

I write in support of the application for a new late-night premises licence at 13-15 Walm Lane, Lezziz Charcoal Grill.

It is extremely important that our high street is kept functioning and lively at night and that Willesden attempts to have some form of night-time economy. This has the potential to increase footfall to the area and will therefore be a positive move for other businesses on Walm Lane.

Willesden's potential to be a thriving evening destination has increased with the arrival of the all-night tube on the Jubilee line. I would like to see the council adopt an approach which encourages businesses to make the most of these opportunities.

Furthermore, having premises which are open and busy at night will make it safer for people walking to and from home in the early hours. Deserted streets add to a feeling of being unsafe and Willesden has many residents who are shift-workers.

I specifically support the provision of an alcohol license because

- 1) the owners have shown themselves capable of running a responsible business over the years
- 2) Willesden has a lack of venues where a meal with a drink can be purchased late at night and this will go some way to fulfilling that need.

Regards