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Subject: Notice of application for the grant of a Premises license under section 17 of the licensing act 2003

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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the application from Pairings Limited of 18 Castlegate, York YO1 9RP, regarding the provision of late night refreshments until 1.30am.

My objection is based on my concern that the later opening hours may increase the possibility of public nuisance and noise in a small street that has other bars that open until midnight and would possibly try to extend their opening hours. The street which is a mix of residential and commercial properties, is a narrow street with tall buildings and noise seems to be amplified. There is a lack of bright street lighting which may also encourage crime and disorder and public nuisance. All the windows in my flat face onto the street and the premises are more or less directly opposite so it can be quite noisy when customers are leaving and cars are pulling up to collect people.

Yours sincerely

Gloucester House
 Castlegate
 York YO1 9RN
 06/08/2025

Representation No. 2

Dear Sirs,

I write to register a formal objection to any extension of alcohol licensing hours in favour of Pairings at 18 Castlegate.

Castlegate itself has a mixed population of residents and commercial concerns.

There are a number of residential households at the following locations:

1. the flats above the Cocoa Works; (Castle Chambers)
2. at 9 Castlegate;
3. at 11 Castlegate;
4. at Gloucester House;
5. And the three large houses on the same side of Castlegate as Pairings;

As residents we are already troubled by late night consumers of alcohol causing a disturbance along Castlegate at the weekends, specifically Friday and Saturday evenings and into the small hours of the next day.

The rights of the residential households to enjoy their homes without any additional disturbance should be considered and respected.

Yours faithfully,

Ms [REDACTED]

resident at [REDACTED] Castlegate, York YO1 9RN

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Reply from applicant's solicitor:

Hi Helen

Many thanks for sending through the second of the two representations.

Can I just question whether it is in fact a valid representation? The basis of the representation stated in the first line is that Ms [REDACTED] is concerned about an "extension of alcohol licensing hours". From the rest of the representation, it is clear her concerns are of activity late at night. However, the application as it relates to the terminal hours for the sale of alcohol at 18 Castlegate mirrors the currently permitted hours at #28.

On the basis therefore it seems clear Ms [REDACTED] is making a representation to something that isn't happening and therefore it cannot be relevant.

Regards
Nick

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Reply from representor in response to comments from applicant's solicitor

Dear Ms Sefton,

In response to the point that the solicitors of Pairings have made I respond as follows:

I have no knowledge of what the current terms of the alcohol licence that Pairings holds, are: therefore, if the proprietors of Pairings have simply applied to renew their current licence because of their change of address ie from 28 Castlegate to 18 Castlegate, then I understand their solicitor's point that there is no variation to their current licence.

However, that does not mean that my objection (which I might add is supported by my neighbours at ■ Castlegate) is irrelevant: on the contrary, there are significant practical objections about potential noise nuisance to the residential community of Castlegate.

The ***current closing times of Pairings*** as advertised on their website are:

Sunday - Wednesday 10pm;

Thursday 11pm;

Friday 11pm;

Saturday Midnight;

I assume that this information is correct.

The new proposed opening hours of the wine bar are (according to the Notice under s.17 of the Licensing Act 2003)

until 12.30am Sundays - Thursdays

and until 1.30am on Fridays and Saturdays;

That is a clear increase in opening hours and consequently a clear proposed intention by the establishment to use its license for the sale of alcohol at later hours, which I suspect will prove disruptive. I therefore do not see how their solicitor can argue that the new proposed hours mirror existing opening hours.

The application for renewal of the licence states that the application is to serve late night refreshments from 23.00 to midnight on Sundays - Thursdays

23.00- 1.00am on Fridays and Saturdays.

This is most relevant for the residential community of Castlegate, I repeat my concerns about noise nuisance. Further the council should consider that 18 Castlegate, the new address of the wine bar is physically much closer to all of the residents that will be affected than the wine bar's present address at 28 Castlegate.

Many of the residents along Castlegate are working people who have to retire to bed at a reasonable hour to go to work the next day they are entitled to peace and quiet after 11,00pm if not before: my objection is a perfectly legitimate one. This being that I and others object to alcohol being served at the additional hours cited in the s.17 Notice under the 2003 Licensing Act.

Yours sincerely,

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Reply from Licensing Officer

Good Morning Ms [REDACTED]

Thank you for your reply, just to clarify the current hours for 28 Castlegate (on the licence) are as follows:

- Recorded Music 10am to 1am
- Late Night refreshment 11pm to 1am
- Sale of Alcohol 11am to 1am
- Opening hours 11am to 1am

The new licence for number 18 requests:

- Late night refreshment 11pm to Midnight Sun to Thurs, 11pm to 1am Fri & Sat
- Sale of alcohol 10am to Midnight Sun to Thurs, 10am to 1am Fri & Sat
- Opening hours 9am to 00.30 Sun to Thurs, 9am to 1:30am Fri & Sat

Kind regards

Helen Sefton

Senior Licensing Officer

