

Email received 10 June 2025 from Piers Warne, representing the Applicant

Dear Residents

I act for Punch Pubs, the premises licence holder at the Marcia Grey.

Thank you for taking the time to engage in the consultation relating to the application to vary the premises licence at the pub. We have considered the points you have raised and would like to make the following observations.

### **History of the premises**

The premises was previously known as the Poacher. Punch purchased the premises in December 2024, transferring the licence and changing the name. Works are being undertaken to restore the premises and improve its facilities for customers, including adding the new area. It is expected that around £120,000 is being spent to renovate the pub. The publican employs 6 staff (full and part time)- all local- and have sought to ensure that the premises provides a welcoming and thriving local pub. By and large this has been very successful.

### **Application**

This application is to add an additional area for licensable activities. There is no application to amend hours or otherwise add activities to the licence already granted.

In relation to the specific concerns raised:

### **Partition wall**

The Publican and Punch are looking at the following measures to alleviate concerns raised.

### **Wall Between Existing Bar and Neighbouring Property**

Up until now, for live music at the pub, the band (or singer) has traditionally set up at position C marked on the attached plan – highlighted in blue. This is close to the party wall. However going forward bands will be required to set up at position D – at the other end of the room – well away from the party wall. It is anticipated that this

should reduce the noise considerably, particularly noise from bass sounds, which are due to vibration rather than sound waves.

### **Wall between Existing Kitchen and Neighbouring Property**

This is highlighted in orange on the plan (labelled B). Whilst this wall is quite substantial in itself, the wall will be lined with an acoustic plasterboard. I have attached information about this product for reference. You will see that this is high quality plasterboard with a high density noise insulating core. We understand from the installation team that when installed with acoustic sealant to junctions with floors and ceilings it is highly effective in preventing sound transmission.

However it should be emphasised that this new area will not be used for high volume activities but rather the watching of sport on TV (levels to be kept low in keeping with the 'low key' vibe for the area) and the playing of pool or darts.

### **External Speakers**

It is our understanding that these were installed by the previous owners. There is no change envisaged to them- albeit we cannot comment on previous usage.

### **Rear Window in the new licensed area**

The current roller door (marked A) will be replaced with windows which will seal the noise better than the blind currently does. The windows are commercial grade double glazed, with 24mm thick units. Whilst giving a very high thermal seal they will also be an effective sound barrier.

### **Deliveries**

We understand that the 'purpose built cellar' has not been used for circa 18 months. The previous operator moved back to the underground cellar long before Punch purchased the premises.

Dray deliveries are scheduled for Tuesdays between 10am and 2pm to avoid rush hour traffic. Over the last 5 weeks these have been around 10 to 10.30am. Whilst we appreciate this can cause frustration, there is nowhere else suitable for the dray to park with reasonable access to the cellar drop. In the case of an emergency, a resident can always seek the manager or driver and they will try to assist as best they can.

## **Noise from the premises and dispersal**

It is anticipated that the changes noted above will go a long way to ensure there is no noise outbreak from the premises. Customers will be managed and the publican would be more than happy to meet any resident with concerns to discuss them. In addition, we are proposing the following three conditions to assist:

### **Proposed conditons**

- Speakers outside shall be used for background music only and will be turned off at 21:00 Sunday to Thursday and 22:00 Friday and Saturday.
- The DPS/ Manager shall develop and implement a dispersal policy to ensure that customers exit the premises quickly and quietly. The dispersal policy will be made available to the police and licensing authority on request
- A complaints book shall be maintained at the premises and any complaints by residents shall be logged therein, including date, time, reason for the complaint and outcome/ action taken

Should you feel that this email and the conditions address your concerns, then I would invite you to confirm this with the licensing officer dealing with this matter. They can be contacted at:

[Helen.Sefton@york.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.Sefton@york.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

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The British and Irish Lions Tour of Australia starts on the 28 June and ends on the 2 August, with 9 games including the three test matches against the Wallabies on the 19 July, 26 July and 2 August.

All games kick off at **11.00am**. A link to the fixture list can be found [here](#)

If you need to extend your opening hours in the early part of the day to accommodate these games and require a TEN then please contact a member of the Licensing Team.