

The Hollies
The Village
Stockton on the Forest
York
YO32 9UW

24th July 2025

To: Licensing at the City of York Council.

Subject: Objection to Grant of a Premises Licence – Philippa Myers and Kate Starkey, The Fox Inn, 90 The Village, Stockton on the Forest, York. YO32 9UW.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally **object to the licence application** submitted for The Fox Inn, The Village, Stockton on the Forest, York. YO32 9UW

As a local resident we're happy to see the local pub The Fox Inn open once again but are deeply concerned about the proposed licence application due to the following reasons, the noise disturbance on school nights Sunday to Thursday along with the opening hours, increased traffic and car parking spaces available, the car parking overspill onto roads and the inevitable un-thoughtful parking from visitors, people leaving the venue in the early hours disturbing local residences leading to an increase in disorder and the possibility of tension between visitors and the local residents leading to the possibility of degrading the quality of life in our neighbourhood. This all of course will be directly affected by this application; I have serious concerns about the potential impact of the proposed licence being granted.

Grounds for Objection:

1. Prevention of Public Nuisance

The proposed activity is likely to cause increased noise in close proximity to family's homes with young school children, disturbance and antisocial behaviour, especially during late hours. This would negatively affect the peace and quiet of our community, particularly during evenings and weekends.

2. Public Safety

The increase in foot traffic and potentially intoxicated individuals may pose a risk to public safety, especially in a residential area with limited street lighting and narrow pavements.

3. Prevention of Crime and Disorder

There is concern that the licensed activities could lead to an increase in crime, disorder, or antisocial conduct, putting additional strain on local policing and emergency services.

4. Lack of Parking and Increased Traffic

There is already a significant shortage of on street and public parking in the area. A venue of this nature will likely attract large numbers of visitors by car, leading to further congestion, illegal parking, and access issues for emergency and residential vehicles. This would increase tension between visitors and residents and further degrade the quality of life in the neighbourhood.

Requested Action:

In light of the above comments, I respectfully urge the Licensing Committee to:

- **Refuse the application in its current form, or**
- **Impose strict conditions, including:**
 - Restricted live & recorded music hours Sunday to Thursday, 10;00 to 10.30, Friday to Saturday 10.00-11.00
 - Opening hours Sunday to Thursday 10.00 to 11.00pm and Friday to Saturday 10.00 to 12.00pm
 - Late night refreshment to follow in line with opening hours above.
 - Noise control measures (e.g. soundproofing, no outdoor speakers)
 - Limit on number of patrons allowed
 - No outdoor drinking or smoking areas after a certain hour 11.00pm
 - Adequate parking provision or restrictions
 - Requirement for door security staff and CCTV

Please confirm receipt of this objection. I would also like to be informed of any hearing dates or opportunities to make oral representations.

Yours faithfully,

From:
Sent: 30 July 2025 14:58
To: licensing@york.gov.uk
Subject: Licensing Application - Fox Inn, 90 The Village, Stockton on the Forest, York, YO32 9UW

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Dear Sirs,

There is currently an application under consideration for the above public house which include the following hours:-

Recorded Music (indoors)

Sunday - Wednesday

10:00 – 00:00

Thursday - Saturday

10:00 – 01:00

Live Music (indoors)

Sunday – Wednesday

10:00 – 00:00

Thursday - Saturday

10:00 – 01:00

Late Night Refreshment (indoors/outdoors)

Sunday – Wednesday

23:00 – 00:00

Thursday - Saturday

23:00 – 01:00

Whilst I applaud that the applicants are seeking to reopen a local village pub, the only one in this village and the benefit this amenity this will provide is immense, I consider that the end opening hours for live and recorded music, indoors and outdoors and for late night refreshment indoors and outdoors are too late for a pub surrounded by residential property in a very quiet village and that those hours should be restricted to the closing time most people would expect of a local village public house i.e. 11pm.

The public house has very limited space for customers to park so many will park on the main village road, with houses on both sides, and neighbouring residential cul de sac streets and no doubt there would be noise created when customers leave the public house on closing and recover their vehicles. A midnight or 1am closure is therefore too late.

I understand that previous licenses may have granted similar hours to those being applied for, and in my experience the premises was never open beyond 11pm, and whilst it may not be the intention of the new owners to stay open until midnight or 1am routinely, granting a licence that allows that to happen when desired would be detrimental to the neighbouring community who would be powerless to object to such late opening.

Kind regards,

The Hollies
York
YO32 9UW

From:
Sent: 17 August 2025 14:23
To: licensing@york.gov.uk
Subject: License application for fox inn Stockton on the forest

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To whom it may concern,

Having read about the article on the York press I would like to object to the application for a music license on the grounds of the lateness of the times. My property backs on the pub and it would be extremely disruptive for this to be allowed certainly outside of Friday and Saturday. Plenty of music venues do not go past 10:30pm, if it's good enough for Oasis at Heaton Park then surely there is no need for such disruption in the village

Kind regards

Maple Court
Stockton on the forest
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Sent from my iPhone

The Hollies
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Licensing Authority
City of York Council
West Offices
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Re: Premises Licence Application – Fox Inn, 90 The Village, Stockton on the Forest, York, YO32 9UW

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write as a local resident in relation to the above application.

First, I would like to say that I am pleased to see new investment in the Fox Inn. The pub has been closed for some time, and it is encouraging to know that the applicants wish to restore it as a viable business and community asset. I am firmly supportive of the Fox Inn reopening and operating as a welcoming village pub.

When I moved into the area, I did so in the full knowledge that there was a pub nearby. I accepted, and continue to accept, the natural expectation that there will be activity and some noise associated with a village pub operating to normal hours. I have no objection to that.

However, I must object to the proposed extension of hours until 01:00. In my view, this goes beyond what is reasonable in a small residential village and risks creating disturbance late at night.

I am not opposed to the pub operating until **23:00** — indeed, that is what I would regard as traditional pub hours, and I fully accept that a certain level of noise and activity is part of village life. My objection is solely to the late-night hours being sought.

Extending the licence to 01:00 for alcohol, live and recorded music, and general opening is likely to: Cause **public nuisance** through late-night music, raised voices, vehicle movements and customer dispersal in what is otherwise a quiet setting. Undermine **residential amenity**, as nearby households (my own included) would be directly affected by noise and disturbance at a time when most people expect peace and rest. Appear inconsistent with precedent: even in York city centre, restrictions are often tighter (for example, entertainment in the Museum Gardens concludes much earlier in the evening). It seems disproportionate for a village location to be permitted later hours than city-centre venues. In conclusion, while I welcome and support the reopening of the Fox Inn, I respectfully ask the Licensing Committee to restrict the licence to normal hours, with closing at **23:00**. This would allow the pub to thrive as a community hub without compromising the rights of local residents to a reasonable level of peace at night.

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

From:
Sent: 18 August 2025 16:18
To: licensing@york.gov.uk
Subject: Re: The Fox Inn, 90 The Village, Stockton on the Forest
Attachments: FoxInn_Licence_Objection_ df

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Hi,

Thank you for your reply

Please find attached a further representation in relation to the Premises Licence Application for the Fox Inn, 90 The Village, Stockton on the Forest.

I remain supportive of the reopening of the pub and welcome the agreed conditions with North Yorkshire Police, particularly the revised weekday hours. However, I continue to have concerns regarding the proposed weekend hours until 01:00, as explained in the attached letter.

I would be grateful if this further representation could be added to my original objection for consideration by the Licensing Committee.

Kind regards,

Sent from Outlook for iOS

From: licensing@york.gov.uk <licensing@york.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 4:14:13 PM
Cc: licensing@york.gov.uk <licensing@york.gov.uk>
Subject: The Fox Inn, 90 The Village, Stockton on the Forest

Dear Representor

I write further to receipt of your representation for the new premises licence at The Fox Inn.

The applicants have agreed to the addition of several conditions in negotiation with the North Yorkshire Police Licensing Officer, which includes a reduction in the operating hours as follows:

Sunday – Thursday licensable activities 10:00- 23:00, premises open to the public until 23:30.

Friday/Saturday licensable activities 10:00-00:30, premises open to the public until 01:00.

I am attaching the full agreements. Should this allay your concerns please do let us know if you are happy to withdraw your objection.

Please let me know if you have any queries or questions.

Kind regards

Helen Sefton| Senior Licensing Officer

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Re: Premises Licence Application – Fox Inn, 90 The Village, Stockton on the Forest, York, YO32 9UW

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for sharing the document outlining the agreed conditions between the applicants and North Yorkshire Police. I welcome the fact that the weekday hours have been curtailed to 23:00, which I feel is entirely appropriate for a village setting.

However, I must maintain my objection in respect of the proposed weekend hours. Allowing the premises to remain open until 01:00 every Friday and Saturday would, in my view, create an unreasonable risk of disturbance to residents, particularly through noise, dispersal of customers, and vehicle movements at a time when the village is otherwise quiet.

I do appreciate that there may be occasions when extended hours are justified – such as New Year's Eve or other special events – and I would not wish to object to such occasional extensions. But I strongly feel these should be applied for on a case-by-case basis through the existing Temporary Event Notice (TEN) process, rather than granting the premises blanket permission to open until 01:00 every weekend.

In summary, while I welcome the agreed conditions and am supportive of the Fox Inn reopening, I respectfully ask the Committee to restrict regular opening hours to 23:00 daily, with any later hours being considered only by specific application. This would strike the right balance between supporting the pub as a community asset and protecting the amenity of nearby residents.

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed

From:

Sent:

17 August 2025 15:58

To:

licensing@york.gov.uk

Subject:

Re: Fox Pub

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Dear Licensing Team,

Please may I express concerns about the public licensing request from the Fox Pub Owners of the Village, Stockton on the Forest, to extend their licensing hours and live music permissions.

As a house, with thin walls and wooden windows, this would have a significant impact on our lives.

My husband, children and I all have to rise for 6am for work and education. Having live music/ drunken behaviour and consequent disturbances until 1am would be extremely difficult to cope with.

We have no objection to live music being played, within reasonable hours for a solely residential area, but loud music after 10pm and allowing outdoor drinking (in the built outdoor space) until 1am is not reasonable and inkeeping with an otherwise quiet, peaceful neighbourhood.

We would like to post our objections to the proposed opening hours and request a more neighbourhood friendly proposal.

Kind regards,

The Village,
Stockton on the Forest
York

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From:
Sent: 17 August 2025 16:46
To: licensing@york.gov.uk
Subject: The Fox Inn, Stockton on the Forest - Application for music licence

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to tender an objection to the application for a licence renewal as it stands. I am concerned that the music is likely to cause a lot of noise pollution in this quiet village. Many residents in the local vicinity have young children and pets that are likely to be affected by the music, especially if it continues late into the night and early morning. I'm not against the re-opening of our village pub, however, this should not be to the detriment of a peaceful village environment enjoyed by the residents.

I trust these concerns will be duly considered.

Kind regards,

The Village

From:
Sent: 16 August 2025 11:00
To: licensing@york.gov.uk
Subject: Representation to licensing application for The Fox Inn

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Hello,

This email is in relation to the application for a premises license for "The Fox Inn, 90 The Village, Stockton on the Forest, YO32 9UW"

I live with my family at The Hollies, Stockton on the Forest, YO32 9UW - the property to the Fox Inn.

The part of the application I would like to object to is the section concerning Live and Recorded Music beyond 11pm. As I read it currently, the licence would allow live and recorded music every day until midnight or 1am depending on the day of the week.

The pub is in a residential area, with houses on both sides, and to the rear, and the noise would be very disruptive to residents. Our house is less than from the pub and we have young children and it would be very disruptive to have loud music that late at night.

I believe this representation would fall under the grounds of preventing a public nuisance.

Best Regards,

From:
Sent: 19 August 2025 21:00
To: licensing@york.gov.uk
Subject: The Fox, Stockton on the Forest.

Categories: Helen

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Re: The Fox Public House, Stockton on the Forest York YO32 9UW

As a resident of Huntsman's Court, to the rear of the Fox, I am concerned regarding the noise and potential disturbance of the late night license application for alcohol and music.

In particular, I think 1am is too late on a Thursday due to the proximity to several residential properties and having children that need to be up for school on Fridays. I support the application for music but believe 11pm is late enough for music and alcohol in a small village, especially during the week.

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