

Application N	Consultees Name	Recipient Address	Received	Comment	Response
2025/1812/P	Lora Rowley	25 Grafton Road	02/05/2025 19:47:26	OBJ	<p>I am writing as a local resident to object to planning application 2025/1812/P, submitted by Map Café. The application proposes a change of use from a café to a live music venue and an extension of opening hours from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm.</p> <p>I want to begin by saying that I value independent businesses in our neighbourhood and I appreciate the energy and creativity that Map Café brings to the area. However, I have concerns about how this application — particularly in its current form — would affect both my family and the wider residential community.</p> <p>We live very close to Map Café and have a small baby at home. The existing noise levels from events — both inside the venue and from people gathering outside — have already disrupted our evenings and affected our baby's sleep on several occasions. The street is otherwise quiet in the evenings, so even small groups talking or laughing outside carry clearly into our home.</p> <p>What adds to our concern is that Map Café has already been operating as a live music venue and hosting events beyond its current approved hours. Despite not having the permissions in place, live music events have been running regularly, often with groups of people remaining outside after closing time. Unfortunately, the management has not taken effective steps to address this, even after concerns have been raised by local residents. This makes it difficult to have confidence that extended hours or new conditions would be properly respected going forward.</p> <p>In addition, there doesn't seem to be effective soundproofing measures in place for this venue to operate into the evening. Doors and windows are often left open during performances, and the sound projects directly into neighbouring homes. We regularly hear music and amplified sound from within our property. This is particularly disruptive in the evenings, when ambient noise is otherwise low.</p> <p>This street is primarily residential, and activity generally quiets down after 7:00 pm. Extending hours to 11:00 pm, especially for live music and alcohol-related events, would significantly increase late-night noise and disruption — something the area is not suited for.</p> <p>To be clear, we are not opposed to local businesses growing and adapting, but any future plans need to be matched with responsible management and genuine efforts to work with the local community. Without proper soundproofing and a clear plan for managing crowds and noise outside the venue, I don't believe this application should be approved without attaching firm and enforceable conditions that would protect the wellbeing of local residents.</p>

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2025/1812/P	Joseph	Inkerman Road	02/05/2025 11:18:09	OBJ	<p>I strongly object to the "Extending Existing Mixed Uses" of MAP, which seeks to allow live music and entertainment from 1pm to 11pm, seven days a week. While MAP is positioned as a café, its history of hosting events has already demonstrated a significant and disruptive impact on the local community.</p> <p>At present, the events are sporadic – and even then, they push the limits of what is tolerable for those of us living nearby. When MAP previously operated a full schedule of live events, the consequences were deeply felt across the neighbourhood: persistent noise pollution, late-night disturbances, and a general erosion of the quiet residential character of the area.</p> <p>The music itself, often amplified and reverberating through the surrounding streets, is only part of the issue. Equally troubling is the large number of patrons who congregate outside the venue, often continuing to socialise loudly well beyond the proposed end time of 11pm. Shouting, crashing around on the pavement, and general commotion regularly extend into the early hours, disrupting sleep and peace for local families, elderly residents, and professionals alike. Many nights feel more like living next to a nightclub than a local café.</p> <p>This is not a commercial or entertainment district. It is a residential neighbourhood, where people expect – and deserve – a degree of quiet and predictability in their daily lives. Granting this application would shift the dynamic of the area and set a precedent that prioritises the interests of a single business over the well-being of an entire community.</p> <p>The reality is that MAP's proposed activities are incompatible with the character of the surrounding area. It is simply not appropriate to license daily live entertainment in a setting where the infrastructure and environment are not designed to absorb such activity without significant fallout.</p> <p>I urge the council to consider the lived experience of residents and to reject this application in the interest of preserving the peace and safety of our neighbourhood.</p>
2025/1812/P	Debby Hyams	31 Alma Street	03/05/2025 16:43:36	COMMNT	<p>We are lucky to have MAP studio cafe in our neighbourhood, especially as so many independent businesses and community pubs have closed. It provides us with a friendly meeting place which is used for a lot of community events (residents' association meetings, including an Elders group) as well as providing a wide range of music and good food. The proposed hours are well within Camden's framework hours. If the application is turned down it would mean the neighbourhood loses an important community resource.</p>

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2025/1812/P	Audrey Downer	48 B Grafton Road NW5 3DY	03/05/2025 22:18:41	NOBJ	<p>I support this application in full.</p> <p>I have been a property owner opposite Map, 48B Grafton Road since 1987 - in that time I have seen Map develop - a creative quarter - in what was quite a run down area. Over time Map has become an integral part of our diverse community. Map provides employment, support for musicians and performers - & for the annual Alma Street Fare. Map really is a local for locals establishment and I would expect the Local Council to support the Map venture wholeheartedly. At no time have I been inconvenienced by Map, customers or visitors. Any noise coming from Map blends into the general street scene - unlike the Prince of Wales junction. The street also feels safer with a greater footfall and oversight from people visiting Map. This establishment is cherished and unique. To curtail the Map license would threaten their very existence and would be contrary to the councils own strategy for diversity in the public realm 2023 - 2028. Here you have a grass roots organisation - support it.</p>
2025/1812/P	Milly Peterson	50B Willes Road Camden London Nw53dl	02/05/2025 10:09:33	OBJ	<p>I am VERY concerned about - and resolutely against - an extension of the MAP license. As a resident on Willes Road I am frequently disturbed by the loud music, noise coming from the open windows and chatter from the over-filled smoking area (often up to twenty people crammed into the terrace smoking and shouting until late into the evening). As a mother with a young child, I always struggle to get my pram past the clusters of people who take up all the pavement space on both Grafton Road and Inkerman Road. Furthermore, the obstruction on the pavement prevents wheelchair users from navigating the street successfully which is outrageous and discriminatory. The venue itself is not even wheelchair accessible which is completely unacceptable in 2025, particularly for a venue which purports to be inclusive and community-focused. I also have concerns about the strong marijuna smell whenever I walk past, particularly as the venue is just up the road from the leisure centre so a lot of children walk past on their way to / from the gym. The few times I have been to MAP I have been shocked and appalled by the amount of clearly underage teenagers buying and consuming alcohol on the premises. Currently the venue does not abide by its licensing laws - often it is open late into the evening, serving alcohol far beyond its legal hours, and overfilling its terrace with noisy, smoking, underage patrons. I have serious concerns that extending the venue's license will mean the venue flouts the rules even more enthusiastically, creating further hazards to local residents. Furthermore, I am not confident that the current issues can be addressed through management alone as the manager ignores the current license and is very hostile to any attempts at an open dialogue when approached. I strongly urge Camden council to review and enforce some stricter licensing laws regarding this venue and to certainly not extend any existing opening hours.</p>
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