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Good afternoon - I would also like to support the café and their very honest and hardworking owners, who themselves are part of this local community. I am conscious that my partner has already made a submission, but having also read other submissions, particularly that of the building resident objecting to the café, I felt strongly about also voicing my opinion. As others have mentioned, this shop was a café from the beginning; in fact, as a local resident of nearly 40 years, I well recall when this building was built and my recollection is that the café was operating some time before many of the apartments were inhabited. To my way of thinking, when one either purchases or rents a property above an EXISTING café, amongst a shopping centre (albeit small) and across the road from a primary school, that common sense would tell you there is likely to be an additional element of noise when compared to a residence that is not close to these amenities. I therefore find it the objection offensive to say the least. As an aside to the fact that the residents would have known only too well the environment into which they were buying/renting, it is noteworthy that they are also living in an apartment block which in itself is subject to close quarter living noises - that's just life in apartment living. If you want absolute peace and quiet, then you must seek it out elsewhere. Also noteworthy is my strong suspicion that other shops close by open earlier than the café given there is a baker and a newsagent, just to mention a couple.

As another long term customer of the café, my understanding is that they always opened at 6am until fairly recently - I don't believe it was ever 7am. As someone else mentioned, the working days of many start very early and I can certainly attest to the fact that the patronage at that time of the morning is plentiful. Of late I have been driving past at about 5.45 and there are a lot of customers, most of whom are daily regulars as I understand.

The final point I would like to make is that many of the cafe's regular customers are not the type of people who are typically tech-savvy and/or don't have the opportunity or capacity to make a submission regardless of their total support for the café....the elderly, the disabled, tradies who simply don't have the time or means, and people for whom English is not their first language. My point is that this café has a great deal of support from this local community and if there were a more simple way of them demonstrating it, I can assure you it would be evident.