

With the Job centre being in such close proximity to our building and particularly my flat we do hear the customers leaving however it is acceptable at the current closing times. If the opening hours are extended this will mean that this noise will be extended in to the early hours of the morning when residents will be trying to sleep. The longer opening hours will most probably also result in customers who have drunk more and therefore be louder. In my experience if an establishment is open later people then flock to this place to continue drinking after earlier shutting places close.

I am aware of people going outside to smoke and have conversations at the front of the building, directly below my living room and bedroom. Even if they do not have a drink with them they often converse loudly. If this is to happen later and later it will become more of a disturbance.

It is indeed great that no one has felt the need to complain recently which proves that these opening hours are working for local residents. I would hate this to change if the opening hours are extended.

I know that some of the other residents in my building have concerns about the smoking area and noise coming from that but sadly when that is closed people then come out the front which is not good for the residents at the front of the building.

I don't think there is any way that they can stay open later and not allow people outside to smoke and talk (loudly) which is another reason why I really don't want the hours to be extended.