
From:
Sent: 11 January 2022 18:31
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: KORK SUPPORT

EXTRNL
Message below.

Best,

Website:
Email: :
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 6 January 2022 at 16:54:41 GMT
To:
Subject: Extended opening hours

Hello Team Kork,

As a resident of Whitley Bay) not too far away from Kork I can say that the store has done nothing but bring a positive, atmospheric and neighbourly drinking vibe to the area. You are a lovely local establishment providing real quality goods as well as great wine.

I'd love to see your hours extended and have never heard of any complaints around noise or such issues. We've been in to purchase wine as well as drink inside and there have never been any issues with noise or anti-social behaviour issues throughout Kork being open.

We'd strongly support the opening hours being extended and would like to thank Kork for continuing to provide a nice and relaxed venue that people can enjoy.

Kind regards,

Sent from my iPhone

From:
Sent: 11 January 2022 18:31
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Opening hours extension

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Best,

Website: '
Email: :
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 6 January 2022 at 16:57:20 GMT
To:
Subject: Opening hours extension

I live in . just around the corner but frequently walk past your shop with my dog. I can honestly say what a fantastic addition to Whitley Road your business has made. Lets face it we could do with more of the same!! I have never heard any noise "at all" even when customers have been sitting outside having a drink in warmer weather. My friend lives directly opposite on Whitley Road (I am sure she will back you all the way!). Not sure why this councillor is trying to stop you, has he ever even been there? Wishing you all the luck! 👍

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 11 January 2022 18:54
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Words of support

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Message Below.

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From: [redacted]
Date: 6 January 2022 at 17:02:34 GMT
To: [redacted]
Subject: Words of support

Feel free to quote me when you go to hearing!

I am a local professional who, working long hours in a stressful job, greatly values quiet. I live no less than 5 doors down from Kork Wine & Deli and I can say with 100% confidence that I have never heard a sound coming from there.

My partner and I have eaten at Kork twice and have thoroughly enjoyed it. This is a great local business, much valued and enjoyed by the community. The only "detriment to the community" would be to see Kork close!

Good luck,

From:
Sent: 11 January 2022 18:57
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Kork Support

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Message Below

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From: /
Date: 6 January 2022 at 17:10:57 GMT
To:
Subject: round the corner from Kork)

You know that (down from the deli) and I frequently visit Kork! It is one of the best new places that has popped up in the Whitley Bay Area both at our end of town and all down Park View.

It is an establishment that sells great food and the best wine along with some of the best customer service. I regularly see other neighbours local to mine and Frankie/Phil's street frequent Kork and they all love it. Whether it's for a bottle of beer or wine in the sun (when the weathers nice) or just to pick up some of the amazing deli bits on offer.

I haven't been lucky enough to visit a taster evening but cannot wait to be a part of one as long as they can continue. It is very civilised place to visit and there target audience is people who appreciate fine wine and great food. The longer they are open the more opportunity we have to visit and as they are a small establishment it allows others the same opportunity.

Long live Kork!

Love always,

Sent from my iPhone

From:
Sent: 11 January 2022 18:59
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Kork Support

EXTRNL
Message Below.

Best,

Website: ;
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From: .
Date: 6 January 2022 at 17:14:16 GMT
To:
Subject: Kork opening hours

Hi

I saw your post on Instagram and think it's madness that the councillor thinks you are a 'noisy detriment to Whitley Bay'. I live in a stones throw away from the shop, and have never heard a peep from you, even when you had lovely outside seating in the summer!

The shop provides such an interesting array of bits and bobs that is so desperately needed to bring a classier option to residents, rather than the traditional boozers on the high street that are in my opinion, a noisy detriment to Whitley Bay, and whose customers have disturbed me as a resident on multiple occasions.

I hope this is resolved at the hearing later this month, or my faith is lost in North Tyneside council!
Please do not hesitate to contact me further.

Thanks,

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 January 2022 08:30
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Kork Opening Hours

EXTRNL
Message Below

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 11 January 2022 at 21:27:07 GMT
To: !
Subject: Opening hours

I live opposite but frequently walk past your shop with my dog you always wave and if not busy always have time for a chat . I can honestly say what a fantastic addition to Whitley Road your business has made. Lets face it we could do with more of the same!! I have never heard any noise "at all" even when customers have been sitting outside having a drink in warmer weather. My friend lives directly opposite on [REDACTED] am sure she will back you all the way!). Not sure why this councillor is trying to stop you, has he ever even been there? Wishing you all the luck! 👍

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From:
Sent: 12 January 2022 08:31
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Support

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Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram:
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Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 11 January 2022 at 18:58:43 GMT
To:
Subject: Support

To Whom It May Concern,

Kork has been a wonderful addition to Whitley Bay. They have developed a loyal customer base who visit regularly for the exceptional service and quality of goods that out shine any other food or wine business in the area.

As their business grows I only expect more residents to discover what a valuable asset this business to the local area.

I, personally, have attended wine tastings at Kork and found them to a educational affair and very civilised and would hope that they would be supported in expanding this aspect of their business. It brings something unique to the area and the north east as a whole.

Yours sincerely,

Director

From: [redacted]
Sent: 12 January 2022 08:37
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Kork Support

EXTRNL
Message Below.

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From: [redacted]
Date: 6 January 2022 at 17:24:22 GMT
To: [redacted]
Subject: Noise levels?

Hello

Just been shown your post on Instagram.

Both myself and my partner live in t. nearby and yet neither of us have any experiences of noisy patrons leaving your establishment. I also feel like the clientele base you have established are all upstanding people and leave the surrounding area in an orderly, tidy and quiet fashion as is, so frankly the local councillor should really look into the larger problems Whitley bay faces; like the absolute mess that is the establishments on the high street and further down south parade and their "noisy and detrimental" customer base and stop trying to shut down more upstanding venues like yourselves.

For what it's worth, I have worked in the hospitality industry and hold a personal license so I have experienced what rowdy hospitality venues can be like- and trust me KORK is not one of these- so I hold no concerns whatsoever that extending your opening hours to host wine tasting and pop up events would cause you to become 'a noisy detriment' hopefully with the extended hours we would also have a chance to pay you a visit in the future as we have been meaning to visit for a while just due to work commitments we can not visit thus not spending our money and benefitting the local economy that little bit.

I hope at the very least you find our comments uplifting in your fight to extend your licensing hours; and at best they are useful in changing the councillors mindset and that they come to their better senses and realise that KORK is and will continue to be a great spot in Whitley Bay.

From:
Sent: 12 January 2022 08:39
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Kork Support

EXTRNL
Message Below.

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 6 January 2022 at 17:25:00 GMT
To: !
Subject: Extended Hours

Hi

I was in disbelief to read that your application had been rejected on the grounds of being a noisy establishment.

As a resident in close proximity to Kork Wine and Deli I would strongly disagree. We find Kork to be a very welcome addition to Whitley Road, with a calm , relaxed atmosphere and have only ever seen people enjoying a quiet civilised drink.

In rejecting such applications this is not supportive to independent businesses who are a firm part of our community and not supportive to the much needed rejuvenation of Whitley Road.

I am more than happy to discuss further with our local councillor to support your appeal.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 12 January 2022 08:40
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Kork Support

EXTRNL
Message Below.

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram: [redacted]
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From: [redacted]
Date: 6 January 2022 at 17:25:49 GMT
To: [redacted]
Subject: Hours application

Im insanely dyslexic so take out what you want if anything is not right !

To whom it may concern

I have been running my business on [redacted] for 6/7 years now a few doors down from where kork is located. I have seen so many businesses open and shut down on our street over the years and we finally have a consistent group of independent businesses which is amazing for my business and the area.

Having a place where I can go after work to meet family or friends for a relaxed glass of wine and some cheese is amazing, I have also had business meetings in there too and took my laptop along to do admin! As its all seating and very chilled atmosphere.

Atleast 2/3 times a week I work late until 9pm/10pm at night and everytime I leave I have never heard a peep from kork there is never any noise or lairyness otherwise I would also have a problem with them disturbing the peace in the area.

Another huge factor for me is I don't always feel safe leaving my shop at night due too an attempted robbery and a successful one in 2019 knowing that someone is about is also really reassuring. Also over my 6/7 years EVERY SINGLE shop on that strip of whitley road has been robbed...having a

business open later would do wonders for the overall security of the street (every robbery was between 9pm-11.30pm at night)

Kork has brought a community feel to the street again and brought all the new and old businesses together again which is something i have missed over the years.

With the nature of my business if it was loud and there was any antisocial behaviour outside I would be the first to complain as I would not feel safe and I'm sure my clients wouldn't either.

They have worked so hard on there business and have really improved the look of whitley road.

I fully support the opening hours they are applying for

Sincerely

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From:
Sent: 12 January 2022 08:54
To: Liquor Licensing; Democratic Support
Subject: Kork Support

EXTRNL
Message below.

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 6 January 2022 at 17:52:49 GMT
To:
Subject: Support for Kork Deli

Hi

So sorry you're facing resistance to your plans.

Please find my comments below. Feel free to include my details so they know I am a real person!

Kind regards,

M. Mouse

KIDDING! It's

"I'm writing in support of Kork Deli's application to extend their opening hours for wine tasting evenings and other events.

Kork Deli is an absolute joy and nothing but a bonus to the local area. Full of good people, knowledgeable staff... and the best cheese this side of the moon. Far from being a rowdy establishment, it is a relaxed, refined, and welcoming venue - exactly what we need in Whitley Bay. It's a place for all to enjoy a relaxed evening with a glass of quality wine and a smorgasbord of cheese and meats. I encourage everyone in Whitley Bay to support this wonderful local business, and as a Council Tax payer, I hope the local authority will help it blossom.

From:
Sent: 12 January 2022 08:56
To: Liquor Licensing; Democratic Support
Subject: Kork Support

EXTRNL
Message Below

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 6 January 2022 at 17:54:46 GMT
To: !
Subject: Support For Kork Wine And Deli

Hi

I am a local resident of Whitley Bay (having moved back to the area June 2019) and in fact live directly across the road from your establishment. I can say 100% that there has never been any noise, unruly behaviour, crowds of people from Kork Wine and Deli.

The fact Kork Wine and Deli is where it is and the fantastic service you offer only promotes and enhances the local area. Your establishment does not in anyway cause any detriment to the area. It encourages good, nice people to come and visit this part of town. Every single one of my friends and family that have visited me have commented positively on the fact I have such a great establishment on my doorstep.

We, local residents and the council should be encouraging businesses such as yours, it adds so much in terms of value to people and the local economy.

Thank you and keep doing what you are doing.

See you soon.

!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 January 2022 09:03
To: Liquor Licensing; Democratic Support
Subject: Kork Support

EXTRNL
Message Below

Best,

Website: [REDACTED]
Email: sl [REDACTED]
Instagram:
Telephone

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 6 January 2022 at 19:00:57 GMT
To:
Subject: **Objection rebuttal**

Hi [REDACTED]

This one is for the councillors. Not sure what personal details you need but I'll add my address, feel free to contact me if you need anymore.

Keep up the good work, your team do a fantastic job.

To whom it may concern

Kork Wine and Deli is an asset to the area and an exemplar of successful independent enterprise. In the current climate it is vital that we nurture and support these young businesses to enable them to survive and thrive. The local area is developing at pace with a changing demographic and Kork Wine and Deli have recognised that and are extending their business offering to meet the developing demand in the area.

The accusation that Kork Wine and Deli is a 'loud deterrent to the area' is nothing short of absurd. They are a specialist retailer that have brought a new and unique offering to the area that has increased retail diversity, subsequently benefiting the community.

I strongly support the application to extend the current license.

Yours faithfully

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From:
Sent: 12 January 2022 09:08
To: Liquor Licensing; Democratic Support
Subject: Kork Support

EXTRNL
Message Below.

Kork Neighbour.

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram: ---
Telephone: ...

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 6 January 2022 at 19:08:27 GMT
To:
Subject: Support for extended opening hours

Hi

Sorry to hear you've had a hard time from a councillor about your extended opening hours. I'd like to offer a supporting statement to you, below. Feel free to use if you think it will help.

Cheers

I would like to offer my overwhelming support to Kork Wine and Deli to extend their opening hours. As a local resident, I have never had any experience of noise emanating from this premises. I don't in any way recognise the local councillor's claim that this business is a 'noisy detriment to Whitley Bay'. By contrast, this business is highly respectful of their neighbours, and even when walking past the premises, I have never heard any noise coming from inside. Unlike many other pubs and bars in Whitley Bay, Kork is not the kind of place where people go to get intoxicated in large groups, but is a small, family friendly venue, where couples or a small group of friends might go to enjoy a couple of glasses of fine wine or craft beer with a cheese board. So there are unlikely to be noise issues when patrons vacate the premises. Kork Wine and Deli is an asset to the south

end of Whitley Road, and the council should be encouraging such businesses to prosper. Their tasting and pop-up events offer a novel and exciting service to the North Tyneside community. It is my view that a number of other great new businesses, offering excellent services to the south end of Whitley Bay, have decided to rent properties here as a result of Kork enticing people to visit this end of Whitley Bay.

From:
Sent: 12 January 2022 09:12
To: Liquor Licensing; Democratic Support
Subject: Kork Support

EXTRNL
Message Below.

Local lad who visits to buy cheese and charcuterie on his own or with his younger two brothers.

It shows our clientele as a wide section on the community.

Best,

Website
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 6 January 2022 at 19:22:54 GMT
To:

I think that kork is a great place to go and spend some time relaxing and enjoying delicious cheeses and meats, something which is offered no -where else in Whitley bay (or maybes even north Tyneside) They have a friendly atmosphere and I often go in with my family. They are dog friendly and all the staff are extremely welcoming and friendly towards everyone who comes in, and do not hesitate to help or recommend new foods to try.

I hope this is useful
Thanks

From: [redacted]
Sent: 12 January 2022 13:31
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Kork Support

EXTRNL
Message Below.

Whitley Bay Resident.

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From: [redacted]
Date: 6 January 2022 at 21:06:53 GMT
To: [redacted]
Subject: Thanks

Hi

Just wanted to send an email of support.

My husband and I are local residents and popped in for a couple of drinks after dinner in another local independent establishment. It was fantastic to be able to come and enjoy a quiet drink while getting some expert advice. This is something that we have experienced abroad and it was a delight to have it literally on our doorstep.

We will call in when we next have childcare, after trying another independent eatery.

Best wishes

Tel:

From:
Sent: 12 January 2022 13:33
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Kork Support

EXTRNL
Message Below.

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 6 January 2022 at 21:29:38 GMT
To:
Subject: Kork opening hours

Hi guys,

I just wanted to say I think the deli has been absolutely brilliant for Whitley Bay and would love to see opening hours extended, especially during the Summer months. I used to live on Grafton Road, not far at all from the Deli and had absolutely no issue with noise whatsoever.

I have since moved to North Shields but continue to buy from a truly fantastic business. The councillor must be living in cloud cuckoo land to oppose this change.

Kind Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 January 2022 13:44
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Kork Support

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Message Below.

Another Neighbour.

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 6 January 2022 at 21:30:00 GMT
To:
Subject: To Local Councillor

Myself and my partner live at [REDACTED] from
KORK wine and deli. I can honestly say I have never experienced any noise disturbance or
the usual harassment that usually happens along the road in whitley bay town centre.

If anything KORK brings and invites friendly, polite and respectful clientele of all ages.

I can walk past with my dog on a dark evening and the owners and the customers will wave
and smile giving that true community feeling..... In all honesty as a young female how many
places can you really feel like that now in whitley bay.

I am aware of neighbours who live on Grafton Road, an older gentlemen who has told me
he will sometimes pop in for just chat with the owners as KORK always feels so warm and
inviting.

If anyone could ever truly believe that KORK is a detriment to whitley bay then the only way
I can believe this is because you have never visited.
I truly believe that anyone who visits KORK whether with family, friends or work colleagues
they will experience the warm, relaxing and friendly environment it truly us.

the neighbours who have never heard a noise.

From:
Sent: 12 January 2022 13:48
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Kork Support

EXTRNL

Message Below from another local business.

Best,

Website: |
Email: .
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 7 January 2022 at 08:17:53 GMT
To:
Subject: Extension to opening hours

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my support for Kork Wine and Deli to increase their opening hours.

The owners have worked tirelessly (throughout a pandemic) to provide a unique experience for their customers. This small business is a wonderful addition to Whitley Bay. By extending their opening hours, this sophisticated wine bar, offering tasting events with food can only enhance the area.

This type of business will not attract the loud, young drinkers that some may have concerns about and I am confident that this hardworking, responsible team will ensure they and their customers respect and consider their neighbours.

I have no hesitation in supporting this venture and in the awarding of the necessary licence.

Your faithfully

From:
Sent: 12 January 2022 13:51
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Fwd: We love your place!

EXTRNL
Message Below.

Another Whitley Bay resident.

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 7 January 2022 at 08:57:03 GMT
To:
Subject: We love your place!

Hi :

I saw your post on Instagram. I'm sorry to hear that you aren't getting the support for your extended opening hours. I absolutely love Kork wine and deli. You're always so inviting and friendly, the atmosphere is always so relaxed. I think the place is a fantastic addition to our high street and you should be very proud of what you've accomplished. I hope that others can realise that.

Best wishes

From:
Sent: 12 January 2022 13:52
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Great little deli

EXTRNL
Message Below.

Whitley Bay Resident.

Best,

Website:
Email: :
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 7 January 2022 at 09:14:56 GMT
To:
Subject: Great little deli

Dear

We're big fans of Kork and think you bring a civilised vibe to the neighbourhood. It's refreshing to see friendly entrepreneurs making a go of it here in Whitley Bay. We're becoming more like Tynemouth, and if that's disruptive then it can only be a good thing.

We strongly support your bid to extend your opening hours.

Kind regards

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 January 2022 13:56
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Kork Support

EXTRNL
Message Below.

Another close Whitley Bay resident.

Best,

Website
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 6 January 2022 at 17:48:31 GMT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Extended Open Hours

I live [REDACTED] from Kork Wine and Deli [REDACTED] and would love to see later opening hours at this wonderful business! Run by great people with knowledge and experience, it attracts a lovely crowd of likeminded people, who have a passion for food and wine. This place is such a great addition to the improvements seen in whitley bay over the past few years. It would be fab to see this independent business flourish and extend their services.

All the best,

From:
Sent: 12 January 2022 13:58
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Kork Support

EXTRNL
Message Below.

Whitley Bay Resident.

Best,

Website:
Email: :
Instagram: :
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From: :
Date: 6 January 2022 at 20:01:34 GMT
To: :
Subject: Planning Application Support

Hi

I've just seen your slide on Instagram about the planning application. Does the below wording help at all?

I have recently moved back to Whitley Bay after spending many years in London and the South East. One of the main drivers for my move was the wonderful independent business scene that has developed in Whitley Bay over recent years, including the good quality bars and restaurants that provide a great evening out, very different to the stag and hen days of South Parade many years ago. I have visited Kork Deli for food and drinks a number of times and thoroughly enjoyed the good quality cheeses, meats and wines they serve. As a local resident I can confirm that Kork is absolutely not a noisy detriment and is exactly the sort of business I want to spend my money in. I would be delighted if they are able to offer more of their evening tasting events which require the extended opening hours they have applied for, and look forward to this occurring soon.

If you need my name and address to prove I'm not your Nan or anything, please let me know!

Thanks,
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Sent from my iPhone

From:
Sent: 12 January 2022 14:56
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Regarding extension of opening hours

EXTRNL

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 6 January 2022 at 21:29:33 GMT
To:
Subject: Regarding extension of opening hours

With regards the proposed extension to Kork's opening hours I would just like to say that I think this is an excellent idea. This establishment is another amazing example of entrepreneurship in Whitley Bay which is helping to boost the local economy and help drive real improvement to a once flailing coastal town. We should be doing all we can to help, support and encourage these types of crucial and vibrant independent businessEd to flourish in our town.

Sent from my iPhone

From:
Sent: 12 January 2022 14:56
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Kork Wine and Deli

EXTRNL

Best,

Website: |
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 7 January 2022 at 10:50:40 GMT
To:
Subject: Kork Wine and Deli

I wanted to add my voice in support of this wonderful, calm oasis of very fine foods and wines as you strive to grow your business and remain true to your mission to support artisan makers and bring the glow of the finer things to our lovely town.

Kork is a place to come to when you are in the mood to savour delicious tastes, whether cheese, charcuterie or wine. It is a rare gem in that it is a truly sociable space to celebrate flavour and learn a little of the craftsmanship that goes into making foods and drinks using time honoured but sadly endangered traditions. Understanding the methods and lives of the producers is the unique appeal of Kork Wine and Deli and something that is to be found nowhere else in Whitley Bay.

I understand and entirely share the impulse of our local councillors to protect the family-friendly atmosphere of our little town. Much has changed in recent years particularly along Park View and I understand the concerns of residents and their elected representatives to safeguard the town against drunken and loutish behaviour. I grew up here in the 90s and remember well the blight brought on the town by drinking in the Esplanade area and along the sea front.

No one would sensibly wish to see a return to loud, late night establishments such as those we had here in the 90s and 00s. And I do not believe for a moment that extended licensing hours for Kork Wine and Deli represents a regressive step in that direction. Wine tasting events are about flavour and learning not escapism and debauchery. The atmosphere in Kork is never one of "let's get drunk" it is a place to enjoy fine food and wine in the spirit of celebrating its providence and heritage. It is a place to celebrate glorious flavours and the people who make those possible.

Kork a rare place where it is the small scale maker of wine or cheese can be championed and where normal folk can be transported from their daily grind to a hillside in Spain or a vineyard in rural Italy without clocking up a single air mile.

I hope Kork is nurtured by our local council to thrive and not just survive in these times so blighted by the pandemic we have all endured. People need to find joy in the simple pleasures of cheese and wine; Kork is the place to go and do just that.

Many thanks,

From:
Sent: 12 January 2022 14:56
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Local words of support

EXTRNL

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 7 January 2022 at 12:13:05 GMT
To:
Subject: Local words of support

Hi,

I wanted to send a few words of support in reference to the councillors objections to the supposed noise level from Kork which I saw a post about on Instagram last night.

As a customer of Kork, both as a shop and also eating and drinking in the wine bar and deli, I have never witnessed anything other than a relaxed and laid-back atmosphere. It is a credit to the area as there are not many similar places nearby. The customer service I have experienced at Kork has been exceptional. I don't think you would have to look far in the area to find venues which are a lot louder and anti-social but Kork is most certainly not one.

Wishing you all the best with everything and for the new year.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 12 January 2022 14:57
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Fwd: a few words or support

EXTRNL

Best,

Website: !
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 7 January 2022 at 12:40:20 GMT
To:
Subject: a few words or support

Hi

Hope this is okay-sounds like I'm totalling fan-girling you guys here but it's all true! Good luck getting the licence!

Kork wine and Deli is such a fabulous addiction to Whitley bay. Shawn and the team are so knowledgeable about their product and really go the extra mile in helping you find exactly what you're looking for (and educating you too!) Whenever we have friends visiting from other parts of the country it's always the first place we take them and they are always blown away by how incredible it is we have such a great independent wine bar on our doorstep. It really is places like this that bring people into moving to the area!

As neighbours it's so lovely to see people sitting out in the summer with a cheeseboard, or cosied up in the window seats in the winter- it makes Whitley road (which could otherwise look quite drab) look like a little street in soho! It's the kind of place we need to steer us away from the south parade nightmare of the past.

If they were to open a little later it would be a great addition to the town as there is real lack of establishments in Whitley bay to go to for a glass of great wine in a nice environment for those that don't want 2-4-1 cocktails or stale pints surrounded by drunk people!

From:
Sent: 12 January 2022 14:57
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Kork Fwd: Message of support

EXTRNL

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 7 January 2022 at 14:00:29 GMT
To:
Subject: Message of support

Hi!

My message of support for your upcoming hearing (feel free to change anything which isn't helpful for your case). Good luck!

Dear Councillor,

I am saddened to hear your views that Kork is a noise nuisance to Whitley Bay. I feel you couldn't be further from the truth - it is a unique and much-needed addition to our coast. It would be a shame to see the wings of a local business clipped for no good reason by denying them extended opening hours. Kork is certainly not a noise nuisance and it's unfair to characterise it as such just because it sells wine. As a unique independent business, it is an asset of Whitley Bay and should be supported by our community in every way possible. Not far up the same road, there are many pubs and bars which have late licences and play music - and there is nothing wrong with that - but Kork is a different type of place. Kork is a quieter and friendly place and I would encourage you to pop in and see for yourself. Wine tasting events are in short-supply in the north east and the extended opening hours would allow Kork to run these, to be enjoyed by local people like me seeking a relaxed and educational night.

Another consideration is that if you deny independent businesses the chance to offer these types of events, all that will happen is a commercial group will use their size, influence and power to get permissions to offer them instead (e.g. the same groups which run most of the big bars and restaurants in Newcastle city centre). From an economic standpoint, this is worse for our community as less money gets re-spent and re-invested locally by a large group compared to a small business. Also, these events would have none of the passion or knowledge behind it that the team at Kork have and that would be the greatest loss.

As a councillor, we entrust you with the duty of doing for what is what is best for our community, so please listen to us when we tell you that we want our local businesses to thrive and achieve their full potentials. Please don't make our town a hostile place.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 12 January 2022 14:58
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Kork Fwd: Feedback about Opening Hours Extension

EXTRNL

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram: ([redacted])
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From. [redacted]
Date: 7 January 2022 at 16:05:17 GMT
To: [redacted] n>
Subject: Feedback about Opening Hours Extension

Hello,

I wanted to send an email with some feedback about the shop in response to seeing your instagram post.

I live on [redacted] is directly behind Kork and can 100% agree that there is absolutely no noise from Kork during any hours of the day. I have visited twice and absolutely loved both visits, in which I came away with cheese and wine both times! As Whitley Bay is an up-and-coming area, we need high end independent businesses to flourish, which is what I believe Kork to be. The Park View end of the high street has many independent bars and restaurants, which I'm sure are open late into the evening, and I feel as a resident of the Cullercoats end of the high street we need to encourage more venues like Kork to open and remain open! I would absolutely love to attend a wine tasting event at Kork, which would help to boost the local events, as nothing like this is offered in the local area to my knowledge.

Just to counteract the comments about Kork being a noisy detriment to the area, I have never heard any noise from Kork, either from my back yard [redacted], or when walking past on an evening. There are some establishments in Whitley Bay which can be noisy on an evening, but Kork is absolutely not one of them. If anything, I enjoy seeing a bit of bustle in the town centre which shows that it is a thriving community! I for one am 100% behind extending the opening hours of Kork!

I hope this is helpful to the hearing later in the month!

Thanks,

From: [redacted]
Sent: 12 January 2022 15:00
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Kork Fwd: A few words

EXTRNL

Best,

Website: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]
Instagram: [redacted]
Telephone: [redacted]

Begin forwarded message:

From: [redacted]
Date: 7 January 2022 at 16:32:15 GMT
To: [redacted]
Subject: A few words

Hello

Here are a few words for you, from me...

I am a local resident (NE26), and I just want to say a few words for the council to take into consideration. Honestly, establishments like Kork Wine and Deli are a blessing for us in our local area. We are seeing the rise of excellent bars and food places in Whitley, and it is all part of the great restoration of the local area.

The noisy clubs and heavy bars are all closing, and we are now seeing Kork and other bars that are bringing quality produce, as well as great attitudes towards the care for their food and service for their customers. It's wonderful to be seeing a new era of culture growing in our local area.

Kork isn't loud. Never once have I walked past when I'm out on my daily walks and been perturbed by this place. Never once have I even heard a single noise, and I live a few streets away. It offers nothing but positivity and substance for us in Whitley Bay, and I hope to see more bars and food eateries like this opening and being supported to continue trading.

They are bringing people to the area who are there for the right reasons; quiet and comfortable socialising, as well as opening the door for people around the UK to remember the essence of what we can create in the North. We are well known for our kindness and welcoming attitudes.

We should be supporting establishments like this. They not only put their life and passion into what they do, but they make the area far more desirable. This is something we have needed for many years, since the era of the trashy bars was rightfully quashed. Let's support this company, as they

are just what we need in our incredible Whitley Bay'

Hope it helps, brother.

Much love 🙏

From:
Sent: 12 January 2022 15:00
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Extended hours

EXTRNL

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 7 January 2022 at 22:52:15 GMT
To:
Subject: Extended hours

Hi!

I read with disbelief on your Facebook page that people are saying your establishment is loud and a detriment to the area, what a load of rubbish I feel

I am not a local resident but visit often with my friend who lives opposite your deli and have always enjoyed the place for its tranquility and friendliness of you all

At least when we come there we can talk and not have to shout over music and loud people

It is a lovely establishment serving nice people with lovely wines and food

I hope you do get to extend your hours it is a shame that some people feel the need to stop good people from building a better business for the community

Best of luck

From:
Sent: 12 January 2022 15:01
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Councillor Objection to extended hours.

EXTRNL

Someone who use to work with you guys at the council.

Best,

Website: k
Email:
Instagram: .
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 7 January 2022 at 22:54:21 GMT
To:
Subject: Councillor Objection to extended hours.

Hi .

My daughter is a customer of yours and has told me about the problems that you are encountering in extending your hours for wine tasting and pop up events. She's asked me if I can help as like me, she wants to support small independent businesses.

By way of introduction I am a recently retired Town Planner and dealt with the issues that you are facing on a regular basis. I previously worked for North Tyneside Council and also worked for Easington, Sedgefield and finally Durham County Council. I also have an insight into how local politics works and have a good understanding of what motivates local Councillors to get involved in local issues.

When my daughter highlighted the difficulties you are facing I felt that I may be able to help you. I have always been an advocate of small businesses and have fought their corner on many occasions. I'd therefore like to help you out particularly as I sense a potential injustice. If you'd like me to help (free of charge) it would be great if you could answer the following questions.

It would appear from your post that a Councillor (unnamed) is against your proposal as he believes you are currently a noisy detriment to Whitley Bay. Has he got any ammunition or evidence to support this view? For example, have any complaints been lodged by the public claiming that your business is detrimental to the area or what we Planners would call 'the amenity of the area'. Have you had any visits from Environmental Health/Pollution Control officers? If so, what was the outcome. Have you had direct complaints from nearby residents.

Do you play music at the premises? And if you do when does this happen?

What hours are you able to open at present? What opening hours do you want to operate in the future?

What sort of application have you made. Is it a planning application or a licensing application? This is particularly important as they involve different issues and may work in your favour.

How many people will attend the wine evenings? Also what is involved in the pop up events?

Have you spoken to the Councillor about his concerns?

Depending on your answers it may be possible to argue against the claims by the Councillor. If you are able to show that his concerns are unfounded then you will have a better chance of gaining approval. Depending on what you are able to tell me it may be beneficial to get the local press involved or even seek the support of other Councillors.

Once you've provided me with the answers and I've had the opportunity to consider them I'd be more than happy to meet you in person, again free of charge.

If you'd rather I didn't help then that's perfectly fine with me and I'd wish you every success with your enterprise.

Best regards

Sent from my iPad

From:
Sent: 12 January 2022 15:02
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Kork Fwd: Words of support from a local fan

EXTRNL
More residents of Whitley Bay.

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone:

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: 8 January 2022 at 09:49:18 GMT
To:
Subject: Words of support from a local fan

Hi

I saw your post on Instagram and would like to offer some supportive words in hopes it helps your quest of later opening hours.

From

"Kork Wine and Deli is a perfect example of the niche independent businesses and creativity that Whitley Bay is known for. Having lived in Whitley Bay all of my life, I have sadly seen it derelict more often than not with consistently vacant shops that at best will open as charity shops to ease the sight of what is otherwise a very woeful town centre. Whitley Bay until recent years has been a far cry from the picturesque and desirable seaside town I heard about from my parents and grandparents memory. It is places like Kork and all of the other independent eateries, shops, services and long awaited focus on the promenade that are giving Whitley Bay the much needed resurgence that it has been crying out for for years, and that it deserves. I represent a new generation of Whitley Bay who have been yearning for places like Kork, along with the new restaurants, micro breweries and boutiques that have opened on Station Road and Park View. Whitley Bay has never been more wonderful in my lifetime. Let's not stop now. Allowing Kork to have a late license will continue to encourage more economy back to Whitley Bay as people who love Whitley Bay at the moment - in the same way I do - have no choice but to opt to venture into Newcastle for something as wonderful as a wine tasting evening. This is not a time to be short sighted (council), consider the broader reality and needs and wants of Whitley Bay residents. Support the creativity, the new ideas, the quirks and the visionaries, because Whitley Bay is a very sad place when these things are not given the room or freedom to grow.

Kork is a very civilised, respectful and friendly company, I think it is unfortunate if someone were to

assume that an evening such as wine tasting where the team share their passion for good food and drink and open the minds of local residents could be looked upon as disruptive. Let's be smarter about this."

Hope this helps and as ever I am wishing you all the best.

Thanks,

Sent from my iPhone

From:
Sent: 12 January 2022 15:07
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Licence

EXTRNL

Another resident supporting.

Best,

Website:
Email: :
Instagram:
Telephone: :

Begin forwarded message:

From: :
Date: 8 January 2022 at 19:06:58 GMT
To:
Subject: Licence

Sent from my Huawei phone

As a customer and Whitley Bay resident I have always found Kork to be a relaxed and quiet venue which ran by great people who are bringing something unique to the area.

I'm baffled that there is an assertion that they are a considered a noise issue as every time I have passed or been in this definitely hasn't been the case. Considering other venues in whitley bay have been granted liscences for later opening (despite being larger noisier and more 'residential') it wouldn't be fare to not grant a licence for later opening for Kork.

I'm sure that common sense will prevail and we won't see another betting shop/charity shop in place of a fantastic independent business.

Yours sincerely

Sent from my Huawei phone

From: [redacted]
Sent: 12 January 2022 15:10
To: Democratic Support; Liquor Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Support for council hearing

EXTRNL
Another Whitley Bay Resident.

Best,

Website:
Email:
Instagram:
Telephone: .

Begin forwarded message:

From: [redacted]
Date: 10 January 2022 at 13:35:27 GMT
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Support for council hearing

I hope you and the gang are having a lovely new year so far.

Here are a few words about my experience of Kork which I hope will be helpful for the hearing this month. I've put it on Google reviews as well.

I've known Whitley Bay since being a kid, and can honestly say I find Kork to be the most civilised, welcoming and pleasant place around here to have a drink, as well as try some lovely food and learn about new wines and local beers. The owners and staff really know their stuff, and have created an authentic experience where everyone's welcome and you can truly relax. It's as far away as you could get from the noisy stag and hen bars Whitley Bay still seems to be (in)famous for, despite the investments in the promenade and surrounding area. It's just a lovely place to be, and somewhere I bring all my visitors from around the country to. We always get chatting to other locals there too - it's becoming a bit of a community hub. My impression is that Kork is another great example of a group of people being mindful of investing in Whitley Bay alongside growing a business, supporting local producers and providing employment for staff who really seem to love their work, and it's a credit to North Tyneside. If you haven't been yet, get yourself along!

All the best,

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