

Statement from Mr. Taner Ozcan

Date: Monday, 2 June 2025

To: Licensing Sub-Committee

West Lindsey District Council

From: Mr. Taner Ozcan, Owner of Gainsborough Grill

Re: Application for Late-Night Refreshment Licence Extension

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to respectfully request that you grant an extension of two hours to the current licensing hours for Gainsborough Grill, located on Trinity Street in Gainsborough. This would allow us to operate until 1:00 AM instead of 11:00 PM.

My intention is to continue running a clean, safe, and respectful business that serves the community. We are a small team, and these two extra hours would make a significant difference to our ability to remain competitive and viable, especially given that several other local takeaways are already permitted to open later.

I have always done my best to be considerate of the neighbourhood. We have not received complaints about noise or anti-social behaviour, and I am happy to comply with any further conditions the committee may recommend to maintain good standards.

This extension will allow me to support my staff and meet customer demand without causing disruption. I thank you for considering this application and hope that you will grant it with fairness and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Taner Ozcan

Statement of Support – Mr. Bahram (McKenzie Friend)

Dear Chair and Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee,

I come before you today not just as a supporter of Mr. Taner Ozcan, but as someone who deeply believes in fairness, hope, and the power of second chances. Taner is a young man, a family man, and the owner of Gainsborough Grill — a business he has taken over with a great sense of pride and responsibility.

This hearing, originally adjourned to ensure due process and fairness, now gives us all the opportunity to do what is right. Taner is not asking for special treatment. He is asking for the same chance that others in this town have been given — to trade fairly, to serve his community, and to provide for his young family through hard work and dedication.

He is not defined by past misunderstandings or bureaucratic shortcomings. He is here today, openly and respectfully, seeking your support to allow his business to trade modestly until 1:00 AM — something others nearby are already permitted to do. This small extension means a great deal to him and his family, and it symbolises more than just two extra hours — it represents fairness, inclusion, and the spirit of opportunity that we hope our institutions still uphold.

Taner has not given up. Despite setbacks and delays, he has continued to serve his customers with dignity, care, and responsibility. Let us not close the door on someone who wants to do the right thing — someone who brings value, diversity, and genuine heart to this town.

I respectfully urge the Committee to look not just at the paperwork, but at the person. Let this hearing reflect the best of what local government can be — supportive, fair, and encouraging to those trying to build an honest life.

Please grant him this request and send a message that hard work, respect for the law, and a willingness to engage with the system are things that will always be supported by this Council.

Thank you for listening with compassion and for giving Taner and his family a reason to keep believing in this community.

With deep respect,
Mr. Bahram
McKenzie Friend to Mr. Ozcan

To whome it May concern,

Date. : 07/03/25

My name is : Colin Bradley

Address. [REDACTED]

Job title. [REDACTED]

Contact number: [REDACTED]

I am writing this message to recommend, Gainsbrough Grill to be one of the best and friendly take away in Gainsbrough. I am pleased to say the owner Mr Tanner Ozcan has always been great kind caring and friendly and friendly person in trinity street, I have never experienced any noise or Neusence in this area , highly recommend their food which I am supporting their business to open longer hours.

I am happy to be contacted to confirm that I have no relationship with the owner of Gainsbrough Grill .

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

To whome it May concern,

Date. : 07/05/2025

My name is : Mei's kitchen Chinese

Address. : 170 Trinity Street

Job title. : owner

Contact number: 01427612634

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To whome it May concern,

Date. : 12.05.25

My name is : DAMIEN KATA

Address. :

GAINSBROUGH 14

Job title. : WELDER

Contact number:

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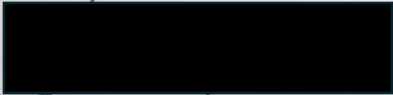
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To whome it May concern,

Date. : 20/5/25

My name is : GARY SMITH

Address. : 

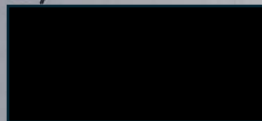
Job title. : SUPPORT TEAM AT SUNDOWN

Contact number:

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To whome it May concern,

Date. : 13/MAY 2025

My name is : A. PHICIP

Address. : [REDACTED]

Job title. : RETIRED

Contact number: [REDACTED]

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A. PHICIP

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