

Dear Catherine and Petersfield Councillors,

I am not sure if I can write in support of an application but here we go:

Sweet and Spicy is a vital part of the Mill Road Community, I lived at 84 Mill Road for over 6 years and really believe that the character of Mill Road is NOT at risk, as put forward by the residents association of Tenison/Glisson Road. The fact is, although Sweet and Spicy should have applied for a restaurant license years ago, it has been trading as a restaurant for years and thus should NOT be considered a NEW RESTAURANT OUTLET.

This is NOT the time to enforce the 60/40 retail/restaurant quota. Why didn't you do this with COSTA? Or how about sticking up for LOCAL BUSINESSES and getting this Localism bill through and making sure SAINSBURY's doesn't open. This is a VIABLE LOCAL BUSINESS THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. All of the HAIRDRESSERS on Mill Road are causing it to loose it character, as our the CHAIN STORES. A beautiful restaurant serving the best Pakistani food, is only an ASSETT to the COMMUNITY.

DO NOT exercise your POWER IN THE WRONG PLACE! I guess if this was a TESCO you might be thinking twice because of THEIR POWER?!

I am truly disgusted that the council will choose to close down a viable local business at this time of economic hardship. I am also disgusted of the residents association objection. Perhaps you think it is better that the unit is empty?

Yours sincerely,

Dear Ms Linford

As a local resident I would like to make representation with regard to the above application.

I urge you to support this application (with conditions as necessary) in order to enable the management to continue it's commitment to the local community, both in terms of goods sold and as a community resource (hosting of community meetings and support of community building activities). The proprietor has traded in Mill Road for many years and is a trusted and valued independent businessman. He has endeavored to develop the unit as a mixed retail and cafe space that has full disability access.

Businesses of this sort contribute to making Mill Road the popular, vibrant area that it is. I wish to support this application.

Kind regards

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Dear Catherine, (Kevin, Sarah and Gail)

I would like to express my deep concern over the opinion expressed by yourself and Frank Gawthrop regarding the Sweet n' Spicy restaurant on Mill Road.

As a permanent resident of Mill Road, born on Mill Road and lived opposite ditchburn place for the last 7 years I am aware of how Mill Road has changed over the years. Sweet n' Spicy is an asset that has contributed massively to the positive development of the area. Of course they should have got the right planning in order, but the fact is they have been running as a successful restaurant for a number of years, and should not be considered a 'new' restaurant in this matter.

They are deeply involved in developing cross cultural understanding in the area, are frequently involved in community events, and represent the positive development of the area.

I recommend you read this:

http://www.untoldstories.org.uk/cambridgeuntold/cu_art14.html

As a non-muslim, non-alcohol drinker I am grateful for somewhere pleasant to go in the evening which serves great food at an affordable price. This is also the case for many of my friends and family in the Mill area and surrounding villages who come specifically to eat there. It is used by the whole community, not just the Pakistani community.

I hope the planning office reconsider their opinion and put the area first instead of a silly percentage target.

Sincerely,
