

Re: Letters to the Chair of the Planning Committee

I am writing again in response to the recent batch of submitted documents from Deliveroo in regard to Planning Application 2020/2367/P.

I suggest that the late submission of these letters from owners and operators of Editions restaurants is a belated attempt to bolster the only two letters of support submitted in response to Deliveroo's Planning Application.

Six owners/operators and one future operator of restaurants on the Deliveroo site wrote to the Chair of the Planning Committee, Heather Johnson.

They claim that the site has enabled them "to bring jobs to the local area".

- As I made clear in my first objection [Submission:27.07.2020] this is not strictly true.
- As the operators themselves say, they bring their "own hard working and dedicated kitchen staff" [no new jobs here then] so the 'many' kitchen staff they claim to provide work for boils down to the 6 local workers who are shared between all the restaurants.

They claim that of the "hundreds of self-employed delivery riders many...live locally. Hundreds? They can only be referring to the 85 Riders who signed the Riders Petition. Or are there hundreds more Riders who refused to sign the petition? And of these 85 Riders 16 live locally; the other 69 do not.

They highlight how important delivery-only kitchens are to the UK restaurant industry because of the COVID 19 crisis. At the same time they claim the importance of their COVID 19 deliveries of food basics to people in lockdown they fail to provide any actual numbers for these special deliveries.

The operators then go on to claim that Deliveroo has brought '**noticeable**' benefits to the local community. They provided no examples of these noticeable benefits other than the 'noticeable' impact of switching from motorbikes to bicycles on both noise and congestion at the site:

*"...Deliveroo's decision to limit the site to delivery riders using bicycles and e-bikes has had a **noticeable impact on both noise and congestion at the site.**"*

To claim that local residents are better off now because noise and congestion aren't as bad as they were before Deliveroo switched from motorbikes to bicycles – **when there was no noise and congestion at all before Deliveroo came on site** – is just plain ridiculous.

- **There was no noise problem at the site before the arrival of Deliveroo Editions.**
- **There was no congestion problem at the site before the arrival of Deliveroo Editions.**

These letters add nothing to counter the facts that Deliveroo Editions have not complied with Conditions upon which their permission to remain on site depends and they have still not made the case that they do not cause harm to the local amenity or the lives of local residents.

For that reason I again request that Camden refuse Deliveroo permission to remain on site in Swiss Cottage.

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