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Crystal Palace Community Association



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McDonalds 'food factory' planned for Crystal Palace

McDonalds have applied for permission to change the use of the old 'Living Water Satisfies' café in Westow Street from A3 (food and drink) to A5 (hot food and takeaway).

The proposals are detailed in McDonalds' planning application. The business will be a 7 day per week, 24 hour per day takeaway, not a restaurant. There is no customer seating and no customer toilets. Understandably, the business has been described as a 'food factory'.

Serious traffic, safety and noise implications

Local residents are seriously concerned about the impact on traffic, pedestrian safety, noise levels and crime, as well as on other businesses.

- McDonalds expect Ubereats couriers to collect orders for customers, but they have not planned for customers arriving at the takeaway in their own cars. Customers in cars will create extra traffic and may ignore local parking restrictions, particularly at night.
- Some of the area behind the takeaway will be set aside for Uber couriers. Given the likely number of couriers, there are serious concerns for the safety of pedestrians walking along Westow Street and going down Haynes Lane.
- McDonalds' noise assessment assumes an additional 9 scooter movements per hour at the busiest hour of the night, with 'no significant effect' on noise levels. This doesn't seem credible.
- Experience of McDonalds outlets elsewhere shows that they can be a magnet for crime.

Impact on other businesses

Croydon Council's Local Plan recognizes that hot-food takeaways can have an adverse impact on town centres, reducing choice and driving away businesses that cannot afford the level of rents that McDonald will command.

Croydon Council is due to make a decision about McDonalds' application by 25 September. Details can be found on the Planning Portal on Croydon's website.

For a flavour of what Westow Street and Haynes Lane already offer visitors, see overleaf for our feature on Organic September in the Food Market!

If you value Crystal Palace and want to hear more about our campaigns to benefit the area, e-mail cPCA@onetel.com and we will update you on what we're doing.

Come to our Open Meeting!

Our next OPEN HOUSE will be at 7 pm on Thursday 19th September at the Paxton Centre in Anerley Hill. Join us to hear about local affairs and to discuss the issues over tea, coffee and cake. Drinks are also available. These evenings have proved to be very popular so do come along and get involved.

As part of Organic September we're putting the spotlight on some of the wonderful organic produce sellers at Crystal Palace Food Market.

Sustainable and organic local produce in the Market

Managed by Karen Jones and Laura Marchant-Short since its arrival at Haynes Lane in 2013, the Market's ethos is to provide local residents with a more sustainable way of living while supporting local food producers and small farmers. All food produce is organic, locally sourced and low-carbon. The not-for-profit project is run by Transition Town, with any profits going to support local projects, businesses and charities.



• **The Store Cupboard** is jointly run by the Market and Transition Town. To reduce waste, customers bring their own containers to buy unpackaged organic produce such as pulses, grains, nuts, spices and teas, sold by weight.



• **Roots and Cycle**, owned by local resident Rebecca, offers unpackaged handmade eco cleaning and beauty products - plus a clothes alteration service on Wednesdays.

• **Brambletye Fruit Farm** located in Sussex, travel to the market to sell organic biodynamic produce such as greens, eggs, berries and ferments.



• **Elia Oil** based in West Norwood are a brother and sister team who supply extra virgin organic cold pressed olive oil from Crete. Elia Oil is also supplied to the market's The Store Cupboard, and Four Boroughs coffee shop on Church Rd.

• **Gemini Chocolate**, owned by Sam of West Dulwich, produces single-origin vegan chocolate that combines organic and nutritious ingredients.

• **ClaraFlora** supply seasonal British country garden style flowers grown locally in Beddington Village. Flowers include roses, sweet peas, English pinks, lilac, dahlias and cornflowers.



• **TheWineScouts** founded by Pedro, a font of wine knowledge, supply organic, biodynamic and low-intervention wines from around the world, made by independent winemakers.

To find out more about Organic September, go to the Soil Association's website or twitter feed @soilassociation.