence for 'quiet drinks' or drinks with a meal. Management or ownership changed over time, but the alcohol licence remained. A few years later we had yet another bar. Over time the bars got bigger and catered more towards loud and excessive drinking. The business model proved too persuasive to resist, even for owners who set out to run quiet cafes. In Marsden we recently had a pub extension and the interior has been styled more sensationally.

While alcohol licences are good for the business model of alcohol retailers, they have negative effects on the standards of public life. These effects come to displace the quiet cafe atmosphere which all residents could enjoy.

Business owners invariably advance arguments suggesting that their particular alcohol license will be a blessing for the community. We hear about 'lively atmosphere' and 'people enjoying themselves' etc. While we all want to see civilized cafes thriving there are no effective controls to keep a business within such limits. If there were effective controls, legal or planning, which could protect a civilized

cafe atmosphere I would have no need to write this objection. As evidenced by the state of our town centres there are no such controls in this country. The density of alcohol licences in an area is the greatest predictor of a charged and volatile atmosphere.

To give an idea of how bad this gets, I once sat in a meeting where community members met with representatives of the alcohol industry. We raised the problem of public urination and vomiting and they shrugged. Our streets had been transformed for their profit, yet they felt no responsibility and there remains nothing to hold them to account. There exist no effective constraints - planning, legal or otherwise - which can be used to keep UK drinking patterns to those we admire on the continent. In this country, once alcohol gets in, there is nothing to prevent alcohol taking over. And once an area has become a known destination for an evening of drinking there are no measures that can reverse the damage.

Every town centre in the UK is now dominated by the effects of drinking. Marsden is vulnerable because of the Ale Trail which creates a particular atmosphere in our village. Groups of people come to Marsden as part of a pub crawl. There is shouting in the street and vomit in resident's gardens. I know of residents who will not go to the village centre on a weekend evening because they no longer feel at ease. No quiet cafe will be visited by them because they stay at home. The 'quiet cafe' will find its customers are those who are passing - those who have come to be part of the charged atmosphere. Their demographic is anything but diverse. Such customers create business opportunities resulting in more applications to sell alcohol. The atmosphere becomes more raucous. And so it ratchets up. Town centres have got to the point where there are police and ambulances on hand and pubs have bouncers because of frequent trouble. What is already happening in the real world is far from what was written on the original planning applications.

The problem with each individual licence is the cumulative effect towards decline. Because of the Ale Trail and other factors Marsden is already on this trajectory. There is already a 'new normal' where residents who don't enjoy a rowdy evening feel unwelcome. Each successful application increases the 'pull' of the area, which increases the market, which encourages other applications. Businesses thinking of setting up as cafes are aware of the opportunities and profits that alcohol presents. Each licence results in slimmer grounds for objection to the next because what was once a diverse community has become an entertainment zone.

Thankfully there is still a diverse pattern of land use in Marsden village centre. There are homes in the centre of the village where people are able to bring up children and live normal lives. I assume they are alarmed by every new alcohol license and wonder how long a normal life will be possible. The current diversity of land use needs cherishing and protecting, using whatever legal and planning measures have any leverage.

In future please do not allow any alcohol licences or any extensions of alcohol retailing establishments in Marsden. The license application stage is the only chance we get of gatekeeping the process and safeguarding what we have.

Yours faithfully



Mike Skelton

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 June 2024 14:06
To: Licensing
Subject: Cafe Oi - 9 Peel Street, Marsden HD76BR

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To whom this may concern

It gives me great dissatisfaction or pleasure to write this email to your licensing department, regarding the business (who are named as the subject header of this email) who have applied for an alcoholic license at the trading address in Peel Street in Marsden. Unfortunately this application has caused great division in the community of our village.

The Establishment concerned have raised a petition by a village Facebook group encouraging people to contact yourselves in favour of their licensing application and have slightly committed a slanderous accusation against the opposition who have opened up a petition against the licence application, as a [REDACTED] find this quite pathetic behaviour from a professional business .

I'm sure you are aware Marsden has a reputation for alcoholic beverage and we have several occasions of police involvement mainly on Friday and Saturday evenings due to the Ale Trail so another license premises on Peel Street would not be very advisory and will totally exasperate the problem my main complaint is the total lack of parking, residents who live on adjoining roads to Peel Street already have extreme difficulty in parking on Friday Saturday evenings if they work unsociable hours like myself and have experienced this, sometimes I've had to park my car after a 12 hour working day a quarter of a mile away from my house due to a total lack of parking due people frequenting the leisure establishments in vehicles if there's no parking in Peel Street. Visitors will then park in adjoining residential areas we have strict limited numbers of parking spaces due to the back to back type houses and visitors have little or no concern of this often making noise when returning to their vehicles sometimes as late as the early hours,

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Appendix C

Hi there

RE alcohol licence for Peel Street Oi cafe.

I recently signed a petition against this application for an alcohol licence, but now I have found out more about it and I want to remove my name from the petition and to SUPPORT the application.

The petition I signed was passed to me by someone who didn't really know any details and I now have more information and am very happy to support the business which has already run successfully in our area.

Sorry for the mix-up.

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To whom it may concern,

RE: 9 Peel Street, Marsden HD7 6BR

I write in support of the application to extend licensing to allow for opening hours beyond 18.00 and the sale of alcohol for the above address.

By reimagining the space at 9 Peel Street and its usage, the new owners can contribute to the post-Covid economic trend of making Marsden an even more attractive destination for visitors and locals alike, reinvigorating the community's sense of pride and ownership, and fostering a stronger sense of community. This clearly aligns with the role and function of 'districts' as set out in the Kirklees Local Plan Strategy (Policy LP13): *"Be the local focus for basic financial services, food and drink, entertainment, leisure and tourist facilities, and health services"*.

The Kirklees Local Plan Strategy (2019) identifies the need for centres to:

- "...be appropriate in scale, help to retain an existing centre's market share, and enhance the experience of those visiting the centre..."

and further that,

- "... provide a mix of uses to serve the local community, businesses and visitors to the district. The uses shall complement each another whilst retaining a strong retail core. Centres in Kirklees shall aim to provide a range of uses to support the daytime and evening economy".

The new ownership of this property at the heart of Marsden village centre presents the opportunity to continue the trend of revitalising the area's character, injecting fresh energy and ideas into the mix of existing shops, cafes, and services. Plans include food service, cookery classes, and a co-working space, all offerings which comparable businesses in the village also offer (e.g.: Peel Street Social, Sass). This business is primarily a café and social space, as opposed to a public house or bar (of which Marsden has several, largely operating without incident), and the provision of alcohol is intended to be complimentary to food served.

Both Peel Street Social and Sass have extended licenses for the sale of alcohol with no detrimental impact on the community. Both businesses are juvenile, a fresh approach

to the hub of Marsden village, and they have proved enormously popular not only with the community in the village, but with others travelling from surrounding towns and villages to bolster the Marsden economy. Importantly, I am unaware of any negative impact on the four licensing objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder; public safety; the prevention of public nuisance; and the protection of children from harm. Should the decision be taken not to grant extended opening and / or an alcohol license to the new owners at this address, I believe that it would significantly limit the business model and offering to the village. Any such limitations on the ability to generate revenue, grow local employment and support the daytime / nighttime economy are objectively counter to the stated objectives of the Local Plan. In line with the licensing objectives, there is no apparent reason for the application to be rejected. It is of concern that a small group of individuals are working against the progress of the community. Their actions can be detrimental to the overall well-being and growth of the village, stifling innovation and entrepreneurship. It's essential for the community to come together and address these issues, promoting a positive and inclusive environment that fosters collaboration and development. Should you wish to discuss further, my contact details are as below. Sincerely,

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I am writing to admit with some embarrassment to the signing of the petition opposing the granting of an alcohol licence to Cafe Oi, Marsden. In brief I was walking down Peel Street and was summoned into the shop belonging to June which is next door to the new premises of Cafe Oi. I was informed that the plan was for a wine bar rather than an eatery and restaurant. On reflection I should not have signed the petition and politely refused to do so as I didn't have the full information about the plans for Cafe Oi at that time.

I believe that Cafe Oi will be a fine addition to the offerings in Marsden for locals and visitors alike. Food and cuisine from around the world has the ability to embrace difference, build cohesion and give local people a glimpse into world thinking rather than one of a fear of change. I have lived in Marsden for close on 11 years and hope that it can embrace Cafe Oi, with its food and also a glass of wine or a fine beer to enhance the experience.

I recommend the granting of an alcohol licence to Cafe Oi

Respectfully yours

To whom this may concern

I am writing to offer my support for Oi Dumplings / Cafe Oi being given an alcohol license and allowed to open after 6pm.

The Marsden village is becoming more and more popular, and having successful businesses and variety is essential to meeting the needs and offering choice to the local community. I cannot see any legitimate reason why allowing Oi Dumplings to serve alcohol shouldn't be granted, and fully support them in their venture. The Marsden community would only benefit from this. It would create jobs for locals and be another reason for people outside of Marsden to want to visit.

As a separate note - my Grandma told me that a business on Peel Street who is petitioning against this pulled her into their shop the other day. They told her about their petition and pressured her into adding her name. The way she described it she didn't know what she was signing or why, and felt like she had to because of the way it had been sprung upon her. She wasn't given any time to go away and think about it, she felt she had to sign her name there and then. This is absolutely not acceptable. My grandma is a 88 year old woman who has lived in Marsden all her life, and I am appalled that a local business has used her for their gain. People should be given choice and control, and not have someone else's agenda forced upon them.

Regards

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To whom it may concern,

My name is and I live at

When hearing about Oi Dumpling opening up a new place for coffee and food I was beyond excited! Me and my partner often walk along the canal from slaithwaite to Marsden to enjoy food and a couple of drinks. Having alcohol is detrimental to the success of the business/restaurant. I know this is agreed on the majority of the community who have the best interest of the village at heart. Please support this small business in becoming successful and approving their application to be able to serve alcohol.

Thank you!

Kind regards,

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Dear Licensing Department,

I am writing to you regarding the licence request from Oi Cafe to allow them to serve alcohol alongside their meals.

I have followed Oi Dumplings since they started their business during lockdown. Since then, I have watched them build a unique, authentic business from the ground up. They have thrown themselves into the community, hosting cooking events for local children, holding treasure hunts and most importantly, serving delicious food to their vast customer base.

It is through hard work and determination that they have secured a restaurant and this can only be seen as a huge positive for Marsden. They have won food awards and been mentioned across various newspapers for the quality of their food which, I have seen first hand, has attracted business to Marsden.

The industry is suffering due to the state of the economy and a vital way to support these local businesses is to allow alcohol licenses. Oi have never had any concerns raised within the community before and I have no doubt that they would continue to be exemplary business owners with a licence.

If this was not granted, there is the risk that Oi may not survive in the current climate and may be forced to close down the line. This would be a tragedy. It is imperative that the community has these local businesses for quality of life and for the economic growth of the area.

Please consider the voice of the many and grant the team at Oi an alcohol licence.

Please feel free to contact me at any time to discuss my feelings on the topic further.

Many thanks

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Sending my support for Oi dumpling's licensing application. Lovely business, doesn't deserve this backlash.

To whom it may concern

I am a resident in Marsden and have recently heard the news that Kirklees licensing have refused Oi Dumping's application for an alcohol licence at their new restaurant in our village.

I am writing to express my disbelief and disappointment at this decision. Marsden has very few restaurants (particularly in comparison to neighbouring Slawit), so the news that a vibrant new restaurant from a team that have already built a following from their smaller venue was incredibly exciting and exactly what the village needs.

To refuse an alcohol licence in a restaurant is absurd. There is no reason whatsoever to block this application. Most people like to have a glass of wine or beer with their meal, this is no different from the Italian restaurant (Mozerellas) only 3 doors up and even Bao Bros are based in the Riverhead Pub directly opposite! There is rarely any trouble in the village, and if there is, it has **never** spilled out from a restaurant serving alcohol.

It is vital that Kirklees Council does whatever it can to support vibrant local businesses that will add so much to our village and community. We need more places like this in Marsden. Refusing a license could severely impact the success of this business and the livelihood of its owners and any employees.

For Kirklees to have been swayed by a minority of small minded individuals who we know have exploited our elderly residents by instilling fear in them of possible “antisocial behaviour” from a restaurant serving alcohol is incredibly disappointing. The entire village is outraged by the rejection and 100% behind Oi Dumplings.

I urge Kirklees Licensing to reconsider this application and allow Oi Dumplings to sell alcohol.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Hi,

I want to offer my support for Oi Dumpling at Peel Street, Marsden to have an alcohol licence.

When we go out for a meal we enjoy having an alcoholic drink and if it was refused we would be less likely to visit.

My address is

Thanks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident of Marsden, I am writing to offer my support for the issuing of an alcohol license for the soon to open Cafe Oi (9, Peel Street, Marsden).

I have known the owners since they first opened their original premises in the village. They are hard working, honest and kind young people, and their unique and award-winning business is a very welcome addition to our village.

Their popular and successful Oi Dumpling business has been a vital contribution to village life and community. It has also been a draw for families visiting the area. The new cafe is positioned in the middle of the high street, surrounded by commercial premises, directly opposite a thriving pub. There are other licensed premises within a few doors either side. The cafe’s main focus will be their delicious food, but an alcohol license will allow them to pair drink with their dishes, as you would expect.

Thank you for considering my support for their license application.

Kind regards,

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Hi,

I'm writing in support of a planning application for Oi Dumpling in Marsden. The business and it's owners/staff are an integral part of the village. It's vital we give small businesses all the support we can to help our rural economies grow. Supporting a small independent business like Oi Dumplings helps the village keep its identity. This is hugely important where so many small communities get saddled with the identikit chain restaurants.

I hope you can see to approve both the later opening and the alcohol licence and not be swayed by a campaign seeking to undermine whilst not representing the views of the average resident.

Many thanks,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As a Marsden resident, I am writing in support of the recent application for a alcohol licence at the soon to be opened, Cafe Oi.

Oi Dumplings have been an asset to the local community since they started out cooking from home and subsequently setting up at the cabin to bring their culinary delights to the village. Everyone locally has been thrilled to witness their growing success and excited at the prospect of an all year round space to dine in.

Marsden is a wonderful place to live, not only because of the natural surroundings but the diversity of the offer on the high street and Cafe Oi will bring a very welcome additional offer for dining out in the evening (already thinking about my birthday!) or informal dining with the family...

There are plenty of pubs on offer for those who just wish to drink but the alcohol licence here will give residents a chance to enjoy fantastic cuisine along with a lovely drop of wine or a beer. Mollie and Maisie bring nothing but positivity to the village and long may this continue.

Best regards,

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Good morning,

I am writing to object to the objection for Cafe Oi in Marsden to sell alcohol under license.

There are many establishments within walking distance which serve alcohol. People enjoy going out with their friends and family to have something to eat with an alcoholic drink.

Please re-consider the decision about the alcohol license for Cafe Oi.

Kind regards,

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Hi there,

I am a resident of Marsden and I am a homeowner on a street a few minutes walk away from Peel Street and Cafe Oi at. The owners of the business, Maisie and Molly, are incredibly respectful and loved in the village for the wonderful food and taste of Vietnam they have brought to West Yorkshire. We feel very lucky to have award winning food on our doorstep and the whole community is incredibly excited for their future in a bigger premisses on Peel Street and this will be enhanced with an alcohol license.

Everybody knows that the success of hospitality businesses relies heavily on being able to sell alcohol and after a difficult few years with Covid and the Cost of Living Crisis we need to be supporting businesses to thrive in Kirklees to boost the economy and create opportunities not blocking growth due to a small group of individuals who are jealous of the success of others.

Please allow them to have a license to serve lovely drinks to accompany their amazing food. I have faith in Kirklees council to make the right decision as the overwhelming majority of the Colne Valley are behind the wonderful ladies at Oi Dumplings and want to see them succeed.

Many thanks,

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Hi,

I understand that there has been an objection to Cafe Oi, a new cafe opening in Marsden village, getting an alcohol license. As a resident of the village and as a frequent visitor of Cafe Oi's street food at previous places they have set up in the past, I'm really disappointed to hear this.

An alcohol license is pretty essential for businesses to serve food in the evenings, and the Cafe Oi owners have worked hard and brought such an amazing offering to the village to get to the point of setting up this indoor venue. Me, my partner and friends are all really excited to finally get to eat their amazing food in a lovely cafe environment while enjoying a glass of wine or beer.

Aside from our selfish excitement of having this available on our doorstep, this will be a great addition to the high street. I can't understand what risk this would bring to the village either, there are a number of cafes/ restaurants and bars on the high street and Cafe Oi will be another fantastic choice for people to go to.

Rejecting this application will mean a big loss for Marsden residents and visitors to the village, and I really hope you'll support the application.

Thanks,

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I write this email in the support of the new Cafe Oi alcohol license application.

I take regular trips to Marsden to visit family and friends, since our very first visit to the cabin, to try Oi Dumplings, we have been returning customers, even visiting the stall at the Manchester Christmas markets.

The food is amazing, the service is special and I've always thought they added that special little something to Marsden.

During our final visit it was pouring down with rain, so to hear they were moving to a place indoors, is just fantastic news.

I am aware that an application for an alcohol license has been submitted and on behalf of my family and I, want to show our full support.

The company are clear on how alcohol will be served, who doesn't want to WINE & DINE?

The world is a challenging place right now, we must support business developments that aim to positively impact community wellbeing.

Good Luck Cafe Oi

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Hello, I'm writing to discuss Oi Dumplings positive impact on the village of Marsden and in support of an alcohol licence post 6pm, for their new exciting permanent premises.

My family, including two teenagers, live in the nearby village of Uppermill and travel over the hill to enjoy Marsden regularly. The highlight of our trip, after a walk along the canal, is a visit to Oi Dumplings. Their award winning food is of an incredibly high standard, which is authentic and bespoke to the surrounding areas. The owner's charming and welcoming personality spreads throughout their service, their tasteful decor and the food itself.

Their new expanded business venture, along with its evening licence, is just what the village needs to match and modernise what the local areas currently offer. In these difficult times, I feel your support in granting evening alcohol hours would give them a fairer opportunity to succeed in their growth. Your doing so would reflect the respect and grace that they have brought with them, while wholeheartedly embracing the village life itself.

The option of alcoholic drinks alongside an evening meal can be a dealbreaker when customers such as myself are considering a well earned night out. Licensing restraints, brought on by similar complaints, have seen new businesses local to myself such as Donkeystone Brewery in Greenfield, close without being given a fair chance to succeed.

As Oi Dumplings make their way from street food to restaurant I hope you are able to reward the efforts that their hard work deserves, as this would be a fantastic way to appropriately enhance our area.

Your sincerely

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To whom it may concern.

I am writing to pledge my support for the licensing application for the above business. I understand there has been some opposition to the request for a license to sell alcohol at this new business.

I am baffled by this, Marsden is a close knit community and in the main all the local businesses are very supportive of each other.

Cafe Oi, can only be a good thing for the village and will bring increased footfall, the selling of alcohol, can only increase its appeal.

I really hope that you can look favourably on the application, and can see the benefits, which apart from the appeal it will hold to locals and visitors alike, but also create much needed employment for local people.

Kind Regards

Sent from my iPad

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to the issues being faced by Oi Dumplings in obtaining an alcohol licence and later opening times for their new cafe, following objections from a couple of local residents.

Thousands of cafes and restaurants operate with alcohol licences in areas where businesses and residents cohabit peacefully and without any nuisance behaviour from patrons. This is the case for venues offering both daytime dining and evening dining. Evening dining does not automatically turn a cafe into a "bar".

It's very normal for people to sensibly enjoy an alcoholic drink with their meal, often with friends and family, and many establishments financially rely on alcohol sales due to the higher profit earned on such sales.

I am also aware that there are other businesses on the high street that have alcohol licences and are open later, therefore struggle to see how granting such licences to Oi would negatively impact residents on the high street.

The more thriving businesses there are in a town/village centre, the more footfall the village will receive which in turn benefits the local community. People living outside of the area (such as myself) are more likely to visit Marsden when there are multiple cafes/restaurants etc to visit than if there were only 1 or 2 options.

In the current economy, it would be such a shame to deny a small business the opportunity to grow within the community that they first found their feet, simply due to the unreasonable objections of the few.

I hope that the right decision will be made.

Kind regards,

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Good Evening, I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my anguish about a recent decision to not grant the alcohol licence to 'cafe oi' on peel street in Marsden. I was formally a manager of another business in the centre called and I know first-hand the difficulties of operating a small business in the centre and some of the barriers they may already be facing.

We at bistro 11 faced many challenges being based in a small town and relied heavily on alcohol sales to make ends meet and sadly this was still not enough for us to keep

operating. Rising food and wage bills in this current climate are proving extremely detrimental for start-up businesses to remain open and remain unique.

The business model at cafe Oi I'm sure does not reflect to be in anyway promoting binge drinking or anti-social behaviour and from what I know does not serve drinks till particularly late in retrospect to other business nearby.

As a predominantly food-based business operating with quite a niche market I fear that their longevity in the village may be compromised if they are not granted an alcohol licence and you will be faced with yet another empty property on the high street. Many of my old customers would often attend Bistro 11 for a quiet glass of wine to enjoy as part of a good quality meal away from the hustle and bustle of the noisier larger establishments.

I would also point out that my former workplace was based on a quiet residential street with neighbours on most sides and received 0 noise or licensing problems in contrast to the position of Oi Cafe surrounded by other bars pubs and restaurants.

I believe the recent opposition made about the alcohol licence has been done out of spite rather than what's best for the local economy.

I am aware they have plans to employ local people at the site and this would provide much needed employment in the area. I would also like to point out that the Marsden grown business they have created has also brought in lots of people to the area from all over the UK due to their good reputation, reviews, and large online presence.

I urge you to reconsider your decision.

Kind wishes,

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To the Licensing team,

With regard to Oi Dumplings, 9 Peel Street, Marsden.

My family and I are very much looking forward to this award winning small business opening an eatery in Marsden. It will make a fantastic addition to existing cafes and restaurants, being so different.

It will also give customers more choice and bring more business into Marsden.

It would be lovely to eat a meal at Oi Dumplings in an evening and enjoy a glass of wine or beer with our food.

I understand there is a petition in place against this, and therefore I am writing to you to request that permission is granted in order for this small business to be able to thrive within the same conditions as other established traders in Marsden.

Thank you and with kind regards,

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Hello,

I am writing in support of Oi Dumplings receiving an alcohol license, for the reason that they are a wonderful business who serve delicious food, and myself like many others would love to see them thrive in their new Peel Street venue. An alcohol licence would help contribute to a small business's success, which is something that 99.9% of people in this world want to see happen. They are an absolute asset to Marsden and being able to enjoy an alcoholic beverage with their amazing food would only enhance the local community.

I sincerely hope my email along with countless others will help the council's decision on this.

Kind regards

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Dear Kirklees council,

I am writing to express my support for Oi Dumplings restaurant, a small, female-owned local business that has recently faced objections to their application for an alcohol license. This business offers a unique dining experience and has been built up over several years, winning awards and becoming an important part of the community. It is crucial to support them in their efforts to thrive and compete fairly with other local establishments.

In an already challenging time for small businesses, many of the surrounding establishments already offer both food and alcohol. Denying this license would place Oi Dumplings at a significant disadvantage. The ability to sell alcohol on their premises is crucial for them to remain competitive and provide a complete dining experience to their customers.

I strongly believe that granting this license will not only support Oi Dumplings but also enhance the overall appeal of the village for both local people and visitors. It is essential to ensure that all businesses have equal opportunities to succeed and thrive.

Thank you for considering my perspective. I hope you will take this into account when making your decision.

Best regards,

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I would like to express my support of Oi Dumplings/Cafe Oi in their application for an alcohol license at their new premises on Peel Street, Marsden.

The village of Marsden needs exactly the type of investment these business owners are making. Their cafe will provide employment to village residents, income for surrounding businesses and help with much needed regenerate of the area.

Without an alcohol licence the business may struggle to thrive impacting Marsden and discouraging other potential investors to the area.

Regards
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Café Oi is a valuable asset to our village, offering a communal space for residents, and visitors of the village to enjoy, boosting our local economy and offering jobs to local people.

Granting the venue an alcohol license will enable the business to thrive and grow further. As a local resident, I fully support this and look forward to seeing the business prosper.

Thank you,

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FAO Licensing Team – Marsden/ Kirklees Council

I first met Mollie Power & Maisie Jay Davies almost 2 years ago when a vacancy arose on the Christmas Market for the festive season 2022; having applied to the database the Oi Dumpling team came along to our head office in Manchester City Centre to present their proposed menu to our event management team.

The presentation was outstanding and the food; wow, the food was just incredible. Mollie & Maisie have now successfully acquired two years trading experience on the Christmas Market. For context; in 2023 the Christmas Market had 9 million visitors, a Trip Advisor rating of 4.5 stars & for the 4th consecutive year the 'Most Instagrammable Christmas Market' award winner; our accolades this year also included 'Best Christmas Market in the World' & for the first time featured in an unbelievable 13.2 million TikTok views.

As a senior event manager for this 45-day event, I manage all operational aspects of the market's delivery. For the market to succeed it is crucial that our traders are the absolute best at everything they do. Dedicated, professional, confident, capable, flexible, exceptionally hard working, talented with excellent communication skills. The Oi team have consistently worked incredibly hard & tirelessly to meet our quite specific & very fluid trader regulations, often actively & positively

engaging in last-minute changes and directions from our team. The event is no easy task, the hours are demanding, the level of trade is demanding, yet each time I communicate with Oi they are always fresh faced, happy and clearly just loving what they do by bringing their awesome food to their regulars and new customers alike.

I live in Manchester and do not know the local area of Marsden well, however, I have visited and found the community incredibly welcoming and reflective of the young independent businesses that are driving and securing the future of this village. Hospitality & retail have been exiting the high streets for many years now, moving the economy into larger towns and Cities. Marsden is a rare exception to this National trend & investing into the independent traders that are young and who do plan to continue trading for many years to come ought to be supported as best as possible, hence this supporting email after hearing about the difficulties in securing the premises licence for their new cafe.

Should you wish to contact me in relation to any of the above content, please do so. I would be happy to support in any way possible. Many thanks.

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Good morning,

As Kirklees residents, we are writing to express our support for the alcohol license application for Oi Dumplings on Peel Street.

You are, undoubtedly aware of the challenges facing small businesses in this day and age, and you will understand how responsibly serving alcohol can make or break an independent food business. Oi Dumplings have invested a significant amount of time, energy and money in creating a truly special community place, that not only enlivens the High Street, but has challenged other businesses to raise their game. This benefits everyone, but most of all, us local residents.

We are certain that you have taken this into account, and no doubt your inbox will be bulging with emails of support and recommendations of good character, and this is why we urge you to consider their application in the interest of overwhelming public demand.

These are good, honest and hard working people, doing their absolute best to make a living in exceptionally trying times. The local economy is crying out for more independent businesses, for more purveyors of high quality food and drink and for more people who create a warm and inviting place that is accepting of everyone.

Oi is supported by the people of Slaithwaite and the surrounding areas, and we hope you will underpin that community support with your decision to grant their alcohol license.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email,

All the best

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Ref:
Cafe Oi License Application

9 Peel Street
Marsden
HD7 6BR

To whom it may concern,

As a frequent visitor to Marsden, one of the many draws here is having varied cafes, bars and restaurants.

Having the option of an alcoholic drink with a meal is imperative to the success of this business. A licensed Cafe Oi will draw people to the village and the benefit of this extends to the wider businesses and community alike.

Why Cafe Oi is being treated any differently to the established licensed premises that serve food, is ludicrous and unfair.

Kind regards,

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To Whom it may concern,

I wanted to write to express my disappointment on hearing that Cafe Oi has not been permitted an alcohol license. We regularly holiday in Marsden and have enjoyed dinner with a glass of wine at many of the establishments on Peel Street so I'm baffled as to why Cafe Oi would be any different. We were lucky enough to sample their food at the cabin and have no doubt that the new restaurant will thrive both in the day and night.

I've known Maisie for a number of years having taught English with her in Vietnam. She's incredibly responsible and passionate about Vietnamese cuisine and I have no doubt that serving a glass of wine or cold beer would only enhance the experience the new cafe hopes to create. It seems like an error to deny them the opportunity to prove themselves, particularly as I am aware the other businesses on the street are in support of them.

I hope that you reconsider for the sake of creating a vibrant Marsden that appeals to the masses.

Best wishes,

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the Oi Cafe application for an alcohol license for their premises at 9 Peel St, Marsden.

Marsden is a unique village with a community spirit that spans multi generations and is a safe and diverse place for all. If we lose businesses such as Oi we risk losing so much more as a village. They bring something new & interesting to the community which will give longevity and modernity to the village for locals and tourists alike, allowing Marsden to thrive.

Given the culture of the village has vastly improved since the end of "ale trail" days, i believe a coffee by day cafe / restaurant by night can only be a positive to the future sustainability of the village. These are responsible business owners that have a plan to bring jobs and boost the community spirit in the village. An alcohol licence is not going to damage the ecosystem that is Peel Street, it will only enhance it.

What has become very apparent, particularly in the difficult economic years since the pandemic is the collaborative and community-focussed spirit of a number of the business-owners in Marsden, Oi Dumplings included. Their contribution to Marsden being able to maintain itself as a sustainable and relevant high street is unquestionable.

The location of the cafe at 9 Peel St is the ideal place within the village for this type of business and I am sure it will help foster an even stronger sense of community and responsibility between like-minded businesses in the area.

I have no concerns with the Oi Cafe being granted an alcohol license as I believe them to be responsible and community-minded business-owners.

Many thanks

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To Whom it may concern,

Please accept this email in support of Cafe Oi and their ambition to grow their business in the community of Marsden. As a fellow business owner we understand the challenge of keeping the village thriving. Cafe Oi has already made an impact on the local community and is a great asset to the village. We support that the business plan to serve alcohol to enhance the experience of their customers is imperative to engage with existing and new customers.

Our staff and patients always look at Marsden as a place that is welcoming with many opportunities to have food and drink. We would love to see Oi Cafe open in full capacity with their alcohol licence.

We wish them the very best and we look forward to supporting another local business.

Kind Regards,

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Hi,

I'm aware of a petition against the application for an alcohol license to be granted for Café Oi, located at 9 Peel Street, Marsden.

There are many businesses on Peel Street already who currently hold alcohol licenses. Selling alcohol at this new establishment is not just a matter of convenience; it is an essential asset that contributes significantly to the local economy. According to recent studies, businesses that are permitted to sell alcohol see an average increase in revenue by 20-30%, which can be reinvested into the community (source: UK Hospitality Industry Report). This boost would help to provide better services and contribute more effectively to Marsden's economic development.

Marsden needs new businesses like this to keep its popularity, and to increase footfall for everyone else. To potentially hinder this by not granting the alcohol license would be a mistake in my opinion.

Personally, I imagine myself most of the time not having an alcoholic drink when I visit this cafe, but what I and many others do want is choice. And I want the cafe to thrive.

By allowing Cafe Oi to sell alcohol, they can attract more customers, create jobs, and support other local businesses through increased foot traffic.

Regards,

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Dear Kirklees Licensing Team,

I am writing to express my strong support for Oi Dumpling's application to serve alcohol at their new location, 9 Peel Street, Marsden. This esteemed company has not only gained a reputation for its delicious and award-winning food but has also become an invaluable asset to the community.

Oi Dumpling has significantly contributed to the local economy by creating jobs for residents and attracting numerous visitors to Marsden. Their commitment to quality and community engagement is exemplary, and I believe that allowing them to serve alcohol would enhance the dining experience for their patrons, further boosting their positive impact on the area.

The introduction of an alcohol license at their establishment would likely increase their appeal to a broader audience, providing a more comprehensive dining experience that complements their outstanding cuisine. This step would support local tourism and contribute to the vibrancy and economic growth of Marsden.

I wholeheartedly support Oi Dumpling's application and believe that granting them this license will bring considerable benefits to the community.

Thank you for considering my views on this matter.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern,

I wish to add my voice to the others that support the owners of Oi Dumplings in their ambition to open a restaurant with an alcohol license in Marsden.

I don't know the owners personally but have eaten at their lovely hut several times and found it to be a wonderful spot that elevates the village and draws visitors, including me, my family and friends - that can only be a good thing for Marsden.

The idea that the opening times at their new premises might be limited to tea time, and that they might not be permitted to serve alcohol, results in a clear message that the council have no interest in the success of new and exciting businesses that individuals have self funded.

I don't drink personally, so have no personal interest in this aspect of the license, but good sense dictates that Oi Dumplings stand a better chance of becoming a great Marsden business if they can serve alcohol at the table. Despite my choice not to drink, I support their application.

I DO have a personal interest, however, in being able to continue to eat their delicious food and enjoy good vibes. I heartily recommend it.

With that in mind I wish to state that I support Oi Dumplings' application for an alcohol license and extended opening hours and, in so doing, hope that they get a true opportunity to grow and enrich Marsden village life and recognition for their financial and emotional investment in their business.

Regards

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Hello,

It's come to my attention that the brilliant, talented, ambitious women that run Oi Dumplings are facing objection to their application for alcohol licensing.

While I personally think that their food is so good that they'll struggle to keep me away, with or without an alcohol offering, that simply isn't the case for many. The hospitality industry is on its knees and Oi is currently standing tall, going from strength to strength. Please do not stifle their ambitions by limiting their ability to operate at their full potential.

There is clearly no intention, despite what any objections say, to turn Marsden into Las Vegas. A couple of glasses of wine at a price point that will not encourage excessive drinking is hardly akin to opening a Wetherspoons.

Best wishes,

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Hello Kirklees council,

These proprietors are a staple of Marsden. They have had a functional restaurant beforehand that catered to a great deal of people in a nice and wholesome manner. It is ridiculous that they cannot get an alcohol license considering they are a restaurant firstly. Could you please look into this again. They have previously ran a family first establishment and I do not think they would cause any issue to the high street with having an alcohol license .

I believe they would make a fine establishment in the village that would serve all the nice folk around here. It would be a detriment that they cannot get this as it would affect their trade.

Many thanks

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the application of an alcohol license at Oi Dumplings, 9 Peel Street, Marsden; I understand there has been some opposition to it being granted.

This is a small business that has put its faith in Marsden and their new premises will be an asset to it, bringing much needed additional footfall to the village, to the benefit of every other business.

First and foremost, it is a food establishment and I believe it is vital they be allowed to serve a selection of drinks to compliment their menu. They have no intention of turning the establishment into a late night bar.

Oi Dumplings were finalists at the 2023 British Street Food Awards, winning The Spice Award, quite an achievement and kudos to Marsden as well. How lucky we are they have decided to make their home here.

The business can only be positive for our village and I am sure the vast majority of the community wish them well and hope they are successful. That success would be made far more difficult if they are not granted a license or if the license is restricted to daytime only. We have a very limited choice if we want to eat out locally in the evenings and we hope Oi Dumplings being open in the evenings will encourage other local food outlets to do the same.

I can only see positives from a license being granted and I am struggling to think of a single negative. Mollie and Maisie have made a very substantial investment in this next stage of their business, bringing much needed jobs to the locality, the community and Kirklees Council should be doing all they can to encourage and support them at a time when our high streets and local shops are under threat.

Kind regards

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Firstly, I would like to clarify that I am not concerned with this business nor do I know the individuals involved.

What I do know is that, following the success of their smaller outlet, the owners have now invested a great deal into a main building on Peel Street to grow their business and add to our wonderful community.

I am, however, saddened to learn that a small group of individuals are attempting to sabotage this venture by raising issues with the alcohol application. I understand that some of their methods to attract objectors have been quite forceful.

We have all seen how our neighbouring village of Slaithwaite has flourished with a variety of similar businesses. It has been difficult seeing Marsden fall behind, becoming less attractive to visitors. However with people now willing to invest in our village we should all support and welcome these new ventures.

As a long term resident of Marsden, I fully support OiDumplings gaining their alcohol licence. I look forward to bringing family and friends to the village centre for a varied and exciting food and drink experience.

With regards

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I am a resident of Marsden and I am writing in support of the application by Oi Dumplings Ltd to hold an alcohol licence from 10:00 to 23:00 at Cafe Oi, 9 Peel Street, Marsden.

Since opening in their original location, Oi Dumplings has been a tremendous asset to Marsden, providing interesting, quirky food and an alternative to other offerings in the village.

By moving to the new location at the former Mario's Diner, Oi Dumplings will ensure that the unit is occupied and the high street remains a vibrant place both during the day and into the evening.

Marsden is already losing much of its social trade to other villages such as Slaithwaite, which is providing a substantial number and interesting variety of locations for food and drink. By providing their offer at the Peel Street premises, Oi Dumplings will add to the attraction of Marsden and bring / retain people within / to the village. I speak from personal experience as we will often eat / drink in Slaithwaite due to the current limited offer in Marsden.

Oi Dumplings will, as I understand it be primarily a restaurant / food offering, adding to the diversity within the village. The ability to be able to have wine or beer etc. with food is an essential part of this offer and the lack of such provision will undoubtedly restrict the number of customers.

It is only a few years since The Swan public house closed down, reducing the options within the village. Oi Dumplings will redress that situation to some extent.

By providing an additional venue in Marsden, Oi Dumplings will benefit other businesses, as people will often visit more than one establishment on a night out.

I fully support the application for an alcohol licence for the hours of 10:00 to 23:00.

Sincerely

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Hi,

I understand that Cafe Oi has recently had a licence application to serve alcohol refused. As a Chartered Civil Engineer I have a strong understanding of the importance of successful local businesses being essential for strong and successful communities.

This business is undoubtedly an asset to the village, and given how tight food margins are, being able to serve alcohol is likely to be essential to their survival as an independent food business .

The decision to reject their licence application seems to have come about due to the actions of several bad actors and is grossly disproportionate given the number of establishments within the village that currently hold alcohol licences. I would therefore ask that you reconsider this decision.

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to support Oi Dumplings' application for a license to serve alcohol and open into the evening. The food they serve is divine, indeed they have won street food awards, and having such a restaurant in Marsden is a massive bonus, both for myself as a resident, and visitors to the village.

For me and my visitors, a glass of wine with a meal would be lovely, if not essential. Peel street already has a number of licensed premises, so to object to a restaurant serving alcohol with food (rather than a rowdy establishment) seems to me to be rather odd.

Yours

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Hello

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

I am Company Secretary of the Marsden Community Trust, but write in a personal capacity. As someone who works in the built environment industry, 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 somewhat tired-looking 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.

One thing that the Oi Dumplings kiosk (which had only a small amount of outdoor seating) struggled with previously is a lack of alcohol to accompany the delicious food that was served. For the new cafe to be a success, it is essential that they are granted a premises license so that people can enjoy their food washed down with their favourite beverage. If dining out in the evening, people expect to be able to have an alcoholic drink with their food. Also, by offering alcohol through the day, the cafe will appeal to more customers.

I understand the Oi Cafe's offer will be food-led, as such, any alcohol served will primarily be an accompaniment to food. Serving alcohol with food at Cafe Oi would be no different from Mozzarella's restaurant a few doors away, for example. It's incomprehensible to me that anyone would not support such fantastic and exciting investment in our village, by not supporting a premises license. I feel so strongly about supporting this license application that I felt compelled to write.

I urge you please to grant the premises license to allow this home-grown, local business to reach its full potential and to give it the best chance of thriving in our important high street.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Kirklees Licensing Department,

I am writing to express my strong support for Oi Dumplings' application for an alcohol license. As a resident of Marsden and Slaithwaite, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact this restaurant has had on our community. Oi Dumplings has become a cherished asset, offering delicious meals that have brought both locals and visitors together in a warm and welcoming environment.

Serving alcohol with a meal is a common practice in restaurants and enhances the dining experience for many patrons. Oi Dumplings' request for an alcohol license is simply to provide an accompaniment to their meals, not to transform the establishment into a late-night bar with loud music. The team at Oi Dumplings has consistently demonstrated their commitment to the community and their dedication to developing our high street into a more attractive and vibrant place, akin to our neighboring villages.

By supporting Oi Dumplings' application, we are endorsing the growth and enrichment of our local businesses, which is crucial for the continued prosperity of Marsden. Denying this simple request would not only hinder their ability to provide a complete dining experience but also send a discouraging message to other potential businesses considering investment in our village.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this matter. I sincerely hope that you will grant Oi Dumplings the alcohol license they seek, allowing them to continue contributing positively to our community.

Yours faithfully,

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To whom it may concern.

I am writing to express my strong support for the application for a licence to sell alcoholic beverages for Oí café, Marsden.

I am a resident of this village since 2021. The covid pandemic had a devastating effect on village life. The rebirth of the village centre has been remarkable and has been led by the group of traders creating a vibrant and varied hospitality economy along the length of Peel Street. Many of these establishments sell alcoholic beverages.

The ambience of the street is family orientated but the various establishments cater to different ages, interests and tastes.

Oí café is a wonderful addition to the hospitality offering on Peel street and will add significantly to its vibrancy, stimulate the local economy and create jobs.

The alcohol containing beverages Oí café propose to sell are authentic and chosen specifically to complement the Vietnamese inspired foods. There is no equivalent offering of which I am aware in Marsden or the neighbouring villages.

To visit Oí is a wonderful experience and it would be diminished if it was not possible to choose an alcoholic beverage to have with our food.

To conclude, I wish to reiterate my strong support for the licensing application for Oí Café and hope it is successful.

Yours sincerely,

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Hello I live locally

I am emailing in support of this local business obtaining an alcohol license including nighttime.

Local businesses like this provide both important economic contribution (as the owners have already proven) as well as social opportunity including people such as those in a relatively rural area, where social and integration opportunities are not optimal in opportunities that would otherwise not be there. They also contribute to employment in the local area.

I believe this would be a positive contribution to the community of which I, and my family members living at my address (3 adults including me, and a child) are a part.

Please take into account my views.

Many thanks.

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I am writing to ask you to support the application for a licence to sell alcohol at the new Oi Cafe in 9 Peel Street Marsden. We think it will be a great asset to our village and the fact that we could enjoy a glass of wine with a delicious meal in is something to look forward to. Please support.

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Dear Licensing team,

I read with much sadness that Oi Dumplings on Peel Street Marsden has received an objection to an alcohol licence for its new premises.

We stumbled on Oi Dumplings (their old premises) after a visit to the area. We'd rarely been to Marsden but we had amazing food and Oi Dumplings and, after dining, we went on to shop at the independent shops in the village.

We didn't realise but we'd visited on their last weekend in their old premises. So we were so excited to hear of a new bigger place that would make future visits to Marsden more frequent and less fleeting.

Enjoying an alcoholic drink would be something that would be imperative to our relaxing evening visit. We live in Lindley and we have lots of fabulous restaurants that serve alcohol that as locals we love to visit and that draw in many many diners from across Huddersfield and beyond. We also visit Slaithwaite lots and love the restaurants there, again where having one or two drinks makes the night.

We'd happily go on to spend money in other restaurants and bars in Marsden, it has the potential to be such a vibrant trendy village.

Please consider the many people who do want to see this business succeed. I have no connection to the business or the people involved. I just love great food, dining out and entrepreneurial spirit.

I wish them every success and look forward to a great meal out, ideally with a glass of good wine!

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I'm writing in support of Cafe Oi's application for an alcohol license, ahead of their upcoming hearing.

Stumbling across Oi Dumplings in their former hut a couple of years ago was how I discovered the gem that is Marsden village. As a local of Holmfirth, I now head over most weekends to visit the range of brilliant places to eat and drink in Marsden.

One such place is Peel St Social which is located a couple of doors down from Cafe Oi. I have often visited for an evening meal and drink with my meal, which is what I look forward to hopefully doing at Cafe Oi. As the clientele and use cases of Cafe Oi will be extremely similar to those of Peel St Social, I am very surprised that this application has been rejected. The Cafe is also opposite The Riverhead Tap which serves drinks and is open until late evening. I don't understand how limiting this one venue in isolation is going to benefit the village in any way.

For those of us working full time, mid week visits are not possible and so we look forward to weekend visits when people will typically look to enjoy a drink with their meal.

It's very clear this is not going to be a bar and the kind of people seeking nation-leading dumplings are not the type of people that are going to be getting drunk or rowdy of an evening.

If the license is not granted, I know I will likely visit less and probably seek alternative options in Slaithwaite instead for variety.

I think it would be a huge disservice to this small business that has already done so much for the village of Marsden to limit the value they can add to the community in their new, larger venue.

Regards,

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Hi,

I would like to support the license to sell alcohol application for Cafe Oi, Peel Street Marsden.

We want to continue to develop a vibrant village centre, attract more businesses, creativity, people and investment to provide employment opportunities and boost our local economy, we can do this by supporting small businesses to be financially successful, offering alcoholic beverages with food is one way of doing this.

I can see no justifiable reason for Oi Cafe not to have this opportunity to offer a range of beverage choices that include alcohol for customers to enjoy with their beautiful food.

Best Wishes

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Good afternoon

I am writing in support of Oi Dumplings' application for an alcohol licence. Oi Dumplings is an absolute asset to Marsden - I've been a regular at their previous venue since it opened and was so happy to hear they would be moving to a larger, indoor venue, where they have more space to cook more wonderful food, and feed more people whatever the weather. There is nothing like this anywhere else in the area - I live in Saddleworth and regularly plan a day out to involve a stop-off at Oi Dumplings for lunch. They are a modern, vibrant business bringing fantastic food that is different to anything else around. They clearly love Marsden and have the support of most of the local community.

I cannot for the life of me understand why anyone would object to them having an alcohol licence. There are three pubs on the same street, and as far as I know only one restaurant serving food and alcohol in the evenings. Oi Dumplings will be a restaurant where people will primarily come for the great food, and many would like to enjoy a glass of beer or wine with their meal, as they can in the majority of restaurants. Their plan is not to simply serve alcohol, therefore they would not be increasing the likelihood of drunk and rowdy behaviour from their clientele. I therefore struggle to see what negative impact an alcohol licence would possibly have.

I cannot overemphasise what an asset Oi Dumplings is to Marsden and all the towns and villages around it, and what a huge loss and a blow to diversity, progressiveness, and to the Marsden dining and social scene it would be if they had to close because of this ignorant and unfathomable objection.

Regards

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email in support of an alcohol licence for Cafe Oi in Marsden.

The new cafe will further enhance the High Street in Marsden. Having visited their previous premises and experiencing the relaxed and welcoming atmosphere I am very much looking forward to visiting the new premises. Given its position in Marsden alongside other businesses that serve food and also alcohol it seems there is no good reason for café Oi to have a license withheld.

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Hello. My name is. I live in the beautiful village of Marsden. And I always support the development of small businesses. I would like to support the start-up business Oi Dumplings . I will be happy to visit this cafe with my whole family. Thank you for your attention for this letter.

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Dear Sir / Madam

Re Cafe Oi's application for a licence to sell alcohol at its 9 Peel St location in Marsden (HD7 6BR).

I am writing in support of the application. I live in Holmfirth but visit Marsden - often to visit Oi to enjoy their delicious food (and the lovely walks and setting in Marsden).

A restaurant without a licence will likely fail to succeed. It's a tough business and needs flair, panache, business sense, great food and a great brand. Oi have all this and are a fantastic asset to Marsden. It would be a travesty for their licence to be refused. A travesty for the Oi team but also for Marsden.

Clearly they need to sell alcohol to compliment their offering and of course to help with income. They are not creating a boozier and are not opening late. So it's all upsides for Marsden without any negative impacts.

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the application of an alcohol premises license for the café located at 9 Peel Street, Marsden.

The owners have shown themselves to be responsible and community-minded individuals. I firmly believe that granting this license will have a positive impact on the village and its amenities. An alcohol license and extended opening hours will provide local job opportunities and allow the cafe to serve the community with a complete dining experience in a relaxed environment.

I do not foresee any negative impact on Peel Street and the surrounding area, residents, or businesses from granting this license. The café is intended to be a place for dining, with the added benefit of being able to order an alcoholic beverage with meals, rather than a venue focused on drinking. Having previously experienced their food service and offerings at their former premises in Marsden, and working just a few metres away, I can confidently say that their business did not disrupt or cause any social issues in the area.

I hope you will see the benefits this license will bring to our community.

Kind regards,

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Hello,

It has come to my attention that there has been objection to the application for an alcohol license at Café Oi on Peel Street in Marsden village.

I was born in Marsden but currently live in York. However, I know that having local business that I can visit and enjoy is one of the most valuable things that draws me back to my “home” away from my current home.

In my opinion, Marsden village centre is currently thriving due to the exceptional quality of the local businesses. I have no doubt that Café Oi will meet the high standards that the village now demands.

I would like to request that the alcohol license is granted as it would provide a significant benefit to the income of this new local business and allow it to stay successful. I have been closely following Café Oi on social media and I have been so excited for them to open their new place. Opening without an alcohol license is a knock-back that they should not have to face.

Café Oi’s owners Mollie and Maisie have my full support and I hope to visit them as often as I can when I am back in Marsden.

Denying an alcohol license seems like a very unfair penalty for two business owners who clearly care about the local community and want to contribute in the right way. I hope that the right decision is made.

Many thanks,
Good Evening,

I would just like to express how brilliant Oi Dumplings has been to Marsden village. To have a great addition of award winning Vietnamese food along with two inspiring owners has been a breath of fresh air.

To then hear of the new venture opening within 9 Peel Street was so exciting.

Although now masked with ridiculous setbacks regarding a petition against the alcohol license.

The alcohol license would benefit the village and community to be able to enjoy wine or beer with a nice meal.

With local businesses struggling to make money in recent times, it's a small number of people who create issues from nothing that could hinder future businesses thriving.

Feel free to contact me if required.

Kind Regards,

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Hi,

I write in support of the application for an alcohol license by Cafe Oi in Marsden. The opening of this new cafe is a very exciting event for all of us in the village after the huge success of Oi Dumplings and to withhold an alcohol license from the owners would crush that excitement before the cafe is even open.

To ensure the success of the venture, with all the benefits it will bring to us residents, it is essential the the license is granted to the owners and I trust that you will take this fully into consideration.

Regards,

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Good morning I am writing to express my support for the Oi dumplings team receiving their license to serve alcohol
They are extremely committed women and provide excellent service and absolutely delicious food

My impression is they are extremely responsible and respectful people and how they run their business I m sure will reflect this . They are an asset to Marsden
BW

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Hello

It has recently come to my attention that the new premises for Oi Dumplings has been refused an Alcohol license.

We live in Saddleworth and regularly visit Marsden for days out and love the village and all that it has to offer

We have had the pleasure of eating at Oi on numerous occasions and absolutely love it. We also visit many of the other businesses in Marsden whilst we are there.

Having a son who is a chef I understand the pressures businesses like this face, but also am fully aware of the value they bring to village life when supported, adding diversity to the other offerings and greater reasons for people like ourselves to visit.

Please reconsider the decision on their alcohol license, in current climates we should be giving every support to allow businesses to thrive and not making it harder.

Thanks for reading.

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To whom it may concern,
I'm a resident of Marsden, having moved here in December 2011. Oi Dumplings, which has since morphed into Cafe Oi, is one of the most exciting things to happen in the village in the 12 years we've lived here.

I first met Mollie and Maisie years ago when they were running a food stall at the Marsden Jazz Festival. They were lovely to talk to and their food was fabulous, so my husband and I hoped to see them again. When they took over the cabin in the village, we were delighted, and when they did so well at the British Street Food Awards we were so proud of them. What an achievement.

You can imagine our excitement then when we heard they were planning to take over one of the cafes in the village and make it theirs. All the things we loved about the cabin, but without the constant threat of Marsden's delightful weather ruining the experience. Result! We've been following their social media since, eager to find out when we can experience it all for the first time.

It's an understatement to say we were absolutely appalled to hear that someone has decided to make their lives more difficult and cause a completely unwarranted issue with their alcohol license. We're sure it will be a 'someone', stirring up trouble for their own reasons, rather than any kind of more widely held opinion in the village. We don't want to dwell particularly on that person's reasons for doing it since at best they're mean-spirited and at worst they're a bigot. Their views certainly don't reflect all the many, many people we know who are as thrilled as we are that Cafe Oi is going to be an evening eatery as well as a daytime cafe.

We're not overwhelmed with choice of an evening for high quality places to eat out in Marsden. On paper, it might look like there are a few options, but even though we try and support every local business we can, there are still only two places we eat at regularly. Having Cafe Oi open in the evenings, with a normal drinks service like every similar establishment in this entire valley, will be a real boon. The idea that they might be stopped from fulfilling the potential of their business for no good reason is simply ludicrous.

People have been known to stand in the rain waiting for Mollie and Maisie's food. They travel to find them. They seek them out. This can only be an asset in every way for this beautiful village of ours, a place that looks a picture but has all the challenges everywhere else has. They could have chosen anywhere else to take their business to the next level but they chose Marsden. They love this place as much as we do. That's known and appreciated more than they know.

This complaint should be seen for what it is and thrown out. The case shouldn't even go further than that. I'm sure the licensing team know a personal vendetta when they see them, unfortunately you must come across the time.

Best wishes,

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Dear Whomever it may concern,

I am emailing to express my disappointment about hearing about a small minority of individuals that are trying to hinder the growth of a well-loved small local business.

As you will be aware many people enjoy an alcoholic drink when they are eating and many simply see it as a part of being British. I myself am not a huge drinker but understand the importance to businesses especially small ones in being able to sell alcohol in order to survive in the current difficult financial climate. Oi Dumplings are only wishing to be able to allow their customers to purchase an alcoholic drink with their food if they wish to do so. Marsden has many establishments that sell alcohol and several within a stone's throw of Oi Dumplings new premises, so why should they be unable to obtain a license and sell alcohol.

Please help support a local business that is trying to bring some life back into the village, several cafes have recently closed or changed to take away only. So, a larger

premises for Oi Dumplings with greater opportunity to sit inside will be invaluable for the village community, but they will not be able to survive and be financially viable without an alcohol licence.

Please do not allow a very small minority to ruin a very good thing for our local village.

Thank you,
Kind regards,

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Dear licensing team,

I am emailing in support of Cafe Oi's application for a licence to sell alcohol. I see absolutely no reason why the sale of alcohol would be an issue, and it would seem particularly odd for it to be refused when there are so many other licensed premises on its doorstep. The sale of alcoholic drinks is a key part of a restaurant's ability to make a decent profit and it is likely that the refusal of a licence to Oi Dumplings would seriously harm its prospects and hamper its ability to create jobs for local people.

It is clear that the objections to you granting this licence come from a small group of vexacious individuals and seem to be intended to sabotage a well-meaning business which is doing nothing but good for the village of Marsden.

Many thanks,

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To whom it may concern,

Please see below details on why OI Dumplings should be granted an alcohol license:

Culinary Diversity:

- **Cultural Enrichment:** Introducing this cuisine would add cultural diversity to Marsden, enriching the community's culinary landscape for food and drink.
- **Unique Dining Experience:** Authentic dishes would offer residents and visitors a unique dining experience, differentiating the restaurant from existing dining options.

Economic Benefits:

- **Job Creation:** Opening a new restaurant would create job opportunities for local residents, from chefs and waitstaff to management positions.
- **Boost to Local Economy:** The restaurant would attract more visitors to Marsden, potentially increasing spending in other local businesses and stimulating the local economy.

Tourism Appeal:

- **Attraction for Visitors:** This type of restaurant with an alcohol license could become a draw for tourists, enhancing Marsden's appeal as a destination.
- **Event Hosting:** The restaurant could host special events, food festivals, and cultural nights, further boosting tourism and community engagement.
- **Social Hub:** The restaurant could serve as a social gathering place, fostering community interactions and relationships.
- **Cultural Exchange:** It would provide an opportunity for cultural exchange, allowing residents to learn more about Thai culture and traditions.

Health Benefits:

- **Healthy Dining Options:** This cuisine is known for its use of fresh ingredients, herbs, and spices, offering healthy dining options for health-conscious customers.

Alcohol License Advantages:

- **Enhanced Dining Experience:** An alcohol license would allow the restaurant to offer a complete dining experience, including pairing Thai dishes with appropriate wines, beers, and cocktails.
- **Increased Revenue:** Serving alcohol can significantly increase the restaurant's revenue, making it more financially viable and sustainable in the long term.
- **Competitive Edge:** Having an alcohol license would give the restaurant a competitive edge over establishments that do not serve alcohol, attracting a wider customer base.
- **Partnerships:** The restaurant could partner with local suppliers and breweries, supporting local businesses and promoting the use of locally sourced ingredients and beverages.

Many thanks

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Hello,

I am writing to you regarding the objection to the application for an alcohol licence for 'Café Oi' in Marsden.

We are all very much looking forward to the opening of Café Oi in our village. The Oi dumplings outlet that was also based in our village has been a fantastic asset to our local community. It's been wonderful to see how Oi dumplings has grown, and now relocating to a new premises in the heart of the village to open Café Oi.

Not only will this new café bring many jobs for locals, it will also add an exciting new food establishment to our village's portfolio of eateries.

I believe an alcohol licence is essential for Café Oi, so that customers have a choice to enjoy an alcoholic drink with their meal.

We will continue to support Café Oi and look forward to their opening, hopefully with the alcohol licence application being granted.

Kind regards,

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Sirs

We the undersigned are writing in support of Oi Dumplings application to sell alcohol.

We love Oi Dumplings who we believe have invested their life savings in their expansion.

We understand their aim is to have a coffee shop that turns into evening dining.

A most welcome addition and different eatery to supplement the other licensed premises on the main street of Marsden.

Oi Dumplings we feel will be an asset to the village and being able to purchase alcohol with a meal is something that we want do when we eat out.

If no alcohol was available, we would think twice about eating there.

They are creating jobs for the locals of the village.

Submitted in support and for your consideration when making your decision on Oi Dumplings application to sell alcohol.

Kind regards

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To whom it may concern

I would like to express my support for The Cafe Oi opening in Marsden Peel Street. It has been brought to my attention that their alcohol license has been refused. I would like to say that I find this incredibly sad as we have been regular customers at the oi dumping venue and we see this business as an warm and vibrant community space and an asset to the village. We hope that these barriers to their success can be successfully removed.

Kind regards

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Hi,

My name is and I want to support the application for Cafe Oi to get their alcohol license for their business on peel street marsden.

I grew up in marsden until the age of 12 and absolutely love the village and believe Cafe Oi would be a great addition and asset to the village.

I was the owner/creator of mills until I sold the business in 2019 so understand how hard it is as a new start up business so believe we should give Cafe Oi as much support as we can.

Thanks in advance,

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To whom it may concern,

I hope that this e-mail finds you well.

I am contacting you in support of Oi Dumplings Alcohol Licence application.

The team at Oi dumplings and the cafe itself is a major asset to Marsden, they have a brilliant community spirit and draw in regular local customers and visitors to their premises.

In my opinion, I would love to see them also serve alcohol along with their tasty food. This would only add to their offering as a cafe and also improve the income for the business and local area - as well as improving the options for eating and drinking alcohol in the local area.

This is something that many other businesses offer in Marsden and surrounding villages, therefore it should be offered at Oi Dumplings as well.

They have invested in the business and community and deserve to be given the opportunity to make the business grow from strength to strength.

Yours faithfully,

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Good evening

I hope you are well.

I am writing with regards to Oi Dumplings license application following its move to 9 Peel Street in Marsden.

As someone who has recently moved to the village I have felt very fortunate to have found a place in the world that is so supportive of independent traders. During this time we have been very fortunate that two 'British Street Food Award' winners have taken residence in the village offering unique and exciting dining opportunities.

One thing holding this village back however, is that we only have one evening restaurant open and all other evening food options are limited exclusively to our local pubs. For this reason I was extremely excited to see Oi Dumplings were moving to Peel street to expand its operation and offer a cafe, but also an evening dining option with a license to offer alcohol beverages for those who like to have a drink with their meal.

Unfortunately this evening I have read that the restaurants application has come under pressure from some residents. I have found this deeply disappointing for two reasons. The first is that the location of the new cafe is between two fully licensed pubs, and so will not be in an unsuitable area of the village to hold a licence. The second is that for a small business like this to have a chance of success in this market, an option to offer customers a drink with their meal will at least give them a sporting chance.

I believe we are incredibly fortunate to have a business like Oi Dumplings in our community, and we should be doing all we can to ensure that they have every opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for your time, I hope this email helps in some way toward your decision.

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To whom it may concern

I am writing in support of the Oi Cafe application for an alcohol license for their premises at 9 Peel St, Marsden. One of our main reasons for making Marsden our home a number of years ago was the vibrant village centre and its strong and diverse sense of community. If we lose businesses such as Oi we risk losing so much more as a village.

What has become very apparent, particularly in the difficult economic years since the pandemic is the collaborative and community-focussed spirit of a number of the business-owners in Marsden, Oi Dumplings included. Their contribution to Marsden being able to maintain itself as a sustainable and relevant high street is unquestionable.

The location of the cafe at 9 Peel St is the ideal place within the village for this type of business and I am sure it will help foster an even stronger sense of community and responsibility between like-minded businesses in the area.

I have no concerns with the Oi Cafe being granted an alcohol license as I believe them to be responsible and community-minded business-owners.

Many thanks.

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for Oi Dumplings' application for an alcohol license at 9 Peel Street, Marsden, West Yorkshire.

Oi Dumplings has become an invaluable asset to the village of Marsden, attracting tourists from various regions with their innovative menu and recognition from the British Street Food Awards. I am confident that their new location on our high street will greatly benefit the local economy by generating employment opportunities and drawing more visitors to other local businesses. To maximize the success of their new establishment, it is crucial that they be allowed to offer a comprehensive selection of beverages to meet diverse customer preferences. This will enable their business to thrive and continue contributing positively to our community.

There are no apparent reasons to deny this license, as Oi Dumplings is renowned for its relaxed atmosphere, and the inclusion of alcohol sales in such an eatery is unlikely to result in noise or anti-social behavior.

I respectfully urge the licensing department to approve Oi Dumplings' application for an alcohol license, thereby fostering social value and economic growth in one of Kirklees' outlying villages.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Kind Regards,

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To whom it may concern,

I am an residing in Marsden and am writing regarding the application for a premises license for Cafe Oi at 9 Peel Street, Marsden, HD7 6BR.

I am aware that an application for an Alcohol License has been submitted for the new cafe, and I wish to offer my support for this on the following grounds.

There is a key opportunity to extend the range of goods and activities that can be sold and hosted in Marsden, with the potential to further revive the high street and positively impact the local

community. Permitting the sale of alcohol would also enable visitors to purchase wine and beers to complement their experience. The local community is clearly supportive of this license application as it promotes local businesses and encourages people to re-engage with community life.

Point 1.3 of the Kirklees Licensing Policy 2020-2025 refers to the local authority's seven shared outcomes, one of which pertains to sustainable economic growth and providing good employment for and with communities and businesses. The addition of a new cafe with an associated drinks offer will greatly benefit the local area, bringing a diverse and new offering to the high street, creating new job opportunities, and attracting people to the area. This aligns with points 3.2 and 4.4 of the licensing policy guidance, enhancing the vital support infrastructure for tourism and social community. Key to this aim is the diversity of entertainment and food the cafe offers, which will complement the existing local offerings.

As stated in the policy documentation, these key benefits outweigh the potential negative implications of licensing alcohol. The business has demonstrated responsibility and care for the community through their previous premises, and I have no doubt they will act in the best interests of the surrounding residents, ensuring no nuisance is caused. There is no evidence to suggest that the license should be unreasonably withheld, and I am confident that this will be a successful and positive addition to the Marsden high street.

It is understood that the Licensing Authority will monitor the license, and if any impacts are contrary to the statement provided, the license can be revoked. In line with policy, it would be a significant loss to the community if the refusal of the license unnecessarily deterred the cafe from creating a vibrant space in Marsden, preventing the cultural and community events and activities that could be encouraged by the new venture.

Furthermore, it has been demonstrated by the surrounding establishments on Peel Street that granting a license will not lead to undue noise, nuisance, or negative activity. I, along with the majority of Marsden, am very enthusiastic about the opening of this establishment in its fullest form.

If there is anything else I can assist with, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Kind regards,

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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Marsden and am writing in support of the license application from Oi Cafe in Peel Street, Marsden.

As you are probably aware, the award winning owners of this new cafe have a track-record of running a well loved and successful eatery in Marsden from 'the cabin'. I, along with many other residents, was so excited to hear the news they were opening a 'proper' cafe,

with indoor seating in the village. It is somewhere that I would visit regularly with my partner, young child, and friends. It will add to the ongoing regeneration of Marsden's high street, providing a unique food offer for locals and visitors alike, boosting the local and visitor economy.

Serving alcohol is vital for the success of this small business - meeting people's expectations to be able to have a drink with an evening meal (as almost all of the restaurants in Marsden, Slaithwaite, Diggle and other surrounding villages offer) and no doubt it's vital to a successful business model too, enabling them to generate the profit to survive in difficult economic times. Other businesses along Peel Street have alcohol licenses and open late, including Mozarellas Pizzeria, (as well as bars and pubs). I can't think of any negative impact from this new cafe offering the same.

Many thanks,

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To whom it may concern.

Please grant alcohol licence at:

Oi Dumplings
9 Peel Street, Marsden. Huddersfield HD7 6BR

This establishment will be a great asset to the village. It will be serving fabulous food, with hopefully a glass of wine with it, and will create future jobs for local people too. Its future on surviving these days is very dependent on having a alcohol licence, as we all know most people like to have a glass of wine with meals. Having this licence granted will help our beautiful village grow in strength, which in turn will help other businesses in the village grow and survive too.

We as a family love dining out and having a glass of wine with our meal, and just hope we will be doing this at Oi Dumplings in the very near future. Oi Dumplings and places like it, make the community we live in a great place to be!

PLEASE grant this alcohol licence.

Regards

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To whom it may concern,

I wanted to express my support for the license application made by Oi Dumplings LTD. Their cafe will be an asset to the Marsden community adding to the vibrant atmosphere of Peel Street. Financial sustainability is a challenge for any independent business and I wholeheartedly support the provision of alcohol at this premises and evening opening hours to enable Cafe Oi to be a long term success and provide a competitive offering on par with the surrounding cafés and restaurants.

Kind regards

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to express my views on how unfair i feel that an alcohol licence has been denied,

The amazing work and contribution the business and the ladies have brought to our fantastic village,

They have chosen to enrich and stay and grow their business in our village, That should be applauded and supported, not blocked, especially in the current economic climate, let's get behind small businesses and give them every support and chance at thriving and succeeding.

I think the business plan is a great idea, and fully gets my support and is well needed for me and many others in this village, I want to be able to go out and choose to eat the food i want and allow to order myself an alcoholic drink like i can in so many other venues, its no differnet here

So i hope to see you amend your decision and give this business the backing they deserve,

Kind Regards

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Hi there,

I would just like to express my support for Oi Dumplings alcohol license approval. As a small business owner within the hospitality industry I know how hard it is to make ends

meet. Being able to sell alcohol is essential to being able to make a profit in our very difficult industry.

I have applied for an alcohol license myself and have my personal license. It is not only hard and expensive to apply for these licenses but takes a lot of research and understanding. I fully support the approval of the premises license and have no doubt that the owners will adhere to the rules of the license. I think this cafe will be an absolute asset to the village of Marsden. I cannot wait to visit and really hope I will be able to have a glass of wine with my food.

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am emailing in support of Cafe Oi being given an alcohol license.

These 2 ladies have created a great presence in the village with their Asian cuisine. They are very much an asset to the community and bring footfall into the village which is vital for other shops to thrive.

I am a shop owner in Marsden myself and know how hard it is to survive in this day and age and we have to do everything we can to keep people coming into Marsden.

We all know how lovely a nice glass of wine or a cool beer compliments food and how much it bumps up the price of the meal so in these times it is vital that a small establishment is allowed to give their customers the full experience and to be able to sell alcohol to keep their wonderful award winning business going.

I remember when my son opened the wine bar Peel One at the bottom of Peel Street a lot of people petitioned against him getting a license which he got after many attempts. The irony was that a lot of the people who petitioned went on to be some of his best customers and the bar, although not owned by him anymore is an absolute asset to the village.

Cafe Oi is not an ale trail place its a lovely calming place to eat wonderful food so I really hope these 2 lovely ladies get their license to be able to continue bringing vibrancy and footfall to the village.

Yours sincerely

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Hi

I am writing as a Marsden resident to support the application of an alcohol license for 9 Peel Street Marsden, Cafe Oi.

I feel that this Cafe and evening restaurant will greatly benefit the village. Any alcohol that is consumed there will be alongside a meal, in a relaxed sociable environment. The village needs establishments like this. It will greatly enhance the dining offering in the

Marsden. Having an alcohol license will make the cafe much more financially viable. The business owners are very responsible, really care about the community and are an asset to our village. Having a Cafe like Oi will improve footfall for all shops and help the village to attract visitors. I can only see positive reasons for allowing this Cafe to have an alcohol license. Our village needs proactive and caring business owners like Oi Dumplings and we welcome them.

Thanks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I urge you to authorise a alcohol licence for Oi Dumplings in Marsden.

I have lived in Marsden for 35yrs, brought up 3 children, we have all used oi dumplings and love it.

The owners are responsible, professional people who have added so much value to the village community.

They will use the license respectfully and the majority of the village are excited about their restaurant development.

Marsden needs such ventures such as this to grow and diversify, to thrive and excite more people to visit the village and enhance the local economy.

Many thanks,

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Dear [Licensing Authority/Committee],

I am writing to express my strong support for the alcohol license application submitted by "Oi" at 9 Peel Street, Marsden.

As a resident of this community, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact "Oi" has had on our village. The owners' dedication to creating a welcoming, food-first establishment that transitions from a coffee shop during the day to an evening dining venue is commendable.

I am teetotal BUT I recognise serving alcohol is essential for the sustainability of "Oi." In today's economic climate, The lack of an alcohol license would significantly hinder their ability to attract and retain customers, potentially leading to the closure of a business that has already contributed so much to our community.

Alcohol can enhance the dining experience, ensuring that we can enjoy a comprehensive and enjoyable meal. This aligns with the needs and desires of many residents and visitors who appreciate the convenience and pleasure of pairing a meal with a drink.

Granting "Oi" an alcohol license will not only support the survival and growth of their business but also contribute to the broader community's well-being. I wholeheartedly support their application and urge you to consider the significant positive impact that approving this license would have on our village.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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For whom this may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for Cafe Oi's application for an alcohol license. As a fellow small business owner and a regular visitor of this village, I believe that granting this license will greatly benefit our community.

Cafe Oi has consistently demonstrated a commitment to providing a welcoming and family-friendly atmosphere. They have become a beloved local gathering spot, fostering a sense of community that is essential for the vibrancy of our village. Allowing them to serve alcohol will not only enhance the dining experience but also attract more visitors, thereby boosting local commerce and supporting other nearby businesses, including our own.

I understand there are concerns from some residents, but I firmly believe that Cafe Oi's responsible management and dedication to upholding high standards will address these worries effectively. They have already shown their capability in maintaining a safe and pleasant environment for all patrons at their previous site.

Supporting Cafe Oi's application aligns with our shared goal of fostering a thriving, dynamic, and inclusive community. I urge you to consider the positive impact that granting this license will have on our village and to approve their request.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

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Hello

I have no objections to an alcohol license being issued to the owners of Cafe Oi, Peel Street, Marsden.

As a local resident, I do not feel an alcohol licence would negatively impact the environment or existing nightlife on the street. In fact, it would likely bring in new business and create more local job opportunities.

As a former cafe owner, I know how hard it is to make a profit on food and soft drinks alone. To be able to sell alcohol (or not) can make all the difference to small, independent businesses.

Please support the licence application and help this business thrive.

Best regards

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I'm writing on behalf of Mollie and Maisie the lovely owners of Cafe Oi on Peel Street. I've been saddened to hear of people collecting signatures to try to stop them selling alcohol and opening after 6pm.

Mollie and Maisie are hard working people who have brought a new food offer to the village and have flair and vision in how they present themselves.

Their food is delicious and they are community spirited and delightfully hospitable people.

I believe that a factor in the people making complaints could be prejudice due to Mollie and Maisie being a same sex couple who also work with other LGBT people. There is no place for discrimination like this in our village or society as a whole.

My family enjoy their company and their food and would like to see them succeed in their new premises.

Selling alcohol will help to make a profitable business for them, a sustainable asset for the village, improve the tourist offer and to create much needed local employment opportunities for young people.

They aren't opening a nightclub, just a cafe which goes into a restaurant in the evening. This fits in well with other businesses nearby and complement it well.

Mollie and Maisie are responsible and experienced business owners who will work considerately with neighbours to make sure that things work for everyone.

Please reconsider and allow them to sell alcohol and open in the evening.

I have every confidence in them and what they offer.

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To whom it may concern

I am writing to express my support as a resident in the Colne Valley for an application to serve alcohol by Cafe Oi.

The owners of Cafe Oi are bringing an exciting and welcome venture to Marsden, which is needed in the valley and the village to make it a vibrant place to live. We should be supporting local businesses, especially one that is female-led to thrive and establish themselves.

A licence for a restaurant or cafe to serve alcohol alongside food is a reasonable expectation, and one that would be integral to a successful business of this type. It will also complement the businesses in its immediate surroundings, a number of which hold licenses to serve alcohol. The location of this business in the centre of a thriving village would be a welcome addition, and one that I support as a resident.

The owners of this business have already been working hard to bring a unique and quality experience over a number of years and it has been wonderful to see their venture grow. We should be supporting them in their next step.

I would like my support for approval of an alcohol licence to be registered.

Kind regards

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Good evening team at Kirklees Council

I am writing in support of Oi Dumplings being granted an alcohol license and later opening hours.

As someone who moved to Huddersfield 2 years ago without a network, having the option of welcoming spaces to spend an evening is so important to being able to make friends in the community and feel at home.

I have been a customer at Oi Dumplings former location and am so excited to see them thrive in their new building.

This business is an asset to Huddersfield, and if the council wants to attract people to visit and move to the area, it is vital that pioneering small businesses are supported.

I look forward to hearing your response.

Best,

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Hello,

I am writing to in support of Oi Dumplings and their alcohol license. I was sad to hear about the objection and the barrier to ensuring the success of this local business.

I grew up in the Colne Valley and moved to Manchester after college as there wasn't much to do here in the 2000s. I moved back to Slaithwaite 6 years ago due to the incredible businesses, restaurants and pubs that had opened in Slaithwaite and neighbouring village Marsden. We now have a young daughter and spend most of our weekends locally. It has become a great place to live and we have found we don't need to go further afield to Leeds or Manchester to have the choice of places to visit on weekends and evenings.

I have visited Oi Dumplings in their previous location many times and whilst there have also visited the local shops and pubs. The local owners are always extremely proud to be in Marsden and I believe we need to do everything to support them in adding value to the village we love to visit so much. To have the choice to have a beer or wine is an expectation of ours and many others that choose to come to restaurants in the village.

I hope that the license is reconsidered and that together we can support businesses that will continue to grow Marsden into a desirable destination for everyone.

Thank you,

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my excitement at the prospect of Oi Dumpling expanding to Oi Cafe on 9 Peel Street, Marsden. I am strongly in support of this culturally eye-opening business being granted an alcohol license and I can not wait to take my family to sample some of their award winning cuisine so that we can all explore Vietnam through my tastebuds. My 2 children have dragged me to Marsden and Manchester on numerous occasions to go on a culinary journey with them following Oi around because they have been interested in sampling an array of different food and drinks. Myself and my husband would love to explore some of their alcoholic pairings with their delicious peanut fries or Vietnamese yellow curry.

Oi Dumplings, now Oi Cafe have brought so much to Marsden and they continue to support and endorse other local businesses. Please allow them to fulfil their dreams and bring this wonderful culinary experience to life.

How enriching would this be for all in Marsden, Greater Manchester and other surrounding businesses?

Kindest Regards,

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Hello,

I am contacting you with regards Oi Dumplings in Marsden.

Oi dumplings have been largely absent from the village in recent months, promoting their business at various food events in and around the region. Their absence has been keenly felt and their return, very anxiously anticipated; I believe the loss of this business would be a significant blow to this growing community.

I have friends and family ask if they can come visit again to make a special trip (some coming from as far away as Cornwall), to that place near me that "makes those banging gyozas!". Since their opening, they have been a real asset to Marsden. They have diversified Marsden's culinary offerings, drawing people to the village, and as such I am disappointed to hear that licensing restrictions are threatening the viability of their business.

Enabling this business with an alcohol licence is the only rational decision. Surrounding restaurants have acquired licenses (mozerellas, peel street, the little bridge, anellos, destination), and have served to make the Colne valley (and Huddersfield) an increasingly attractive place for families/tourists/locals to visit and invest in.

I cannot perceive any reasonable grounds for denying Oi Dumplings a late licence. To do so would be unjust and a disservice to the local community.

I strongly encourage you to permit their application for an alcohol licence and to allow this business to continue to serve the community and its increasing numbers of visitors.

Here's hoping you consider their application favourably,

All the best,

Re - Cafe Oi - 9 Peel Street, Marsden HD76BR - Alcohol License.

Dear Kirklees licensing

We are long-time residents of Marsden (2002 and 2010), and we are writing to express our full support for the pending decision to approve an alcohol license to Café Oi.

We understand that some in our community have voiced concern about this application.

However, we are two of hundreds of residents of the village and wider community who believe that Café Oi should be granted the license as it will further enhance the village centre to be a fabulous destination to visit for great food and diverse tastes.

Molly Power and Maisie Davies are known to us personally and we have been highly impressed with their incredible story of bringing Vietnamese Food to a rural Yorkshire village. They started with home delivery, then pop up events, then a cabin in the village and now are moving on to opening their very first restaurant. So far they have survived the pandemic, the crazy weather in our climate and we want to support them 100%. The need for an alcohol license to make a restaurant financially viable is a well established statistic.

They have taken into consideration multiple requests from local residents who were initially concerned that they might lose the lovely ice creams from the former tenant and coffees and teas etc. They are ensuring that as well as introducing Asian flavours to the menu they will continue to keep these core elements in place.

We urge you to move forward with the decision to grant their alcohol license and disregard the small group who have sent in a petition against them. We suspect it was started by a misinformed individual since we have read the conditions on your website that would result in a license not being given and none of them cause us any pause for concern.

We are looking forward to your response!

Yours sincerely,

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Hello

I am writing in support of the above new business who have faced objection to their application for an alcohol license.

I have been a Marsden resident for the past 18 years and welcome this cafe as an asset to the village. This new business should be welcomed to the village and given the opportunity to thrive. This is not a late night bar but an eatery that would like to offer the choice of alcohol with their food. A number of establishments on Peel Street serve alcohol and this cafe would add and compliment the range on offer contributing to the village.

I ask that you reconsider the objection. I have signed a petition to that effect.

Best wishes

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Hello

I am writing this in support of the application by Oi Dumplings for an alcohol license on Peel Street, Marsden.

They are a responsible little business trying to expand their clientele and are producing great food that is a credit to the valley. It would be fantastic for them to offer drink along with their fabulous meals to help make Marsden even more of a destination than it already is. What a great addition to the vibrant little town they will be.

Regards

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I am writing this email as a customer of Oi Dumplings in support of their application for a licence to serve alcohol in their new location. They have been an asset to Marsden and the Colne Valley (I live in Slaithwaite) and have worked hard to establish their business. They offer something that is unique in the area and their move to an indoor location should be supported. In order to make a sustainable business being able to serve alcohol in a restaurant setting is essential. This is not a new bar, it is a locally-based independent business. I am not aware of what is behind the objection to them being granted a licence, but given my visits to Oi Dumplings I know that antisocial behaviour will not be any kind of issue.

I fully support Oi Dumplings in their application for an alcohol licence and support their business going forward.

Many thanks

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To whom this may concern,

I am saddened to hear that Cafe Oi has had a rejection on their licensing request

Since moving to Slaithwaite 2 years ago as I could no longer afford Manchester, I often walked to Marsden just to go to Oi Dumplings. I've had many friends visit also just to go this incredible street food vendor.

I am so looking forward to supporting Cafe Oi and bringing friends / family and business to Marsden rather than going into Manchester.

I had a demanding job and so I often work late, therefore when I do spend an evening out, I like to savour the moment and enjoy drinks with my meal, this is a standard across the country and I'm very shocked to hear that this is being refused.

I think the young owners have taken a big gamble and worked incredibly hard to support Marsden, what a shame it would be that that isn't appreciated or welcomed. It would not set a good precedent for others and would personally leave a very bad taste in my mouth about the local council here.

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Hi. I would like to express my support for Cafe Oi on Peel Street, Marsden in their application for an alcohol license. I think the cafe is a fantastic addition to Marsden and absolutely everybody I have spoken to here in the village agrees that to be able to spend evenings out with great food and wine here would be amazing. And none of us can see a single positive in disallowing this.

Regards

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Hello,

I would like to object to the fact that Oi Dumplings have been denied an alcohol license.

I reside in Denshaw and when Oi Dumplings announced they were opening a cafe on peel street we were delighted ! To hear they have been denied an alcohol license, when many others on the street have, is disappointing and as a council I think you should strongly reconsider. We would frequent the venue, brining us to Marsden frequently and to have a glass of wine with our meal would be wonderful.

Thank you

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Hi in regards to the licencing issue that the new oi dumplings cafe are planning. I think it would be a real shame to not allow this many of the other establishments in the area are able to serve alcohol along with their food. Marsden is a community hub which also catches passing people from the trains and visits from many who pass for its beauty. I know many residents welcome more trade and putting marsden on the map.

I would understand objections more if this was a club or bar but this a food buisness for most and should be allowed to serve alcohol along with food . I feel not allowing this is actual more harmful to the people to marsden as people will just go elsewhere if they cannot be catered for.

Lastly many business in marden come and go and Oi dumplings have worked hard to provide a service for the people of marsden why would they want to do something that would damage where they live.

I for one have no worries about it selling alcohol.

Thanks In advance

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Good evening,

I am writing in favour of Cafe Oi's license request and see no reason why this addition to the village should be limited due to a small amount of out numbered village goers.

Oi dumplings keeps the community involved and excited as to what they will do next and it's a shame to see this being stunted by small minded individuals .

Please let it be known 99.9% of Marsdeners love their food and whole business as a collective!

Kind regards

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Dear sir/madam,

I am writing to express my strong support for Oi cafe in their application for an alcohol license. As a valued member of our community. Oi cafe has been a cornerstone of the village, providing a cosy dining experience.

Granting an alcohol license to Oi cafe would significantly enhance their ability to meet customer needs and remain competitive. I believe that they will handle this responsibility with the utmost care and professionalism. Their track record of excellence and integrity makes them an ideal candidate for this license. By supporting their application, we are investing in the continued growth and vibrancy of the village.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this matter. I am confident that Oi cafe will prove to be a responsible and beneficial holder of an alcohol license.

Sincerely,

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Good afternoon,

I've recently become aware of a petition against the application for an alcohol license to be granted for Café Oi, located at 9 Peel Street, Marsden, HD7 6BR.

As a resident of Kirklees, I visit Marsden most weekends to enjoy the lovely food and drinks that the small businesses in the village have to offer, and many of my friends and family do the same. I'm really disappointed to hear about this petition, as myself and many others have been looking forward to Café Oi opening.

Many other cafés, restaurants and pubs in Marsden have the right to sell alcohol, and it makes no sense for Café Oi to be exempt from this. Despite multiple other venues having the right to sell alcohol, Marsden continues to be a peaceful village with minimal trouble whatsoever. If small businesses start to get their alcohol licenses denied, less people will choose to visit Marsden, and all of the other small businesses in the village will also suffer the consequences of this.

I'd like to be able to make my own choice about having a glass of wine with my meal in a restaurant. If some customers do not wish to have a drink with their meal, they can also choose not to do this. However, banning the sale of alcohol to all customers due to the opinion of a few residents in the village would make no sense.

Please listen to the majority opinion, and support these small business owners by approving their alcohol license application. They've put a lot of effort into their business and have a lot of respect for the village and the community.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Kind regards

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Hi

I am writing to support the above application for a premises alcohol licence being made by Cafe Oi in Marsden.

I have been a Marsden resident for nearly 20 years and run a small business from Marsden.

I warmly welcome Ol's plans to open a restaurant in the evenings in Marsden but believe it is essential that they have a licence to sell alcohol if the business is to succeed.

It has pained me over the years to see how little availability there is for quality evening dining in Marsden when compared to say Slaithwaite and other nearby villages which in turn has boosted their economy.

For example, I organise once a month for a group of friends who have all raised their children in Marsden to go out for dinner. There is usually around 12 of us. We invariably have to go outside of Marsden to find a good food experience as evening options are so limited in Marsden. For example, we regularly go to Slaithwaite, Meltham, Holmfirth or Huddersfield. We do not want to travel as that is taking money out of the village and we would much rather encourage using a business in the village. We were all therefore very excited at Ol's proposal and had a discussion on our WhatsApp group about how much we were looking forward to it. Marsden is well-furnished with daytime cafes but quality food options in the evening are severely limited to add-on options in local pubs and bars rather than a dedicated restaurant.

I fear that if it were unable to serve alcohol that would make it a far less attractive proposition and would not have the positive impact on the village economy it could have.

I also note that my son, who is currently at university, also finds the lack of evening eating options in Marsden frustrating when he is at home during the holidays and wanting to meet with friends and again travels out of the village rather than inviting people to Marsden. Both he and my 17 year old daughter have part time jobs in local restaurants but again have to travel away from Marsden to find employment.

I would be grateful if you could take my views, and those who have signed a petition along these lines, into account and I am of course very happy to discuss further

Best wishes

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Hello,

I'm emailing as a resident of Marsden to say that I wholly support Cafe Oi having a license to serve alcohol. The cafe will be a big asset to the village, I enjoy eating and drinking in all of the cafes and restaurants in Marsden and I'm looking forward to doing so at Cafe Oi. I can see absolutely no reason why the cafe should not be able to serve alcohol, there are several other places which serve food and alcohol with no negative effects.

Having a license for alcohol will help ensure that the cafe thrives and will bring in more business to the village and therefore create more jobs. It will be a huge shame if they are denied a license and I can't see a reason why this should happen.

Thank you for your time

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Hello,

Oi Dumplings has been an asset to our village in creating a warm and calm, yet enjoyable environment. Not only do they serve delicious food which, in turn, ties the village together. They also are experts in creating a small village feel with their kindness and customer service. It is essential to not only the economy of the village, but also to the people of the village, that Oi Dumplings can open in the evenings and serve alcohol. This is because it can be tough to find a place to eat not only during the week but also at weekends in such a small village such as Marsden. I have been excited for a long time to be able to go to Oi Dumplings in the evening and have a meal and a drink, as have many people in the village.

Thank you for reading my message of hope, and I hope you reconsider stopping them serve from 6pm!

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Cafe Oi
9 Peel Street
Marsden
HD7 6BR

ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION EMAIL OF SUPPORT

At the time of writing, a petition of support has 1360 signatures. This sign of support illustrated the passion and excitement that people have for this new venture.

Given that this exciting, unique business is owned and operated by Marsden residents, and already employs local people, this new café will be such a benefit to the local economy, boosting employment by creating many new jobs and obvious economic growth.

The Oi team's track record in their former Marsden premises speaks for itself, bring people from miles around to our part of the world, without only a positive impact on Marsden and wider Kirklees businesses.

The new Café Oi will support the vision for Kirklees to “be a district that combines a strong, sustainable economy with a great quality of life - leading to thriving communities, growing businesses and high prosperity”.

The alcohol license will ease the very tight margins on such a small business and enhance diner experience. The application does not in any way contravene licensing objectives, and the business will only improve the high street.

Given all this, in a time when economic growth is vital for small rural villages, I hope the application goes through, and this brave, bold, exciting local venture will be allowed to prosper.

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Good evening,

I've recently learned of some objections raised to the granting of an alcohol license to the new Oi Dumplings restaurant in Marsden.

As a local resident, I am strongly in favour of granting this licence. The team at Oi have been a huge asset to the local community up until now, and their new venture will be a huge asset to the town, and the wider area.

At a time when it's never been more challenging to open an independent hospitality business, they are taking a really brave decision to invest in creating something unique and different for the people of Marsden.

The venue will be a sit-down restaurant, in which people will drink alcohol responsibly and moderation. I don't see any argument whatsoever that this restaurant would lead to any issues with regards to serving alcohol, but I do know from personal experience running businesses in hospitality that selling alcohol is crucial to a restaurant's bottom line. It is essential for their survival that Oi Dumplings are allowed an alcohol license, and I sincerely hope that you will take my views, and the views of many other local residents, into consideration when you come to making a decision on this matter.

Kind regards,

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my utter disappointment at the decision to reject Cafe Oi's application for an alcohol license at their new premises - 9 Peel Street, Marsden, HD7 6BR.

I would urge you to take the following information on board for consideration as an appeal against this rejection.

Marsden is a lovely village. It is one of the main reasons we moved here in 2022 but, in this short period I have seen many small businesses unfortunately close.

We have, however, also seen Oi Dumpings provide something so unique and quite frankly an asset to the community. Therefore it was great to hear they were expanding and that they endeavoured to provide indoor seating in this expansion, which in this part of the country is a necessity! Nevertheless, they have continued to thrive despite the elements to now have their alcohol license application rejected due to a small number of complaints.

You have to ask yourself why these complaints? What is their motive?

I have lived in villages that a small minority of 'locals' rejected similar proposals such as planning, is this because they are afraid of change? An example I can recall well; locals rejected planning permission to change an old pub into a Co-Op. Despite their banners and complaints, they didn't succeed but, they are now also the very same people who use the Co-Op for their local shop.

What catering business can stay afloat nowadays without alcohol? Who doesn't enjoy a nice glass of wine with their meal or a refreshing lager whilst eating the most delicious food situation in the most picturesque village?

I have met people that travel far and to Oi to experience their culinary delights. Please don't take this opportunity for them to expand their dream with Cafe Oi to the people of Marsden and beyond away from them.

Yours faithfully

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Hello

I am writing in support for Oi Dumplings / Cafe Oi, due to open their new premises in Marsden village centre.

I was very disappointed to hear that they have not been given an alcohol license due to a very small minority of mean-spirited people.

Oi dumplings have already brought something different and plenty of vibrancy from their previous premises, but are now able to offer inside seating for people to enjoy their menu and what better way to do it to be able to serve a glass of wine or a bottle of beer? Other premises in close proximity are able to do so.

Please reconsider their alcohol license and not let a small minority stand in the way of progression! We need to support our local businesses not stand in their way.

Kindest regards

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in support of Oi Dumplings application for an alcohol license.

Their new venture on Peel Street, Marsden will be a positive development for Marsden and its residents. I have lived in Marsden all my life and will be visiting them for a meal. With my meal I would love to have the option to have a glass of wine or other alcohol based drink along with soft drinks.

Their new restaurant will bring in valuable visitors and revenue to Marsden and keep the village alive.

I do not believe that the granting of a license will cause any issues or disruption to the village and other premises within that area also hold an alcohol license and do not cause any issues.

A small number of vindictive objections that you may have received from some local people should be disregarded as they have been 'pressed' out of local people, some who are vulnerable and elderly who do not know what they are signing or why (I have spoken to someone who actually had no idea what she was signing).

Once again I give my full support for the granting of a alcohol license.

Kind regards

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Good evening,

Please accept this email as an expression of support for the above business in their application for an alcohol licence.

They are a fantastic business and are a real asset to the village. Their food is amazing, and it will be great to be able to be to order an alcoholic drink in their establishment alongside a meal. I hope to see their business go from strength to strength as others have locally, such as Peel Street Social and Zapato.

I for one cannot understand why there would be any opposition to their application, as surely it makes total sense for a business like theirs to serve alcohol with their food.

Regards,

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Dear Licencing Team at Kirklees Council,

I am writing to you in support of Oi Dumplings in applying for a successful Alcohol licence.

My family and I live here in Marsden and have watched Molly and Mais of Oi Dumplings create something truly magical in our village....

They have brought such a delicious and amazing food experience right to our neighbourhood and it has been incredible watching their hard work as their business has grown from pop ups to their Cabin on Station Road and now to their wonderful new premises on Peel Street.

In these hard and uncertain times for independant businesses, to see such determination and hard work from two such amazingly creative people, bringing such a joyful place for our families and community to come together is inspiring and to think that they could possibly not get a licence to serve alcohol with their amazing food seems incredulous and deeply unfair..

They are a credit to our community, a wonderful member of independent businesses here in Marsden and the North West and they only bring joy to our little village and beyond.

Please provide them with the licence they need and deserve.

Oi Dumplings is simply a glorious asset for our village and the wider Kirklees communities.

Sincerely,

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Dear staff at the licensing department.

I've lived in the village of Marsden for more than ten years, moving to the village to raise a family.

The village has a strong sense of community support that has enriched my families life. Routines that bring wellbeing to our lives are helped by the positive energy of the majority that run their businesses in the village, that thrive on building cohesive relationships with the local and wider community and broaden a positive economic climate.

I've been fortunate to know Oi Dinplings since they chose Marsden to invest their vision for community growth. The business owners have professionally hired my signwriting services for the new venture on Peel Street, investing their own capital to support other local businesses including my own.

It has come to my attention that a tiny minority of opposition to a licensing application has sadly risen out of a positive idea to gel the community through social interaction via food and drink.

I personally see that Cafe Oi would be a vital cog in the economy of the village as well as community engagement. A place to choose delicious fresh food that may or may not be accompanied by an alcoholic drink depending on the decision of the consumer and of course the success of the application.

I'm strongly in favour of Cafe Oi being granted a licence to serve alcohol.

What Mollie and Maisie have provided to the small village of marsden is generous and genuine passion for food and a love to socialise through our love for good food and community support.

Kindest regards

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Dear Kirklees Council Licensing Team,

This email is written in support of Cafe Oi's application for an alcohol licence at their new restaurant venue in Marsden.

We understand there may be some objections to this application. However, we believe Oi will be a valuable new addition to the village and strongly support their application.

Cafe Oi is a food-focused establishment, with the intention of offering alcoholic drinks to complement their delicious food menu. Responsible alcohol service alongside a

high-quality dining experience is a popular combination for many diners and is crucial for any restaurant's viability.

Furthermore, licensing Cafe Oi will promote small businesses and boost the local Marsden economy.

We believe Oi Dumplings will be a welcome addition to the village and urge you to approve their application for an alcohol licence.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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To whom it may concern,

I've recently heard of an objection notice to serve alcohol at Cafe Oi, 9 Peel Street, Marsden, HD7 6BR.

I'm saddened to have to write this email as it baffles me as to why anyone would want an independent business to not be successful. A business run by people that want to enhance the culture around the area as well as provide a space for those to gather, enjoy food, drink and each other's company.

While not everyone may partake to alcohol for various reasons, I think it only fair that all options are made available for a local food and drink business to trade given the hardship of the current economy.

While I'm based in Manchester, I have visited the Marsden area on several occasions and I have also sampled the food served by this business. It's one of the reasons I return to Marsden.

It would be a crying shame to one day visit the area again and find this location closed down, due to battling costs, which could've been avoided had the business been able to diversify and cater to all people.

I trust this won't be a long standing issue for Cafe Oi as you will quickly be able to see reason for their requirement to serve alcohol.

Regards,

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To whom it may concern

I wish to request on behalf of Oi Dumplings , Peel Street, Marsden that you consider a drinks licence for their business. It's about being able to have a civilised glass of wine or beer with some lovely food in a relaxed environment amongst friends.

If there is another more formal avenue I need to take to support them please let me know .

Kind Regards

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing regarding the alcohol application for Oi Dumplings.

I firmly believe that Oi Dumplings is an establishment that has always had food as it's priority. I have driven over from Greenfield on multiple occasions to enjoy their food and would very much enjoy the opportunity to make the journey on the train, to allow me to enjoy the carefully selected and crafted alcoholic beverages I am sure they will offer.

The founders of Oi Dumplings clearly wish to see the village thrive, creating opportunities for employment and enjoyment for local people and visitors alike. I think it is important to remember that alcohol, enjoyed with a meal, will only enhance the experience of the food and not cause a public nuisance.

I hope you take this into consideration when reviewing their application. It would be a huge shame for this vibrant food establishment to suffer due to the opinion of a minority.

Kind regards

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Dear licensing team,

I understand an alcohol license application has been submitted for Oi Cafe, 9 Peel Street, Marsden.

I would like to lend my support to the application for a number of reasons. The new café brings an exciting offer to the village. It extends the choice of evening dining where residents and visitors can enjoy amazing quality food accompanied by a range of alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks.

I have lived in Marsden for over 20 years and have seen the village change a lot over the years. We are so lucky we now have a vibrant high street full of independent business that are committed to the success of Marsden and our local economy.

Cafe Oi really complements the Marsden high street. They have won national awards for their street food and attract visitors to the village from a wide area. Their success supports the sustainability of our local economy and promotes Marsden as a visitor destination for independent food and retail.

Cafe Oi are passionate about Marsden and food. They are a local employer for school leavers and also promote food education and cultural awareness through their cooking class offer.

The success of Cafe Oi is dependent on the licence being granted and being able to offer a range of food and drinks into the evening. At a time when small business are struggling, their passion and commitment to investing in our village should be commended and this is why I support this application.

Kind regards

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Good evening,

I am writing to you regarding objections towards Òi, a new restaurant due to open in Marsden, serving alcohol. I would like to add my support in granting their alcohol license in order for them to serve alcoholic beverages alongside their delicious food.

The addition of their restaurant to Marsden high street will only continue to bring people from all over the town and encourage them to stay in the area to further enjoy their time, therefore helping other businesses thrive.

Like many people I work hard in order to enjoy downtime with friends and family, and eating out and enjoying a drink is something I like to do. I believe granting the alcohol license in order for more people to enjoy eating Òi's award winning food can be the only correct decision.

Regards,

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To whom it may concern.

I write following the outcome of an application for an alcohol license for the above named premises on Peel Street, Marsden. I understand the application has been refused.

I would ask the licensing officer to reconsider their stance. The applicants have held a business in Marsden for some years, have a good standing in the community and are respected business people and individuals. They are responsible and accountable.

By declining the application you may get customers bringing their own alcohol on site. This can't be controlled and may have a negative effect on the community. If a license was granted, the licensees can control what is sold and deal with it accordingly. There are numerous other outlets within metres selling alcohol, a cafe bar and a public house with late hours which doesn't make sense to decline this application.

The business model offered by the applicants relies on them being able to offer alcohol to be enjoyed with a meal, again like many others do. The sale of alcohol is also a boost to those in the food industry to increase income.

I would urge you to reconsider and allow a fair due application process to be undertaken.

Regards

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Dear Sir / Madam

RE: 9 Peel Street, Marsden (Alcohol License)

I regret that the circumstances necessitate this letter, yet I am pleased to highlight the positive contributions made by the individuals involved and their significant impact on our community's economic and social development in recent years.

I have known Mollie and Maisie since they arrived in Marsden before the lockdown period. Leveraging their extensive travel and cultural experiences, they applied a valuable skill learned abroad to establish a small start-up during the lockdown. This endeavour has since grown into a thriving and beloved community business.

I am aware of the campaign against them and the individual behind it. Unfortunately, this person has a history of disrupting our community's progress. Their storefront is often adorned with chastising signs, reflecting a spirit contrary to that of the other hard-working business owners in the area.

I am confident there will be substantial support for this venture, as many wish to see this business flourish. Mollie and Maisie have already put our small village on the map as a "Street Food" destination in the hills. Their fresh ideas and proven business acumen will undoubtedly be beneficial for all businesses in the area.

Good luck, Maisie and Mollie. I hope this letter helps convey the support and admiration that I, along with the vast majority of our village, have for you.

Kind Regards

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Hi,

I would like to write to you in support of Oi Dumplings in Marsden's application for an alcohol licence and to be able to stay open in the evening.

Marsden is a thriving community and we are starting to develop a wonderful selection of restaurants in the village. Oi dumplings have always been an asset to the village and their brand has brought people (and their money) to the village from far and wide.

I am absolutely dismayed to find out that the voice of a select few people is being heard over those of us who would love nothing more than to see Marsden thrive. I feel passionately that Oi Dumplings will be an asset to the village and it is absolutely essential that they are granted an alcohol licence and to be able to stay open for evening meals in order for their business to be successful.

Much like the other businesses in the village, Oi Dumplings and the community are passionate about ensuring that Marsden's beauty is maintained and shared with others and I see absolutely no logic to rejecting their application and I support Oi Dumplings in their endeavour to dispute the case against their application. I personally can not wait to have a lovely glass of wine with my meal at Oi Dumplings and this is an essential part of a venue that will become somewhere to celebrate and relax with friends and family.

Kind regards

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I wish to add my support for the above. This is not an application for a late-night license, but for a successful business to be able to offer alcohol with a meal. Marsden is a thriving village due to the success of dynamic new businesses like this one, and should not be held back by a minority of residents and their friends.

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Hi there,

I just wanted to express my support in the newly opened Oi dumplings restaurant in Marsden. The option for alcohol being served will add to an already vibrant atmosphere in the village.

With plenty of currently licensed pubs and bars 50 yards or less from where the restaurant itself will be, I cannot see how offering another license to a business could provide a negative impact on the village.

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to you in support of Cafe Oi and their request for an alcohol license.

Oi Dumplings are a huge part of our community in Marsden, they're an incredibly popular business and a vital part of the village's culture. This petition against them is ridiculous and petty and does not represent majority opinion by any stretch of the imagination. There are many businesses on Peel Street that serve alcohol, and this causes no problems. This business would be no different, especially due to it being primarily food based. If the cafe was unavailable past 6pm, many of us who work would miss out and that would be a real shame. I truly believe it is in the best interests of the village for the council to support this business.

Kind regards,

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Hello,

I am writing in support of Cafe Oi and in their application to gain an alcohol license to serve alcoholic drinks alongside the fantastic range of food they provide. As a resident of the village for over 5 years now I believe that these people who are investing their business ultimately give a lot back to the community and the area in what they do. There are many other businesses on the street that serve alcoholic drinks, both as restaurants and as pubs.

The owners made a choice during COVID to stay and invest in Marsden as their home after originally wanting to start a business in Manchester. We wouldn't want to see them fail and I personally look forward to sitting down with friends and family to enjoy a meal with a lovely glass of wine.

Please grant them their license for selling alcohol and being able to stay open later.

Thank you,

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Hi,

I wanted to write to you today in order to support the application process for the proprietors of 9 Peel Street Marsden (Cafe Oi) in their continued attempts to receive an alcohol licence.

Last year, I had to relocate to Marsden for personal circumstances and while I was there Mollie and Maisie were (and remain) central to the community spirit that makes Marsden so unique. Running Oi Dumplings from the shack that they owned wasn't just a job, this was a cornerstone of the village life and attracted residents and visitors alike. They would run community events also, including workshops to show children how to cook.

As the owners have recently moved to a larger premises, they will need to attract more customers and there is no question that their warmth of character combined with the quality of food they offer will make this possible, however to deny them an alcohol license will hobble their efforts to the point of destroying them.

There seems to be no precedent to denying this licence. Peel Street Social, the Riverhead Tap, The Shakespeare and Mozzarellas are all on (or adjacent) to the establishment and all have alcohol licences. The co-op adjacent also has an off-licence function.

To deny a licence to Cafe Oi seems pernicious and unjustified. Many people want and expect the opportunity to order an alcoholic beverage with their meals, and nobody is suggesting this cafe would be anything other than a cafe, certainly not a late night bar or anything that could be described as such.

I urge any consideration for the issuing of an alcohol licence to be positive, and for a licence to be granted.

I look forward to a reply and for a happy solution.

Kind regards,

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To Kirklees Licensing Department

I am a resident in Marsden and write to demonstrate my support for the license application for Oi Café to sell alcohol.

Marsden needs entrepreneurs like Oi café who are investing in our beautiful village. I want to live in a vibrant village that makes Marsden a great place to live and creates jobs for local people.

Marsden is at risk of decline as a high number of pubs and eateries have closed in recent years.

A license to sell alcohol so customers can have a glass of wine or a beer to accompany the delicious food that will be at Oi café is important so Oi café can thrive and contribute to the prosperity of our village.

I wholehearted support the license application from Oi Café

Thank you

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To whom it may concern,

I understand there has been an objection to Cafe Oi obtaining a alcohol license and serving past 6pm, at the premises 9 Peel Street Marsden.

I would like to register my view with yourselves, I have no objection to this business having an alcohol license and serving to a reasonable hour beyond 6pm.

Reasons to support;

- There are numerous other businesses in close proximity all serving food and alcohol beyond 6pm.
- The proposed business will bring further footfall to the local community, I live in Holmfirth and have travelled, specifically, to eat at their previous premises. This has meant I have also sampled other dining venues in the village and shopped at the local shops.
- I understand they will be employing numerous staff, providing local employment.
- The owners themselves live in Marsden and it is obvious of their love and passion for the area and the community.
- From my experience in dining at the their previous location, this is about people wanting to taste the delights of Asian inspired food, the progression being able to enjoy a glass of wine or a beer with a nice meal, it certainly does not have the air of rowdy raucous excessive drinking clientele.
- I have great admiration for two young people, who in a dire economy, are willing to take a risk by investing into a community and all the costs that this venture will entail. We should be supporting small businesses to succeed and reach their full potential, not putting in restrictions and risk losing talented entrepreneurs.
- The owners have served the community for some time, starting as a delivery service during Covid, providing pop up events, attending street food markets, progressing to the cabin based in Marsden, offering cooking classes at various venues and amazingly winning the title of British Street Food Awards 2023 for the North. Regarding the latter they appeared on well known TV shows such as Steph's Packed Lunch and Sunday Brunch going onto to win best spice in the London finals of British Street Food Awards. This does not sound like irresponsible owners, this sounds like owners that Marsden should be proud to have as a part of their community.

I hope you take my views into account, should you wish to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact me on or by return of email.

Kind Regards

Dear Licensing Team,

I'm writing in support of a much cherished local business, Oi Dumplings, and their application to have an alcohol license at their new premises on 9 Peel Street, Marsden.

There are a number of reasons why I believe this license should be granted. Marsden's village centre is busy and thriving, and I have seen it grow so much since we moved here 5 years ago. Hospitality businesses like Oi Dumplings have hugely contributed to this, bringing in 'foodie' visitors. Many of these visitors travel from outside the village, including from big towns and cities. These visitors are coming for the bars and restaurants, and to enjoy the beautiful countryside, as Marsden is becoming a 'destination' for daytrippers.

- **Growing the local economy & business rates.** The money these visitors bring supports the business to stay open, growing the local economy, and ensuring business rates are paid to the council. Oi Dumplings will also employ a number of local people.

- **Alcohol license contributing to income.** Being able to sell alcohol will vastly improve Oi Dumpling's chance of keeping their business open. As listed above, the business remaining open will be of benefit to Marsden, business rates for Kirklees council, and employment opportunities.

- **Responsible sale of alcohol.** This is not a 'bar' or 'wet led' hospitality business. The main focus will be on the incredible food that the team create, inspired by their time living in Vietnam, and alcohol will be sold responsibly alongside food. The business won't be a late-night bar and the clientele are unlikely to cause issues.

- **Existing businesses in Marsden village centre.** There are numerous bars and pubs in Marsden village centre, which already focus on alcohol, and will open much later than Oi Dumplings. Therefore, I do not believe granting this business a license to sell alcohol will contribute to an increase in noise pollution, litter or ASB.

- **Closed businesses in Marsden.** Unfortunately, we have lost other businesses locally, such as Bistro 11 on Station Road. This business had an alcohol license, and was in a much more residential area.

I hope that you understand the overwhelming support the village has for Mollie and Masie and the Oi Dumplings team. They are so heavily invested, financially and emotionally, in this village. Since they've moved here, they've become a part of the community, as friends and as business owners. They support local events and other businesses and it would be disappointing if a small minority opposing this license cause this business to fail.

I cannot wait to see them open their doors and bring even more visitors to the beautiful village of Marsden.

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To whom it may concern

I am writing to you to express my concern about the potential revoke of oi dumplings alcohol licensing in Marsden.

If the alcohol license is revoked it is likely the business will fail because in todays climate many restaurants rely on the income of drinks. Everyone has a choice whether they decide to frequent the venue and have an alcoholic drink or not, this country relies on choice and the freedom of people to decide what they want to spend their evenings doing - this business is a gorgeous little restaurant which serves delicious food and serves the community of marsden. It offers a welcoming and open environment where friends and family can gather. It also boosts the local economy, providing jobs and income.

I urge you to allow for the company of oi dumplings to maintain their alcohol license.

Kind regards

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Hi,

I hope you're well.

We're writing because we just heard there is a group of individuals opposing the licensing of alcohol to Oi Dumplings, Marsden. We don't see any reason why they shouldn't be allowed to sell alcohol. It's a lovely business that can only mean good things for Marsden, and they should be granted the license to help them remain profitable in an already difficult time for small businesses.

This vicious campaign against them only goes against the core values of community spirit in Marsden, a village we love to pop over and visit from Slaithwaite. Please don't allow a small group to halt the progress of a truly wholesome and delicious establishment, only hoping to progress and create opportunities for people in their community.

Many thanks,

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Hello,

I would like to express my support for Oi Cafe. I think it is a great idea to be able to have a drink with your evening meal and feel this does not negatively impact the community in any way.

I wholly support their application of liquor Licence.

Kind regards

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Hi

Just wanted to offer support for Oi dumplings application for an alcohol licence.

1. I want to have the option of an alcoholic drink when eating there!
2. It is not a residential street and there are already peel street social and the river head serving alcohol
3. People don't tend to stay out late drinking in Marsden . The drinking culture seems to be early evening often peel street and pub are relatively quiet after 9 pm
4. The disturbance from crowds of drinkers over weekend from beer train is less so now but they tend to use pub and aren't generally eating in village
5. Yes to alcohol and nice food on peel street and no to cars I say !

Thanks

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Dear Sirs,

I write in relation to the proposed application for an alcohol license and to fully support the granting of their application.

Oi dumplings have successfully operated in Marsden for the last 12 months. I have visited their previous premises on many occasions finding a friendly and professional business that brought something new to Marsden village.

Their new venture is an expansion upon their initial success and aims to provide the village with an additional cafe and restaurant. A key component of making such a venture commercially viable will be provision of a license so it can serve a full compliment of drinks to its customers with their food.

In my view the granting of an alcohol license will not cause nuisance or undue disruption to local residents. But rather, it will further enhance Peel Street and promote growth in the village with no disruption to residents.

I wish to convey full support for the granting of an alcohol license so that the business can continue to prosper as an integral part of Marsden village.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear sir/madam

I am writing in support of Oi Dumplings in Marsden being allowed to serve alcohol with meals from their new restaurant.

There is a huge difference between a food first venue (which this so clearly is) being allowed to sell alcohol with a meal and a late night alcohol first/only establishment.

If anything Marsden will benefit from the variation to the night economy giving people the choice of a civilised meal with/without alcohol rather than just the option of going to the pub.

The chances of anti social behaviour from diners is far less likely especially given the kind of clientele this amazing venture is likely to attract.

A business like this cannot survive without a licence and for it to fail due to this would be appalling.

It's exciting, adventurous, award winning food behind which are 2 entrepreneurial passionate individuals. To have this here on our doorstep is an honour and as such all that can be done to allow this venture to succeed should be done!

Best wishes

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To whom it may concern,

I am contacting you as I have been made aware that an objection has been made against the Café Oi alcohol licensing application for their new restaurant in Marsden. I would like to counter this objection as I feel it is very unjust against the owners of Café Oi who I have seen work incredibly hard building their brand and reputation both locally and further afield. Denying them an alcohol license would adversely affect their business as recent studies have shown that businesses that are permitted to sell alcohol see an average increase in revenue by 20-30% and to deny them this option is unfair and not in keeping with other businesses on the same street that are allowed to sell alcohol. They have previously sold their food at a cabin with outdoor seating in Marsden where alcohol could be consumed with their delicious food and so have evidence that their establishment is not frequented by people that drink alcohol excessively and become disruptive, just those that like to have a beer or glass of wine with their dumplings and spring rolls.

Café Oi will be a great addition to the village of Marsden, bringing revenue to the local economy as fans of their award winning food will travel to eat there along with local consumers, and I ask that you please do not inhibit their chances by denying their licensing application.

Warm regards,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I'd like to write to offer my support for Oi Dumplings (Cafe Oi, 9 Peel Street, HD7 6BR) alcohol serving license to be approved. Cafe Oi will be a huge asset to Marsden and the prospect of enjoying their space not only in the day (with a delicious coffee!) but also in the evening with a nice beer with my food is really exciting.

As someone who doesn't live in Marsden, but a journey away in Manchester, this kind of offering would really encourage me to visit the area (as I have before for an Oi Dumplings workshop). Having this kind of space, exciting venue and wonderful food and drink is the kind of thing that draws us city folk out into the beautiful countryside, visiting smaller towns and villages and therefore supporting the other shops, cafe's & restaurants in the area.

I would really encourage you to grant the alcohol license to Oi Dumplings and help this wonderful business (and pair of humans!) thrive (and survive in the current economic climate) in their new home.

All the best,

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Good Morning

This email is to show our support for the new village cafe Oi Dumplings and their application for an alcohol license.

The Cafe will be a massive asset to Marsden and being able to go out for a meal and a nice bottle of wine is something that most people will want for the village.

The girls have worked so hard, first at the cabin serving their amazing food which has been so popular with locals and visitors to the area. They are now putting their heart and soul into their new venture and only want what to give the majority of people in Marsden what they want.

I cannot see how having an alcohol license will have a negative impact on the village. The village already has pubs and clubs which stay open late and will have a far bigger impact. Being able to go out for a nice meal and a bottle of wine can only make the village more upmarket and attract more people to the area boosting local jobs and the local economy.

We ask that you grant this license and give the village a fantastic cafe/dining establishment where we can enjoy amazing food and wine.

Yours sincerely

Dear Kirklees Council,

We are writing to express our strong support for Café Oi (located at 9 Peel Street, Marsden) in their application for an alcohol license. We are shocked and upset to hear of a petition against the application.

As residents of Marsden ourselves and a frequent sponsor of local businesses, we believe that granting this license would bring benefits to our community. We are the Steward and Stewardess of Marsden Golf Club, and we serve food and alcohol to the local community. We understand the importance of serving alcohol alongside food and the responsibility that comes with an alcohol license.

Café Oi has been a valued part of our local dining scene since 2020. The quality of their food, the warmth of their hospitality, and their commitment to the community have made them a favourite among residents and visitors alike. Allowing them to serve alcohol would enhance the dining experience they offer, making it more appealing for customers and enabling them to compete fairly with other establishments in the area.

Here are a few reasons why we support Café Oi's application:

- **Enhanced Customer Experience:** The addition of alcoholic beverages to their menu would provide a more comprehensive dining experience, meeting the expectations of many customers who enjoy a glass of wine or a beer with their meal.
- **Economic Benefits:** The ability to serve alcohol would likely increase the restaurant's revenue, helping to secure its financial stability and leading to even further job creations. This, in turn, would contribute to the local economy. They are also very well known, not just in Marsden, but across the wider regions of the country through their successful street food and private hire business. It is well known that people travel into the village for their food, though the customers will likely also buy items from other restaurants/bars/shops, also benefitting the local economy.
- **Responsible Management:** The owners and staff of Café Oi have shown themselves to be responsible and professional. We have no doubt that they will handle the service of alcohol with the utmost care and adherence to all legal regulations. In conclusion, we firmly believe that granting an alcohol license to Café Oi would be a positive step for our community. We respectfully urge the council to approve their application, enabling them to continue contributing to the vibrancy and prosperity of Marsden. Thank you for considering our perspective on this matter. If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my strong support for the alcohol licence application submitted by Cafe Oi located at 9 Peel Street, Marsden.

As a local resident and a frequent patron and supporter of local businesses, I believe granting this licence would greatly benefit our community.

Cafe Oi will no doubt be a remarkable establishment, as demonstrated by their previous Oi Dumplings venture also in Marsden, which was well known for its exceptional food and community-oriented atmosphere.

The owners, Mollie and Maisie, are not only skilled entrepreneurs but also winners of the prestigious British Street Food Awards. This accolade is a testament to their dedication to quality and culinary excellence.

Their vision for the cafe is firmly rooted in providing a food-first experience, rather than having any focus on drinking. The cafe will operate with the highest standards of service and responsibility. The addition of an alcohol licence would only complement their existing offering, enhancing the dining experience.

I understand the concerns of local residents regarding potential disturbances; however, I am confident that Cafe Oi will maintain its commitment to being a positive presence in the neighbourhood.

The owners have consistently demonstrated respect for the local community. With the introduction of alcohol sales, I trust that Mollie and Maisie will continue to prioritise the well-being of the area, implementing any necessary measures to address the concerns of residents.

Moreover, granting the licence would support a thriving local business, contributing to the economic vibrancy of our community. It would also provide an opportunity for residents and visitors alike to enjoy a well-rounded dining experience in a welcoming and responsible environment.

I kindly urge the licensing authority to consider the merits of Cafe Oi and the potential benefits to our community. Your favourable consideration of their application would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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To whom it may concern.

I am saddened to hear that an alcohol license for the new Cafe Oi in Marsden has been met with some negativity!

I cannot see how a cafe wanting to serve a few drinks with food should result in such an outcry from certain people.

The work these ladies have done with their previous premises in Marsden (Oi Dumplings) only goes to show that they are dammed good at it, and the new premises should be no different.

There are many other establishments in Marsden who already serve alcohol and adding Cafe Oi to this list, surely can't effect anyone in the surrounding vicinity.

Please grant them a license.
Marsden will be all the better for it.

Kind regards

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To whom it may concern,

I have been made aware of a campaign to stop the new Café Oi obtaining an alcohol license, which given the establishment is mainly serving food and is surrounded by licensed premises that have been known to have groups of very inebriated ale trail/stag do participants wandering out if them in a less than fully clothed state, seems ridiculous.

I haven't drunk alcohol for 5+ years and would obviously appreciate if decent alcohol free options are also stocked, but I completely understand the desire to have a glass of wine or a beer with your meal, especially on an evening and on a weekend.

Please consider in favour of an alcohol license for these premises as the ability to offer alcoholic beverages with a meal can make all the difference between whether a newly established restaurant succeeds or not.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

10th June 2024

To Whom it May Concern at Kirklees Licensing

I am writing in support of the application from Oi Dumplings for an alcohol licence at the premises at Peel Street, Marsden.

The proprietors of Oi Dumplings have invested in a business in the village and have already established themselves as an integral part of the business community as well as the wider community. I can confirm they use local suppliers as they have regularly ordered from our business [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thriving businesses are essential to the economic well being of the village as well as contributing to Kirklees aim of Sustainable Communities.

I am aware there has been a petition raised against the issuing of an alcohol licence and am also aware those instigating that petition have been randomly accosting passers by in the village and attempting to co-erce them into signing that petition without a full explanation of it's content. My [REDACTED]

Was approached by [redacted]
who then tried to press [redacted] into signing
the petition [redacted] refused to sign
as he fully supports the application for
an alcohol licence for the premises.

I question how many signatures on
the petition have been fully appraised of
the content and purpose of the petition?

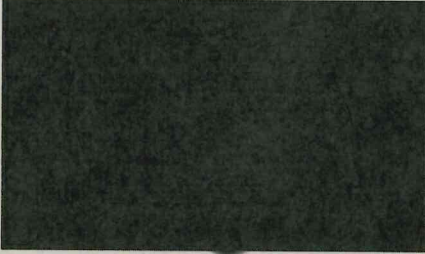
Additionally a low key restaurant
serving alcohol alongside a meal does not
pose any further potential of noise and
disturbance in the village considering the
location of other premises in the street who
already have an alcohol licence and encourage
customers to be seated and stood outside
whilst consuming alcohol.

It is a totally different consideration
at the Oi Dumplings premises where
alcohol will be served alongside food
inside the premises.

I hope you take these points into
consideration when making a decision on
the alcohol licence.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]



6th June, 2024

To Whom it may concern,

As a small business based in Marsden, we are writing this letter to advocate for the approval of an alcohol premises license for Café Oi situated at 9 Peel Street, Marsden.

The café's proprietors are deeply invested in both their business and the community of Marsden, where they also reside. Our village currently lacks sufficient evening dining options, and this new venture aims to address that by extending the café's operating hours to serve evening meals. An alcohol license would enable them to offer a complete dining experience and accommodate a variety of customer preferences.

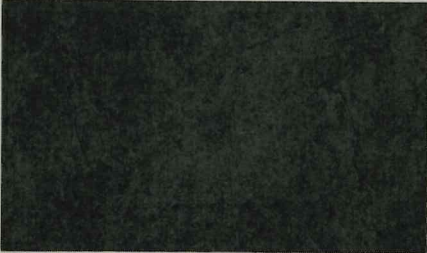
It is important to note that this establishment is not intended to function as a bar, music venue, or entertainment site. Rather, it will be a relaxed restaurant, that won't contribute to anti-social behaviour in the area.

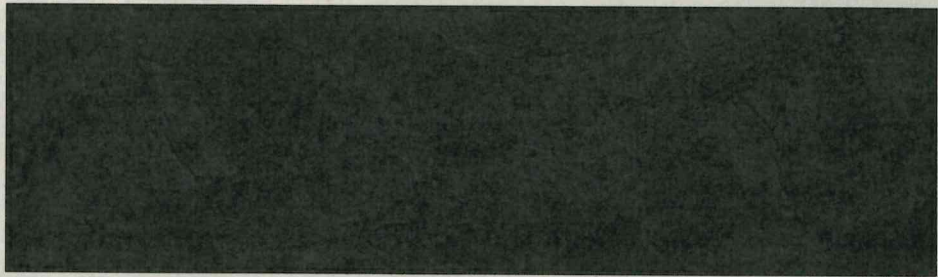
The owners have consistently demonstrated their responsibility and dedication to the community. We believe that granting this license will have a positive effect on the village and its surrounding areas. It will boost foot traffic, create local employment opportunities, and support the success of a small business without negatively impacting the neighbourhood.

This café has the potential to become a vital heart of the community, offering a welcoming and relaxed environment for residents to gather and enjoy. By granting this license, you will be supporting a venture that enhances the social fabric of our village and provides a much-needed service.

We appreciate your consideration of their application and hope you recognise the benefits it will bring to our community.

Best regards,





To Whom it may concern,

I have recently become aware of a petition against the application for an alcohol license to be granted for Café Oi, located at 9 Peel Street.

As a personal license holder and a designated premises supervisor for 9 years, I understand the responsibilities required, and can say with absolute certainty that the people applying for this license do too.

They are responsible, trust worthy individuals who want nothing but the best for their business, and the village in general.

As someone who currently runs a business in the village of Marsden, serving alcohol alongside food, I understand the importance of having an alcohol license. I have no doubt that this license would have a positive effect on not only this business, but the village as a whole.

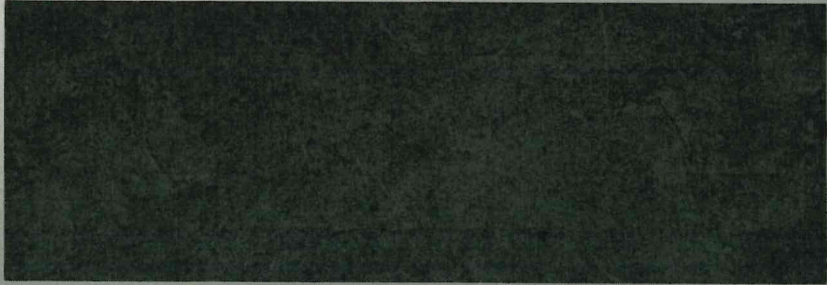
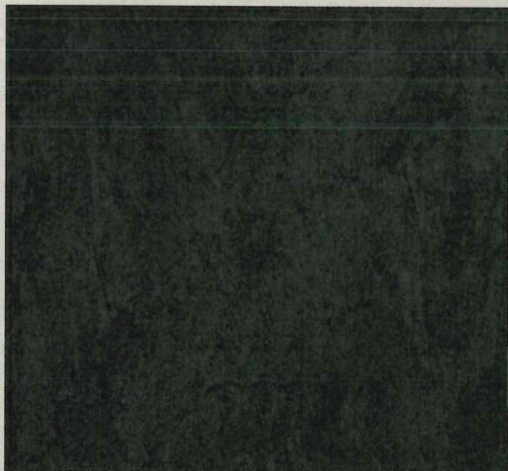
There are many businesses on Peel Street already who currently hold alcohol licenses (ours included) and there is minimal to no trouble whatsoever. These businesses who already sell alcohol have absolutely no objections to the opening of the new café, or to them serving alcohol. We are all in full support of this.

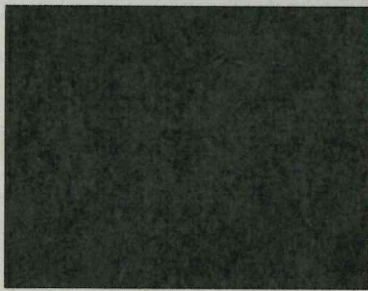
Marsden needs new businesses like this to keep its popularity, and to increase footfall for everyone else. To potentially hinder this by not granting the alcohol license would be a mistake in my opinion.

If there is anything more I can do to help, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at



Yours sincerely,





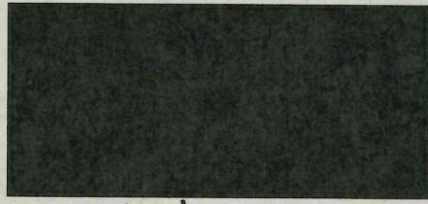
To Whom it May Concern

I am writing in relation to the license application for the Oi café in Marsden. As a resident of Marsden, I strongly support the application. The Oi café business will be a great asset to the High Street and the ability to be able to serve an alcoholic drink with your meal is essential to enable the business to operate to its full potential.

The owners of this business have brought so much to our village and the Oi café will be a great addition to the high street not only for the residents but will attract visitors who will in turn bring extra revenue into Marsden.

Kind Regards





4th June 24

'Oi Cafe'

To Kiddeas Licensing Department

I write to express my full support for the license application for oi cafe to sell alcohol.

As increasing numbers of eateries in Marsden close, it is important we support a business who is investing in Marsden + is creating jobs for local people.

The alcohol license will enable Oi Cafe to sell beer

a wine to accompany the
delicious food they serve.

It is imperative that the
license is awarded so the
cafe can open in the evening
so the business can thrive.

There will be no public nuisance
caused as it will be serving
food accompanied by an alcoholic
drink.

I totally support their
application.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

Appendix D

Relevant Sections of Secretary of State Guidance – Under Section 182 of Licensing Act 2003

Crime and disorder

2.1 Licensing authorities should look to the police as the main source of advice on crime and disorder. They should also seek to involve the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

2.2 In the exercise of their functions, licensing authorities should seek to co-operate with the Security Industry Authority (“SIA”) as far as possible and consider adding relevant conditions to licences where appropriate. The SIA also plays an important role in preventing crime and disorder by ensuring that door supervisors are properly licensed and, in partnership with police and other agencies, that security companies are not being used as fronts for serious and organised criminal activity. This may include making specific enquiries or visiting premises through intelligence led operations in conjunction with the police, local authorities and other partner agencies. Similarly, the provision of requirements for door supervision may be appropriate to ensure that people who are drunk, drug dealers or people carrying firearms do not enter the premises and ensuring that the police are kept informed.

2.3 Conditions should be targeted on deterrence and preventing crime and disorder including the prevention of illegal working in licensed premises (see paragraph 10.10). For example, where there is good reason to suppose that disorder may take place, the presence of closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras both inside and immediately outside the premises can actively deter disorder, nuisance, anti-social behaviour and crime generally. Some licence holders may wish to have cameras on their premises for the prevention of crime directed against the business itself, its staff, or its customers. But any condition may require a broader approach, and it may be appropriate to ensure that the precise location of cameras is set out on plans to ensure that certain areas are properly covered and there is no subsequent dispute over the terms of the condition.

2.4 The inclusion of radio links and ring-round phone systems should be considered an appropriate condition for public houses, bars and nightclubs operating in city and town centre leisure areas with a high density of licensed premises. These systems allow managers of licensed premises to communicate instantly with the police and facilitate a rapid response to any disorder which may be endangering the customers and staff on the premises.

2.5 Conditions relating to the management competency of designated premises supervisors should not normally be attached to premises licences. It will normally be the responsibility of the premises licence holder as an employer, and not the licensing authority, to ensure that the managers appointed at the premises are competent and appropriately trained. The designated premises supervisor is the key person who will usually be responsible for the day to day management of the premises by the premises licence holder, including the prevention of disorder. A condition of this kind may only be justified as appropriate in rare circumstances where it can be demonstrated that, in the circumstances associated with particular

premises, poor management competency could give rise to issues of crime and disorder and public safety.

2.6 The prevention of crime includes the prevention of immigration crime including the prevention of illegal working in licensed premises. Licensing authorities should work with Home Office Immigration Enforcement, as well as the police, in respect of these matters. Licence conditions that are considered appropriate for the prevention of illegal working in licensed premises might include requiring a premises licence holder to undertake right to work checks on all staff employed at the licensed premises or requiring that a copy of any document checked as part of a right to work check are retained at the licensed premises.

Public safety

2.7 Licence holders have a responsibility to ensure the safety of those using their premises, as a part of their duties under the 2003 Act. This concerns the safety of people using the relevant premises rather than public health which is addressed in other legislation. Physical safety includes the prevention of accidents and injuries and other immediate harms that can result from alcohol consumption such as unconsciousness or alcohol poisoning. Conditions relating to public safety may also promote the crime and disorder objective as noted above. There will of course be occasions when a public safety condition could incidentally benefit a person's health more generally, but it should not be the purpose of the condition as this would be outside the licensing authority's powers (be ultra vires) under the 2003 Act. Conditions should not be imposed on a premises licence or club premises certificate which relate to cleanliness or hygiene.

2.8 A number of matters should be considered in relation to public safety. These may include:

- Fire safety;*
- Ensuring appropriate access for emergency services such as ambulances;*
- Good communication with local authorities and emergency services, for example communications networks with the police and signing up for local incident alerts (see paragraph 2.4 above);*
- Ensuring the presence of trained first aiders on the premises and appropriate first aid kits;*
- Ensuring the safety of people when leaving the premises (for example, through the provision of information on late-night transportation);*
- Ensuring appropriate and frequent waste disposal, particularly of glass bottles;*
- Ensuring appropriate limits on the maximum capacity of the premises (see paragraphs 2.12-2.13, and Chapter 10; and*
- Considering the use of CCTV in and around the premises (as noted in paragraph 2.3 above, this may also assist with promoting the crime and disorder objective).*

2.9 The measures that are appropriate to promote public safety will vary between premises and the matters listed above may not apply in all cases. As set out in Chapter 8 (8.38-8.46), applicants should consider when making their application which steps it is appropriate to take to promote the public safety objective and demonstrate how they achieve that.

2.10 Licence holders should make provision to ensure that premises users safely leave their premises. Measures that may assist include:

- Providing information on the premises of local taxi companies who can provide safe transportation home; and
- Ensuring adequate lighting outside the premises, particularly on paths leading to and from the premises and in car parks.

2.11 Where there is a requirement in other legislation for premises open to the public or for employers to possess certificates attesting to the safety or satisfactory nature of certain equipment or fixtures on the premises, it would be inappropriate for a licensing condition to require possession of such a certificate. However, it would be permissible to require as a condition of a licence or certificate, if appropriate, checks on this equipment to be conducted at specified intervals and for evidence of these checks to be retained by the premises licence holder or club provided this does not duplicate or gold-plate a requirement in other legislation. Similarly, it would be permissible for licensing authorities, if they receive relevant representations from responsible authorities or any other persons, to attach conditions which require equipment of particular standards to be maintained on the premises. Responsible authorities – such as health and safety authorities – should therefore make their expectations clear in this respect to enable prospective licence holders or clubs to prepare effective operating schedules and club operating schedules.

2.12 “Safe capacities” should only be imposed where appropriate for the promotion of public safety or the prevention of disorder on the relevant premises. For example, if a capacity has been imposed through other legislation, it would be inappropriate to reproduce it in a premises licence. Indeed, it would also be wrong to lay down conditions which conflict with other legal requirements. However, if no safe capacity has been imposed through other legislation, a responsible authority may consider it appropriate for a new capacity to be attached to the premises which would apply at any material time when the licensable activities are taking place and make representations to that effect. For example, in certain circumstances, capacity limits may be appropriate in preventing disorder, as overcrowded venues can increase the risks of crowds becoming frustrated and hostile.

2.13 The permitted capacity is a limit on the number of persons who may be on the premises at any time, following a recommendation by the relevant fire and rescue authority under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. For any application for a premises licence or club premises certificate for premises without an existing permitted capacity where the applicant wishes to take advantage of the special provisions set out in section 177 of the 2003 Act¹, the applicant should conduct their own risk assessment as to the appropriate capacity of the premises. They should send their recommendation to the fire and rescue authority which will consider it and decide what the “permitted capacity” of those premises should be.

2.14 Public safety may include the safety of performers appearing at any premises, but does not extend to the prevention of injury from participation in a boxing or wrestling entertainment.

Public nuisance

2.15 The 2003 Act enables licensing authorities and responsible authorities, through representations, to consider what constitutes public nuisance and what is appropriate to prevent it in terms of conditions attached to specific premises licences and club premises certificates. It is therefore important that in considering the promotion of this licensing objective, licensing authorities and responsible authorities focus on the effect of the licensable activities at the specific premises on persons living and working (including those carrying on business) in the area around the premises which may be disproportionate and unreasonable. The issues will mainly concern noise nuisance.

2.16 Public nuisance is given a statutory meaning in many pieces of legislation. It is however not narrowly defined in the 2003 Act and retains its broad common law meaning. It may include in appropriate circumstances the reduction of the living and working amenity and environment of other persons living and working in the area of the licensed premises. Public nuisance may also arise as a result of the adverse effects of artificial light, dust, odour and insects or where its effect is prejudicial to health.

2.17 Conditions relating to noise nuisance will usually concern steps appropriate to control the levels of noise emanating from premises. This might be achieved by a simple measure such as ensuring that doors and windows are kept closed after a particular time, or persons are not permitted in garden areas of the premises after a certain time. More sophisticated measures like the installation of acoustic curtains or rubber speaker mounts to mitigate sound escape from the premises may be appropriate. However, conditions in relation to live or recorded music may not be enforceable in circumstances where the entertainment activity itself is not licensable (see chapter 16). Any conditions appropriate to promote the prevention of public nuisance should be tailored to the type, nature and characteristics of the specific premises and its licensable activities. Licensing authorities should avoid inappropriate or disproportionate measures that could deter events that are valuable to the community, such as live music. Noise limiters, for example, are expensive to purchase and install and are likely to be a considerable burden for smaller venues.

2.18 As with all conditions, those relating to noise nuisance may not be appropriate in certain circumstances where provisions in other legislation adequately protect those living in the area of the premises. But as stated earlier in this Guidance, the approach of licensing authorities and responsible authorities should be one of prevention and when their powers are engaged, licensing authorities should be aware of the fact that other legislation may not adequately cover concerns raised in relevant representations and additional conditions may be appropriate.

2.19 Where applications have given rise to representations, any appropriate conditions should normally focus on the most sensitive periods. For example, the most sensitive period for people being disturbed by unreasonably loud music is at night and into the morning.

2.20 Measures to control light pollution will also require careful thought. Bright lighting outside premises which is considered appropriate to prevent crime and disorder may itself give rise to light pollution for some neighbours. Applicants, licensing authorities and responsible authorities will need to balance these issues.

2.21 Beyond the immediate area surrounding the premises, these are matters for the personal responsibility of individuals under the law. An individual who engages in anti-social behaviour is accountable in their own right. However, it would be perfectly reasonable for a licensing authority to impose a condition, following relevant representations, that requires the licence holder or club to place signs at the exits from the building encouraging patrons to be quiet until they leave the area, or that, if they wish to smoke, to do so at designated places on the premises instead of outside, and to respect the rights of people living nearby to a peaceful night.