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Submissions

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Sent on: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 6:10:29 PM

To: dasubmissions@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Subject: Submission - D/2025/386 - 136 Oxford Street DARLINGHURST NSW 2010 - Attention Isaac Toledano

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I think this would be amazing & living right beside Taylor's Square, I welcome it.

Massive Yes from me.

Thanks

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From: Jed Robertson <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Jed Robertson <[REDACTED]> <Jed Robertson <[REDACTED]>
Sent on: Thursday, June 26, 2025 9:18:13 PM
To: dasubmissions@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Submission - D/2025/386 - 136 Oxford Street DARLINGHURST NSW 2010 - Attention Isaac Toledano

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I am writing in support of the proposed market and evening market at Taylor Square. As a local resident living just down the road, I think it will be a great addition to the area.

From: Alicia Fernandez <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Alicia Fernandez
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Sent on: Saturday, June 28, 2025 2:29:00 PM

To: dasubmissions@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

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Hi,

I'm a local resident living near Taylor Square and I fully support the market initiative. However, I'm concerned that the proposed Saturday schedule - with setup starting as early as 6am and the market opening at 8am - could disrupt the sleep of many young people in the area.

I'd appreciate consideration of a later start time to minimize early-morning noose to help balance community support with residential well-being.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kirsten B. <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Kirsten B. <[REDACTED]> <Kirsten B. <[REDACTED]>

Sent on: Monday, June 30, 2025 8:12:21 PM

To: dasubmissions@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

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Dear ladies and gentlemen,

As a neighbor living close to Taylor Square, I appreciate the proposal to operate a market, especially on Saturday mornings.

I would suggest to thoroughly evaluate the type of market and stalls to encourage a market serving the neighborhood, like a farmer's market.

Thanks for considering the comments and concerns of us locals.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Bogedale

From: Michael Plit <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Michael Plit <[REDACTED]> <Michael Plit <[REDACTED]>

Sent on: Monday, July 7, 2025 5:09:31 PM

To: dasubmissions@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Subject: Submission - D/2025/386 - 136 Oxford Street DARLINGHURST NSW 2010 - Attention Isaac Toledano

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Dear Isaac,

I am writing in response to the proposed development application to use Taylor Square for markets on Fridays (5.00pm–10.00pm) and Saturdays (8.00am–2.00pm), with associated bump-in and bump-out periods.

While I support the idea in principle, I believe the current proposal lacks the ambition Sydney needs at this moment in time. Our city is still recovering from the long-term effects of lockout laws, the COVID-19 pandemic, and a broader decline in nightlife culture—especially among young people. To truly revive Sydney's entertainment precincts, we need bold ideas and a willingness to activate public space in a more meaningful and sustained way.

Rather than limiting activation to just part of Taylor Square and short trading hours, I suggest significantly expanding the footprint and the timeframe of the proposal. Specifically:

- **Extend the event area** to include Bourke Street down to Albion Street, as well as adjacent laneways such as Short Street, Short Place, and Mary's Place.
- **Block off the area from Friday 5pm to Monday 5am**, allowing it to operate as a continuous weekend street festival.
- **Encourage music, food, drinks, markets, and entertainment** throughout the weekend, creating a consistent and vibrant destination that draws both locals and visitors with unique and exciting cuisine, drinks and fun.
- **Support emerging talent**—musicians, DJs, restaurateurs, bar operators—by offering low-cost stalls and performance spaces where they can experiment, perform, and develop an audience before committing to a permanent venue.

This approach would provide an affordable entry point for creative entrepreneurs, helping to nurture Sydney's next generation of cultural leaders. It would also offer young people a fun, safe, and affordable place to socialise—something that's increasingly rare in the current environment of \$12 beers and \$30 takeaway.

Importantly, the market should be curated to avoid becoming another generic festival with overpriced "gozleme-style" food stalls. Instead, it should prioritise authentic, diverse, and creative offerings that reflect the true spirit of Sydney's communities.

In summary, I believe the current application is a good start, but not nearly enough. Let's be bold and transform Taylor Square into the cultural and entertainment hub it has the potential to be.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> on behalf of [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]> <[REDACTED]>
Sent on: Thursday, July 17, 2025 2:43:50 PM
To: dasubmissions@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Submission - D/2025/386 - 136 Oxford Street DARLINGHURST NSW 2010 - Attention Isaac Toledano

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Hi,

I live in Oxford Street and am supportive of this application.

The City of Sydney pedestrianisation of this area has created a pedestrian desert so activation will be a huge improvement.

Kind regards,

Matt

From: Jacqueline Serafim <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Jacqueline Serafim
<[REDACTED]> <Jacqueline Serafim <[REDACTED]>
Sent on: Thursday, July 17, 2025 4:47:05 PM
To: DASubmissions <DASubmissions@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au>
CC: Serafim Chemist <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Submission - D/2025/386 - 136 Oxford Street DARLINGHURST NSW 2010 - Attention Isaac Toledano
Attachments: Submission re Proposed Markets at Taylor Square.docx (13.51 KB)

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Please find submission attached

Please respond to [REDACTED]

Kind regards

Nick Serafim

Submission re Proposed Markets – Taylor Square, Darlinghurst

Reference Number D/2025/386

My name is Nick Serafim, Proprietor of Serafims Bourke St Pharmacy. We are located on the corner of Bourke and Campbell Streets at 389 Bourke St, Surry Hills.

The proposed markets at 136 Oxford St, Darlinghurst are located near my pharmacy on the Corner of Bourke and Campbell Sts. I have no issue with the existing markets at 136 Oxford St but the additional location at 1096, ie Gilligan's Island, is problematic due to the Bump in /Bump out periods. If the Bump in /Bump out is done from the Oxford St side I do not have an issue, however, if Bump in and Bump out vehicles will be approaching from the Campbell and Bourke St sides, then the 2 hour bump in/bump out times will have a negative impact on my own and surrounding businesses. When special events take place the Bump in and Bump out periods usually result in trucks and vans utilising all surrounding loading zones and parking spaces for long periods of time preventing customers and suppliers from accessing businesses. For example, Mardi Gras is my worst trading weekend of the year due to the impact of Bump in and Bump out.

My pharmacy and the local doctors and physiotherapists are essential health service providers requiring access for patients and customers. If there are no parking spots available for customers or stock delivery, or pedestrian access is restricted or blocked in any way, our services are very negatively impacted.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Nicholas Serafim

Email: [REDACTED]

Ph [REDACTED]

From: James Rae
Sent: Tuesday, 19 August 2025 11:20 PM
To: Isaac Toledano
Subject: Comments on the proposed DA - Reference number: D/2025/386 (Taylor Square Markets)

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Concise Summary of comments:

While I welcome Council's efforts to activate Taylor Square, DA D/2025/386 risks undermining the Council's Oxford Street LGBTIQA+ strategy. The applicant shows no clear previous engagement with the LGBTIQA+ community, and their documentation overstates stall capacity and provides no plan for shared use with Qtopia. Also of concern is the lack of risk assessment for flooding which happens often in the area. These and other flaws raise serious questions about financial viability and could damage Taylor Square's reputation if the project fails. Friday night produce markets would also compete with existing bars and food outlets, without serving the needs of the LGBTIQA+ community. At a time when Oxford Street is already under pressure from non-LGBTIQA+ operators and visitors, this DA, in its current form, could easily threaten to further displace rather than support the community it should protect.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to comment on the following proposed DA - Reference number: D/2025/386.

I applaud the City of Sydney Council in attempting to activate the Taylor Square place and support the night-time industry, however I feel this DA is in conflict with the LGBTIQA+ Oxford Street strategy especially when the DA comes from a self promoted Family Friendly provider of events with no evidence of actively working with the LGBTIQA+ community.

I also have doubts as to the likely success of this endeavour, partly due to the significant lack of due diligence in their documentation, e.g. there isn't even a risk assessment for rain and the subsequent flooding of the pavement due to lack of drainage in the whole north side of Taylor Square.

Their planned number of stalls is not correct as there are several obstacles, including the new bike lane, the bollards delineating the shared car/bike/pedestrian area between Foley and Bourke Streets, which have not been taken into account in the map they have provided. This would mean that the income projected would be decreased and the project may become financially unviable. There is no documented evidence of a plan to facilitate Qtopia use of the substation during the market operating hours, this is required by Council when two authorised users of a Council owned property are using it at the same time.

There are other examples of lack of due diligence in their documentation, like they want to have entertainment which would be drowned out by the noise from the Oxford Hotel balcony. . Based on this, my belief, if the DA is approved, is that the attempt will be made to fix the site specific issues which will result in both or either extra cost or expected income reduced. I feel that the operating plans are lacking and the operations will not proceed as expected, this will cause confusion and frustration on the day which will likely damage the reputation of the markets.

They propose to be selling market produce on a Friday night and attract the local residents as buyers (most LGBTIQA+ in the area will be at bars or clubs at this time) and attract the early night trade for food and alcohol, this will compete with the food and bar outlets on Oxford Street and reduce their income and also compete with the new north side food outlets to come.

For the above reasons, I predict that they will not find the venture profitable and will eventually fail as the previous markets there before. If this happens it could poison the site's reputation when further activation attempts are made.

The LGBTIQ+ community space on Oxford Street is under pressure from non-LGBTIQ+ operators and visitors as evidenced by the recent take over of another dedicated gay venue, The Arq. The Carousel, last year, opened stating it would have gay events and since their opening there has not been one gay event. Walk down Oxford Street on a Friday or Saturday night and you will see the street populated by around 80% of non-LGBTIQ+ visitors. This DA is likely to increase this amount.

The cursory summation of the environmental impacts on the LGBTIQ+ community is lacking in detail and scope and based on this I do not believe that the LGBTIQ+ community and preservation of it are a priority for this organisation.

Our LGBTIQ+ community is being pushed out of Oxford Street and I believe that this DA would impact negatively on the Council's "Oxford Street LGBTIQ+ Social and Cultural Place Strategy".

I believe in the spirit of activation of Taylor Square, I have had previous experience with activating a place for the (ex) Newcastle Chamber of Commerce in Newcastle Mall and successfully moving on the visitors to the nearby methadone clinic and improving shopper traffic. But in this instance I would rather see an endeavour which benefits the LGBTIQ+ community and not detracts from it.

I run an LGBTIQ+ events company from home at Unit 4/371-373 Bourke Street and I run a night time event on Oxford Street. My resume is attached, with evidence of the experience that I back up my opinions, including several street fairs with markets and working for Maitland Markets (one of the largest markets in NSW).

I am happy to discuss any of the above or regarding the activation of Taylor Square at any time, you can contact me on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

M. James Rae.
[REDACTED]