
Statement by the Charlotte Street Association: from Clive Henderson:

Licensing Application: Farmer Cafe, 35 Conway Street: for Licensing Hearing: 25 July 2024
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On Monday 17 June 2024, Camden's Licensing Officer/Steven Dormer sent us a response to our representation from Mr Vahid Mahdavi, the owner of the Farmer Cafe.

In this response – which is set out over two pages of A4 (**please see attached**) – Mr Mahdavi went a long way to agreeing with our concerns and offered a number of suggestions relating to operating the premises as a cafe/restaurant, and addressing our concerns about possible noise nuisance caused by music, dancing and the performance of plays.

He also stated he is willing to adjust the terminal hour for alcohol supply to 9:30 pm, as suggested, to allow for a drinking-up period before closing time. He also stated was open to discussing potential adjustments to ensure minimal impact on the residential community, particularly concerning the extended hours from July to October and operating withing framework hours.

We are grateful for his response.

We therefore ask that the hours for the sale of alcohol are limited to:

10am to 9.30pm from Monday to Saturday, and from 11am to 9.30pm on Sundays.

A seasonal variation shall operate **from 1 July to 31 October on Friday, Saturday and Sunday when the terminal hour for the sale of alcohol will be 10.30pm.**

And we therefore suggest the following Conditions are added to the licence:

- 1 - The premises shall operate as a cafe/restaurant where alcoholic beverages shall only be sold to customers seated at tables and only when taking a table meal; and where orders of food and beverages shall be dispensed by serving staff.
- 2 - There shall be no vertical drinking inside or outside the premises at any time.
- 3 - Prominent notices requesting patrons to respect the residential area when leaving.
- 4 - Doors and windows will remain closed during performance of music and dancing to prevent noise break-out.
- 5 - Noise levels are kept to a minimum and do not cause a nuisance to nearby residents.
- 6 - Outside tables and chairs shall not obstruct public highway.
- 7 - Inward deliveries of stock shall only be received when the premises are open for licensable activities.
- 8 - Disposal of bottles shall only be done during the hours of licensable activity.
- 9 - Rubbish and recycling shall only be placed on the forecourt or within two metres of the premises forecourt ready for collection.

8 - The premises shall adhere at all times to Camden's Women's safety principles including the "Ask for Angela" initiative to ensure safety and support for all patrons and staff.

9 – The terminal hour for all licensable activities shall be the same as the terminal hour for the Supply of Alcohol.
