

Bristol Fawcett statement on the closure of Hooters 7/2/12

Bristol Fawcett, together with many others, protested about and campaigned against the opening of Hooters on Bristol's Harbourside in autumn 2010.

The Hooters brand is outdated and does not have a place in any modern city that values equality. The men, women and children of Bristol always deserved better than a restaurant that served women up as sexual commodities on the menu alongside chicken wings and fries. The Hooters mix of marketing offer, catering both to stag parties and children's birthday parties, was particularly toxic.

It is never a cause for celebration that a business has failed, and we are mindful that people have lost their jobs. We hope that whatever new business arrives to take up residence in the heart of Bristol's historic Harbourside will be more in tune with the progressive aspirations of our city.