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**Sent:** 09 May 2025 14:03  
**To:** [licensing@york.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@york.gov.uk)  
**Subject:** Representation for the Variation of a Premises Licence for Marcia Grey, 24 Front Street, Acomb, YO24 3BZ

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**Date:** 06 May 2025

**Applicant:** Punch Taverns Limited

**Premises Address:** Marcia Grey, 24 Front Street, Acomb, York, YO24 3BZ

**Summary:** Application to Vary a Premises Licence


This is an application to vary the layout and design of the premises in accordance with the submitted plan. The changes show an increase in the licensable area, with the creation of additional trade area in what was the kitchen/kitchen store room, to include a new pool table/darts space. All operating hours, licensable activities and conditions authorised by the premises licence are to remain unchanged.

**End of Representation:** 03 June 2025

Hi team,

I just wanted to give a positive representation as a local resident living virtually adjacent to the Marcia Grey. The change is to increase the capacity of the venue and add a pool table, with the necessary increase to the licensable area. The new licensable area is still entirely within the premises, with no notable changes. I have been informed that there will be no outward changes to appearance as part of this change, so it's purely internal.

The pub is listed on the York Local List due to its importance to the local community and its visible prominence:

The Marcia Grey Public House	Front Street <a href="#">View on map</a>	c.1900	A purpose-built public house replacing an earlier pub on the same site. Formerly the Grey Mare, from at least 1817 to 1898 it was then known as The Marcia after a favourite York racehorse. For a short time it was known as The Poacher. For decades it provided the base for a range of sporting clubs and teams in Acomb, and thus provides a strong link with the social history of the village. It provides a notable architectural feature in Front Street	 <a href="#">Enlarge</a>
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This is why it is also listed as a local heritage asset:

A purpose-built public house replacing an earlier pub on the same site known as The Square and Compasses. By 1817 its name had been changed to The Marcia after a favourite York racehorse. Due to the colour of the racehorse, between 1823 and 1838 it was named The Mare. By 1843 the name had been changed back to The Marcia, sometimes referred to as The Grey Marcia. In the early twentieth century it was rebuilt on a larger scale and for a short while it was known as The Poacher. For decades it provided the base for a range of sports and teams in Acomb and thus has a strong link with the social history of the village. It is also aesthetically significant as it provides a prominent architectural feature on Front Street.

The recent new management has breathed life into the pub and it has made use of the space for various events, but it is still limited for internal capacity and this is noticeable on wet or dark or cold days when fewer want to sit outside. As a local resident I have on multiple occasions entered the pub to get a drink, seen that there is zero seating, and left the venue. To ensure that this is a thriving business at a time where similar venues elsewhere are struggling, work like this is great.

Crucially, the application doesn't have any negative effects on any of the aspects that make it a community venue with strong local ties and historical architectural outside, while the application does have a positive impact on community assets and space. As someone with a house in audible distance of the pub, I can say that my opinion is that the new management have been very responsible about impact on sound and behaviour considering it is a busy pub with late hours, and I do not believe that this will increase the noise for me or other local residents either. For me this is a clear-cut case of a positive change that benefits the local area.

Many thanks,

South View Terrace, Front Street, Acomb, York, YO24 3BY

**From:**

**Sent:** 16 May 2025 11:01

**To:** [licensing@york.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@york.gov.uk)

**Subject:** Re planning application for The Marcia Grey, Acomb York-1637012-P

Dear Sir/Madam

We are residents of Front Street , Acomb and our property is adjacent to The Marcia Grey pub.

We would like to make some comments regarding the application to convert the kitchen into a pool room. Our concern is that our kitchen and utility room is adjacent with the area that is highlighted to convert, marked D on the plan. We do get a lot of noise already from the bar area which affects our lounge and first floor bedroom and we worry that the change of purpose of this area D from a kitchen and current storage area to a pool room would greatly increase the amount of people passing through and thus greatly increase the noise levels. If this is the case then it would affect our quality of living. Therefore we wish to object to this application.

We do notice on the plans as sent that the pub is licensed for recorded music **inside the pub** and recently there has been music both at the front and back of the pub outside following the installation of outdoor speakers. This seems to be in violation of the current license and has been very intrusive.

Further to our previous email we would like to point out that we are foster carers for York Council, fostering young babies and the noise level and potential increase in noise level would not be in any way welcomed or helpful.

Sincerely



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**From:**  
**Sent:** 30 May 2025 13:04  
**To:** licensing@york.gov.uk; planning.enquiries@york.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Marcia Grey representations

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I have concerns about the proposed developments at the Marcia Grey.

**Re. Date: 06 May 2025 Applicant: Punch Taverns Limited Premises Address: Marcia Grey, 24 Front Street, Acomb, York, YO24 3BZ Summary: Application to Vary a Premises Licence This is an application to vary the layout and design of the premises in accordance with the submitted plan. The changes show an increase in the licensable area, with the creation of additional trade area in what was the kitchen/kitchen store room, to include a new pool table/darts space. All operating hours, licensable activities and conditions authorised by the premises licence are to remain unchanged. End of Representation: 03 June 2025**

As a resident of the Bowling Lane development, we share access out to the main road (Front Street) with the pub. On a number of occasions now I have been obstructed when trying to leave my home by delivery lorries completely blocking the access road. This has made me miss appointments and be late for work as a GP in a local practice.

I was told that the purpose built cellar access to the rear of the pub where the delivery lorries could park in the pub car park, without causing an obstruction is no longer in use, and they are instead using the side cellar access and hence every time there is a delivery they block the road for up to 30 minutes at a time. Once they start unloading they cannot/ will not pause to move. This part of the road is owned by the council and as far as I know is therefore a public highway and cannot be completely obstructed in this way without permission and prior notice?

We already often had problems getting into or out onto Front Street because the FirstBus services often sit at the Library bus stop for prolonged periods, at best obscuring our view to safely pull out onto Front Street (especially dangerous when one is on a pushbike) at worst, blocking the road if two buses are pulled up.

My understanding is that the proposal involves removing the purpose built cellar access to the rear with roller shutters which would make the current delivery situation a permanent problem and hence this is my major objection.

My other concerns are with regards potentially more noise, rowdy behaviour, litter. We have been troubled by loud music played at the rear of the pub. We already have lots of cigarette butts and broken glass on the access road and in the car park. I fear that permanently removing the kitchen to replace it with a pool room takes away the possibility of this becoming a more family- friendly establishment where families might enjoy a meal together. Acomb already has a working men's club and a sports club within a few minute's walk of the Marcia Grey so it's not adding a novel facility for the pub to have a pool room/ darts area.

With kind regards,

Bowling Lane  
YO24 3FW

