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To whom it may concern,

Re: DA2019/1426

I am a resident of Eurobin Ave. I have frequented the cafe, The Corner at Queensie on a number of occasions. My husband and I walk daily and we pass by the takeaway window in question several times a day. For a short while each morning there can be a number of people waiting by the take away window for their coffee. I do not find this to be a problem and indeed it causes no safety issue.

Recently whilst the cafe was unable to use the side window we also noted the same number of people waiting on the footpath at the front of the cafe and increased numbers of people going in and coming out of the cafe causing congestion immediately adjacent to the pedestrian crossing and this was causing traffic congestion. This did cause a safety issue as the congestion did not enable drivers approaching the pedestrian crossing clear vision of pedestrians intending to cross.

Clearly, the safer option is to continue to allow the cafe to serve from the side window. I feel the people waiting for coffee provide a sense of community as they chat. The inconvenience to the passer by is momentary, for a very short distance and for a very short passage of time in each day. I feel the cafe in general is an asset to the local community and it would be a shame for it to lose clientele because of the complaint of a small minority.

The nearby Salty Rooster burger shop attracts far larger crowds, also on a side street and is has not caused a problem.

I would hate to lose the cafe now that it is established, as it serves our little community very well. We, residents and councils should be encouraging of small businesses as they serve an important function in our community.

Regards
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