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**To:** Simms, Carline < <u>carline.simms@coventry.gov.uk</u>> **Subject:** Support for Local Business Licence Application

## Dear Caroline Simms,

I am writing as a local business owner operating within the same area where Kebab Express has recently opened their new takeaway premises. I wish to express my full support for their application to operate, including their proposed late opening hours. McDonald's across the road is open 24 hours a day with no objection from anybody. Kebab Express, like McDonald's is in a chain of commercial units, close too but far enough away, from a residential area. If this is deemed too close to the residential area, then so too should the 24 hrs Domino's (next door) be.

Our area already hosts a number of late-opening businesses that serve the local community responsibly, providing valuable services and employment. It is only fair that new, legitimate businesses are given the same opportunity to succeed, provided they meet the necessary legal and operational requirements.

I am aware that some objections have been raised. However, from what I have seen and heard, several of these seem to be based more on assumption and prejudice than on genuine concern or evidence. Every business deserves to be judged on its own merits and conduct, not on unfounded perceptions.

Supporting fair opportunities for all responsible traders benefits our community — encouraging investment, creating jobs, and contributing to a vibrant, safe, and inclusive local economy.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration. I trust the Council will make a fair and balanced decision based on the facts, not bias.

Yours sincerely,

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