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I have lived on Munster Road for 7 years and would like to express my support for Fulham Kitchen and object strongly to the restriction of opening hours which is not extended to other establishments in the proximity and I feel will adversely effect the feel of the neighbourhood.

As a professional living in rented accommodation, the appeal of this area is very much the blend of safe residential accommodations, and proximity to establishments such as Fulham Kitchen who provide a vital social link close to home.

Throughout the time I have lived here, I have not witnessed any antisocial behaviours related to Fulham Kitchen, nor excessive noise in relation to its customers or staff. It instead provides a convivial atmosphere in which to eat and has become a family favourite when visiting. Restricting hours will adversely affect workers such as myself who enjoy company over a meal following stressful and long shifts, often returning to the area between 830 and 9pm. As a healthcare worker, this has proved essential to supporting my mental wellbeing with no family in the area, social support cannot be underestimated. For the past 6 years, Fulham Kitchen has provided great food following these long shifts and restricting ability to choose to eat here amongst a safe and friendly atmosphere is unjustified.

The environment I have enjoyed on Munster Road is increasingly difficult to find across London and part of the attraction of young people living in and moving into the area. In particular for single females the ability to have a safe local social life close to home is essential, the diversity of patrons of Fulham Kitchen promotes a safe family environment, and multiple establishments open in the evening ensure footfall to deter criminal activity. Without this, greater travel and increasing vulnerability when arriving home would push many to avoid the area and increase vulnerability getting home at night. In short open businesses increase the feeling of safety in the city at night.

I thoroughly support the owners of Fulham Kitchen who have developed a friendly local business which supports life within the Munster Road area, encourages local spending, fosters a safe neighbourhood feel and is part of the appeal of this area in maintaining its community and village type feel.

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