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**Subject:** Environmental Protection Representation against the premises licence application for Little Jay Limited, Chapel House, North Street, York YO1 6JD

Hi All

Public Protection are making representations against the premises licence application for Little Jay Limited, Chapel House, North Street, York YO1 6JD on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance.

**The CIA is:** the cumulative impact Area and is an area designated by City of York Council in its statement of licensing policy where evidence shows that the cumulative impact of the number and concentration of licensed premises continue to adversely affect residents, visitors and other businesses and therefore adversely affecting the promotion of the licensing objectives of prevention of crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance. Within this area, when applying for licenses the onus is on the premises license holder to demonstrate that the licensing objectives will be met and that their proposed activities will not result in an escalation of crime, disorder and public nuisance in this area.

**The premises** is an old, listed building (church) situated in the Cumulative Impact Area where there are already a number of other licensed bars offering regulated entertainment in the area. There is a hotel to the front and rear of it and residential flats to the rear of it as well as residential flats in close proximity to the site.

### **The license application**

As it stands this application would allow live and recorded music, the performance of dance, plays, sporting events and the showing of films and other similar activities involving amplified live music and sound in the Cumulative Impact Area up until 3am Sunday to Wednesday and until 4am Thursday to Saturday inside a listed building where sound insulation works may not be possible and noise break out levels are unknown and may pose a public nuisance due to both noise escape through the envelope of the building and if doors and windows are left open, through them.

The applicant has agreed to the following conditions being attached to the premises Licence:

- A noise management plan shall be submitted and approved by The Environmental Protection Team of City of York Council within 2 months of the premises licence being granted. The Noise Management Plan shall include a procedure for investigating noise complaints received from the premises and controlling smokers in the outside area. Once agreed the Premises Management shall ensure compliance with all aspects of the approved Noise Management Plan.
- A documented dispersal policy shall be submitted and approved to the City of York Council's Public Protection team within 2 months of the licence being granted. Once approved the policy shall be implemented.

- The footprint of the outside area shall be clearly defined by semi-permanent removal barriers.
- Patrons shall not use the external area other than for ingress and egress, queueing and smoking between the following hours 22:00 hours and 8:00 hours.
- All tables and chairs in the outside licensed area shall be removed by 22:30 hours each day and stored away securely within the premises until 8:00 hours the following day.
- A suitable challenge 25 condition has also been agreed with the Police.

## **Outstanding issues**

Unfortunately, there has not been sufficient time to agree 3 outstanding conditions, 2 of which, the Environmental Protection team feel are essential to both demonstrate that the proposed activities can take place at the premises and that noise from live and recorded entertainment and films etc can be controlled as to not result in a public nuisance.

The conditions we had proposed are as follows:

1. No licensable activities (or regulated entertainment) shall take place at the premises between 11pm and 8am, until the Environmental Protection team of the City of York Council has been assessed as satisfactory, at which time this condition shall be removed from the licence by the licensing authority.
2. All doors (except for ingress or egress) and windows shall remain closed when regulated entertainment is taking place.
3. Upon request by the City of York Council's Environmental Protection Team, a tamper-proof noise-limiting device shall be fitted to the sound system within the premises and all music played at the premises must pass through this sound limiter at a level first agreed by the City of York Council's Environmental Protection Team. The device shall not be altered or modified without prior agreement with the City of York Council's Environmental Protection Team. The device must be of a type and in a location approved in writing by the City of York Council's Environmental Protection Team.

We are happy to remove the third unresolved condition entirely, so long as we can agree the first two unresolved conditions to be attached in conjunction with those that have already been agreed as we feel these are essential to prevent a public nuisance from occurring and without them the third condition may be required.

These last 2 conditions will allow the premises to function as a community hub whilst safeguarding the nearby residents from potential public nuisance. It will also allow the applicant to demonstrate what noise levels are achievable within the premises and carry out any sound insulation works that are permissible and necessary. If these conditions cannot be agreed then we have no guarantee that the building will be suitable for the regulated entertainment that is proposed, especially into the very early hours of the morning and as the building may not be suitable for containing noise, we cannot support the application and would advise that the committee refuse it on the grounds of it being in the Cumulative Impact Area and the prevention of public nuisance.

Should you have any further queries please contact me on 01904 551580.

Regards

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