



# Going Eco in Clapham



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**GIVEN MY last few food reviews took place at The Shard and The Oxo Tower, it felt strange to be arriving for a meal firmly on solid ground. This, however, proved more than apt, as the waiting staff and the dishes themselves at Eco were refreshingly down-to-earth, writes Joseph Millar...**

The Clapham High Street restaurant is located just a stone's throw from the Common, which is perfect for a pre-meal stroll – and

preferably another afterwards, considering the generous servings offered by the Italian eatery.

Hattie and I started with a couple of cocktails (very reasonably priced at £6.95 each, dropping even lower during the weekday 5pm-7.30pm happy hour) and ordered chilli prawns and arancini (filled risotto balls) as starters.

Because we were feeling peckish we also ordered a side of melted cheese bread, which we assumed was a small variety of, well, melted cheeses on bread. We were wrong.

Despite costing less than a pint, the side was essentially a regular-sized Margherita pizza, dripping in cheese and taking up most of the table.

We wolfed it down, partly in a desperate effort to make space for our actual main courses and partly

because our stroll through Clapham Common had really worked up an appetite. By the time my wild boar pizza and Hattie's traditional calzone arrived, however, we were feeling the strain.

We both made admirable efforts with our main courses, despite our over-ambitious starter and side orders. Hattie did especially well, considering her calzone was so big she could have cut it open and used it as a make-shift sleeping bag, a la Luke Skywalker and the tauntaun, if things ever got tough. However we both finally admitted defeat and pushed our plates away – a decision based on stomach capacity rather than taste, it should be made clear.

However, as is often the case, we still found a tiny bit of space for dessert. Two scoops of sorbet each – lemon and strawberry – acted as a perfectly refreshing end to a gluttonous evening. After a final couple of cocktails (it would have been rude not to make the most of the friendly price tags – especially

in Clapham) we bade farewell to the friendly wait staff and headed out for a much-needed final stroll through the common.

## THE DAMAGE

Mojito x2	£13.90
Aperol Spritz x2	£13.90
Chilli prawns	£6.95
Arancini	£5.95
Melted cheese bread	£3.95
Wild boar pizza	£9.95
Traditional calzone	£9.50
2 scoops of lemon sorbet	£2.95
2 scoops of strawberry sorbet	£2.95

**TOTAL:** £70

FOOD (1-5)	★★★★★
AMBIENCE (1-5)	★★★★★
VALUE (1-5)	★★★★★
DISABLED ACCESS	NO
DISABLED TOILET	NO
PRE-BOOKING	NOT USUALLY

