

Appendix E Letter to resident

5/4/2022

Dear David and Amanda

I hope you are well.

I wanted to take the time to contact you with regards to our application at Delaneys, for an extension to our licencing hours on Fridays and Saturday evenings from 9pm until 10.30pm.

The purpose to extend our licensed hours is, that we struggle to gain evening bookings for the restaurant, and indeed the licencing hours of 9pm is working as a deterrent to diners, leaving us empty and more attractive to people out for drinks. I know there is a concern from one or two people that we want to operate solely as bar which is not the case. I am sure you can appreciate, that if you are going for dinner, and you are out for an evening, you want to enjoy the whole experience. The 9pm licence is just not working. (Hypothetical scenario) You and your party work, you get home shower and change and are ready for the evening, you book a table for dinner for 7.30pm, two of your party are slightly late waiting for the babysitter, or the taxi was late they arrive at 7.45pm. You then have 1 ¼ hours for your meal. If you want to eat that quickly you would go to a drive through.

Take a look at Ning's and Giuseepe's both restaurants on Castle Road, and most evenings the tables are full and there is very little room for drinkers there is no reason we should be any different.

Monty's is a completely different entity to Delaneys but I am afraid a few people have taken it upon themselves to decide that we are going to be another Monty's, asking such questions as, you are not going to be another Monty's are you? I don't suppose these questions were asked when the owners of Ning's moved in. Some of the clientele that Monty's attracts (mainly on a Saturday) is not the clientele we want to encourage at Delaneys.

The road closure has been as much a struggle for me as a business and has been financially detrimental to the business along with the ongoing stalemate situation of the road close and timescales for completion.

I know you have submitted an objection to our extension and having spoken to a couple that live in the street with concerns, it has become apparent that there may be a misunderstanding, thinking this extension will apply to the outside seating, but that is not the case, the outside seating hours will remain as they are.

This has not in any way been sent to encourage a retraction of your objection but to encourage better communications between you and ourselves. I would much prefer that you come and talk to me about any concerns.

Kind Regards

Belinda