

Application N	Consultees Name	Recipient Address	Received	Comment	Response
2025/1812/P	Kate	Kentish Town West	21/05/2025 22:38:47	OBJ	<p>As a local resident, I object to planning application 2025/1812/P by Map Cafe, which proposes converting the cafe into a live music venue and extending opening hours from 6:00pm to 11:00pm.</p> <p>While I value local independent businesses like Map Cafe, I am concerned about the impact on neighbouring homes. The venue's current noise levels—both from inside and from outside gatherings—is often significant.</p> <p>Map Cafe has been operating as a live music venue beyond its permitted hours, with patrons often congregating outside long after closing. This ongoing issue raises doubts about the effectiveness of future restrictions or extended hours. The venue also appears to lack sufficient soundproofing and doors and windows are frequently left open, allowing sound to disturb neighbouring homes.</p> <p>While I support local businesses, any future plans must include proper soundproofing and measures to minimise noise and disruption. Without enforceable conditions to protect residents' wellbeing, I do not believe this application should be approved.</p>
2025/1812/P	Paris Astor	Dartmouth Road NW2 4ES	21/05/2025 19:36:45	SUPPRT	<p>I discovered MAP Studio Cafe in 2019 and since then it has become like a second home to me. I have worked at MAP for the past two years and over that time I've seen the positive effect it's brought to so many people's lives. It's a unique place that is supportive and encouraging of musicians and artists of any level and has helped many performers gain confidence and experience. A great deal of people have said they don't know what they would have done had they not discovered MAP. Countless friendships have started there and creative collaborations are often formed. It has provided a lot of mental health benefits for individuals going through difficult times and would be a great loss to the community should it not be able to continue.</p>
2025/1812/P	Matt Brasier	15 Falkland Road London NW5	21/05/2025 19:26:22	NOBJ	<p>Map cafe is a unique cultural hub for the local community, offering a welcoming, safe and inclusive space for all who visit. The venue and its staff are a beacon of artistic expression that stands head and shoulders above more commercial venues. Map is community and people first, refreshing in a city where so often profit is placed ahead of people. I support any plans to keep this space active in my community.</p>
2025/1812/P	M Brearley	48B Grafton Road	22/05/2025 07:36:32	SUPPRT	<p>I support this application by MAP studio cafe to extend its operating hours to be from 1pm to 11pm. The MAP cafe and music studios bring life and activity to the area. The music studios provide much needed space for young musicians to practice and play their music and the cafe is used by locals and visitors alike. Along with the sports centre, local shops, businesses and restaurants, it is critical to fostering the sense of community. By extending its operating hours to start earlier in the day, this will strengthen its important, community function.</p>

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2025/1812/P	Sean m	87, Belsize Park Gardens, london	21/05/2025 18:00:28	COMMNT	MAP don't follow any rules. It's pretty rogue. Not their planning conditions. Not their license. They just do whatever they want with little consideration to those around them as long as patrons are happy.
2025/1812/P	Anna butler	38 Grafton Road	21/05/2025 22:20:06	COMMNT	I live on Grafton Road and have always known MAP as a cultural melting pot of singers, poets, painters, magicians and artists. I forever feel inspired and uplifted coming to events here and it brings me a sense of community which is so hard to find in London. It's a rare, untouched, ungentrified gem in London and we should do everything in our right to protect it. Long live MAP.
2025/1812/P	Ben Fenton	38 grafton rd	21/05/2025 22:19:42	COMMNT	Living in the neighborhood I've seen this place be a cultural hub for so many things. During the day it is a space that I've seen children practice their instruments, during the evening it becomes a cultural hub. I've seen many shows here and heard many stories of years of people finding inspiration listening to music into the night. Map cafe is a hub for culture in Kentish town, it would be a tragedy to see this place slowly suffer due to upholding a quietness in the neighborhood. The short term may be solved, but the generational suffer will be noticed.
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