

Appeal Statement

Application Number HPK/2023/0055

Determined on 11/07/2023

Full Permission For Development Granted With Conditions

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for taking the time to read this appeal.

The original decision was granted with certain conditions attached and whilst I am more than happy to comply with them there is one aspect that I wish to contest or to find a way to resolve and this is in relation to opening hour conditions.

The conditions put forwards by the Council are:-

07:00 – 21:00 Monday to Friday

09:00 – 15:00 Saturdays and Sundays

We understand that the reasoning for these conditions was due to the concerns of some residents for the level of noise outside of these hours, specifically the use of sound amplifying equipment and loud speakers.

I fully understand these concerns and wish to build a good relationship with the local residents, some which are also members of the gym and who I speak to on a regular basis to make sure the noise levels are not too loud and affecting them. The last thing I want to do is upset the local residents as a huge part of our gym culture is building a community within the local area to improve everyone's physical and mental health.

Therefore, the only change that I request is to be able to extend our opening hours by 1 hour on the weekday mornings, I am prepared to accept the weekend hours as proposed.

If would therefore propose and request opening from 06:00 – 21:00 Monday to Friday.

This would be a huge issue resolved for me and whilst I appreciate the 1 hour difference may not seem particularly important it is a big factor for us in generating business.

Many of our members go to the gym early before work as they do not have the time to go later in the evening or after work, this means the only chance they have to get in to the gym and look after their physical and mental health is first thing in the morning at 6:00am. If we cannot open until 7am then many of our members will leave and go to a different gym as they would not be able to come to our gym during their only free time of the day.

I am not asking for a huge change or exceptions that are different to the other gyms in the area I just wish to be able to operate on the same level playing field and list the following examples:-

Pure Gym Glossop - Opening times, 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week.

Glossop Leisure Centre (Council Funded) – 6:00 – 22:00 Monday- Friday
8:00 – 16:00 Saturday and Sunday

Crossfit Glossop- 6:00 – 19:00 Monday – Friday
8:00 – 11:00 Saturday & 9:00 – 11:00 Sunday

ASAP Fitness- 6:00 – 20:30 Monday – Friday
8:30 – 14:00 Saturday
10:00 – 12:00 Sunday

Go Hard Boxing and Fitness- 5:30 – 19:00 Monday - Friday

The locations of all our competitors are also very similar to our own with regards to housing surrounding them and without exception all are permitted to open at 6:00am.

As I previously stated I want to be able to work alongside the Council and local residence in order to maintain a harmonious relationship which benefits everyone and fully understand the concerns in noise levels to the extent that I have implemented our own noise meter inside the gym to make sure the noise does not exceed the specified levels.

In a further attempt to reach agreement I am fully prepared to lower the level of noise tolerance below that already permitted during our agreed opening hours and even to having no music on until 7:00am.

As you will appreciate the ability to open that extra hour does make a huge financial impact on the ability to compete with the other facilities in the area and trust my suggestion meets with your approval.

Thank you for your consideration of this Appeal.

Robert Sonczak