



## NOTICE OF RELEVANT REPRESENTATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

North Yorkshire Police hereby give notice of objection to the Premises Licence as listed below:

<b>Postal Address of premises or club premises:</b> Little Jay Limited Chapel House North Street	
<b>Post town:</b> York	<b>Post code (if known):</b> YO1 6JD

**Notice of Objection relates to the following licensing objective:** *(Please tick one or more boxes)*

1. The prevention of crime and disorder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Public safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Prevention of Public Nuisance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. The protection of children from harm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### GROUND FORS FOR RELEVANT REPRESENTATION

Please provide as much information as possible to support this relevant representation:  
(e.g. please list any additional information, e.g. dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review)

1. This is a new grant application for Little Jay Limited, described as an LGBTQI+ community events venue and bar within York City centre. The applicant requests the sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment 7 days a week between the following times:

Supply of alcohol (on and off sales)- Sunday to Wednesday 1100hrs-0300hrs, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 1100hrs-0300hrs

Regulated entertainment (Plays, films, indoor sport, live music, recorded music and performances of dance - Sunday to Wednesday 2300hrs-0300hrs, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 2300hrs-0400hrs

Other forms of entertainment – Sunday to Wednesday 2300hrs-0300hrs, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 2300hrs-0400hrs

Non-standard timings have also been requested for New Years Eve, Christmas Eve, Bank Holiday Sundays and Pride Event 2300-0400

2. The premises sits within York's cumulative impact assessment area (CIA). An area which the City of York Council has identified as being under the most stress from crime and disorder and public nuisance in their statement of licensing policy. The current policy came into effect on 27th March 2025 and states:

"9.10 Applications for new premises licences or variations for premises situated within the cumulative impact area, that are likely to add to the cumulative impact already experienced, will normally be refused if relevant representations are received. The applicant will be expected to demonstrate through the operating schedule, the steps that they intend to take to promote the licensing objectives, so that the Council and responsible authorities can be satisfied that granting a new or varied licence will not add to the cumulative impact already being experienced.

9.11 The onus is on the applicant to demonstrate to the responsible authorities the suitability of how their proposal will not add to the cumulative impact. To assist this process the Council recommends early consultation with responsible authorities; this can be done directly with those authorities or through the Council's Licensing Section. Applicants should also have regard to the guidance issued by the Home Office under Section 182 of the Act.

9.14 Application for the grant or variation of a premises licence in the cumulative impact area may be considered more favourably if the applicant can demonstrate through the operating schedule that if:

- the application relates to the 'on-sale' of alcohol, that the premises is going to be predominantly food led with:
    - alcohol being sold/supplied ancillary to a meal, with substantial\* food being served throughout the duration of the operating hours;
  - no vertical drinking, all customers seated at tables;
  - set number of table covers;
  - table service only, no customers at the bar;
  - no drinks promotion, unless they are in line with a food promotion.
- \*something more substantial than a bag of crisps or a bowl of olives or nuts.
- the application"

Furthermore, the Statutory 182 guidance para 8.43 states the following:-

"Applicants are expected to include positive proposals in their application on how they will manage any potential risks. Where specific policies apply in the area (for example, a cumulative impact assessment), applicants are also expected to demonstrate an understanding of how the policy impacts on their application; any measures they will take to mitigate the impact; and why they consider the application should be an exception to the policy."

3. The applicant has offered an operating schedule as part of the application which is welcomed by North Yorkshire Police but it is felt that the conditions offered are not robust enough for a premise located within the special policy area.

4. North Yorkshire Police received the application on 5th August 2025 and since this date have undertaken significant correspondence with the applicant to obtain information to make a determination on this application, emphasising that the onus is on the applicant to show what measures they intend to implement to mitigate risks and promote the four licensing objectives, within the cumulative impact area.

5. On 19th August 2025 proposed conditions were sent to the applicant and a request for the applicant to outline why proposed timings applied for would not add to the cumulative impact in the area with proposed hours for licensable activities Sun-Wed till 0300 and Thurs-Sat till 0400.

6. Following the initial proposed conditions forwarded to the applicant attempts have been made by the police to work with the applicant to agree conditions and including the re-wording of conditions relating to the challenge 25 policy and the requirement for SIA registered doorstaff.

7. However the applicant has failed to provide why the timings applied for licensable activities in the application would not undermine the licensing objectives in the cumulative impact area.

In fact as part of the operating schedule under the protection of children from harm, the applicant has stated the following:-

"If the venue is hired out, children under the age of 18 will be permitted to remain until the close of the premises, and subject to supervision from those who have hired the venue."

This could mean that potentially a child (a person under the age of 18 ) is on a licensed premises until 0400hrs in an area deemed at higher risk of crime and disorder and public nuisance. This undermines the licensing objective of protection of children from harm.

8. North Yorkshire Police have taken into account para 6.4 of the statement of licensing policy and the need to take into consideration the need for a diverse range of licensed premises:-

"Within the general framework the Council would like to specifically address its policy in the following way:

Diversity – the council strongly supports a mix of the different types of licensed premises, particularly in areas where there is a high density of such premises. It believes diversity will attract a broader range of customers from local residents and visitors, also giving greater choice for different age groups. It gives potential for positively changing and improving the ambience of the city. This in turn may have a positive effect in increasing the number of evening visitors to the city centre while improving safety and reducing nuisance, crime and disorder. "

9. The police are not requesting that members refuse this application in its entirety, but that should members be minded to grant the application then robust conditions and reduced operating hours would mitigate the risk of further crime and disorder in an area which is already under the highest strain.

10. The police cannot support in its applied for terms, this licence which would permit an additional licensed premises operating as a late night bar for sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment Sun-Wed until 0300 and Thurs-Sat until 0400hrs in an area already experiencing crime and disorder.

11. On 31st August 2025 the applicant has sent an email to the police stating he will "under protest" agree to conditions to " avoid Police Objection to our licence application," Appendix 1 refers.

12. The police have not received any information regarding why the venue should be open until the respective terminal hours of 0300 Sun-Wed and 0400 Thur-Sat and are concerned that the applicant has stated that he is accepting conditions "under protest".

13. If the applicant deems that the police have not acted in accordance with the statutory guidance or in line with the council policy and is agreeing "under protest" then the police request that this matter should be heard before the licensing sub-committee in the interests of transparency, and fairness.

14. It is the position of the police that there has not been sufficient information offered by the applicant as to how the licensable hours applied for will not have an adverse effect on the licensing objectives. North Yorkshire Police cannot support the application for Little Jay Limited, without robust conditions and reduced operating hours for licensable activities as this would undermine the licensing objectives.

15. In summary should members be minded to grant this application the police would respectfully request consideration be given to the below conditions and request that consideration given to reducing the requested hours in the application for licensable activities. If hours are to be retained as per the application, then consideration should be given to the need for door supervisors at the premises mid-week (additional to condition 3 below) in order to not add to the crime and disorder already experienced in this area.

Proposed Conditions made by North Yorkshire Police:

1. The premises will operate as an LGBTQI+ community venue and bar.
2. The sale of alcohol shall cease 30 minutes before close of business on any given day to allow for 'drinking up' time.
3. When the venue is open and operating for licensable activities a min of 2 SIA registered door staff shall be provided at the premises from 19:00 hours to the close of business at the following times:
  - Fridays and Saturdays or any Sunday leading into a bank holiday Monday
  - Any days where race meetings are held at York Racecourse (save for the family meeting held in September and the first meeting in May)
4. At all other times the need for SIA registered door staff shall be determined in accordance with a risk assessment, to be carried out by the Designated Premises Supervisor and or the Premises Licence Holder. When employed, door staff will wear high visibility arm bands.
5. The management of the venue will comply with any written, reasonable and justified request made by North Yorkshire Police regarding the provision of Door Supervisors should the need arise at other times.  
When employed, a register of those door supervisors employed shall be maintained at the premises and shall include:
  - a. the number of door staff on duty;
  - b. the SIA badge number and name of each member of door staff;
  - c. the times the door staff are on duty.
  - d. Any incidents
6. The licence holder will operate a Challenge 25 Age Verification Policy at the premises.  
Identification which is accepted as proof of age must bear the holder's photograph, date of birth, and either a holographic mark or ultraviolet feature. Examples of acceptable ID include photo card driving licences, passports, military identification or proof of age cards bearing the PASS hologram, although other forms of ID which meet the criteria laid out above are also acceptable.
7. Customers shall not be permitted to take glass outside (including the designated outside area)
8. An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available upon immediate request to an authorised officer from any responsible authority, which will record the following:
  - all crimes reported to the venue
  - all ejections of patrons
  - any complaints received
  - any incidents of disorder
  - seizures of drugs or offensive weapons
  - any faults in the CCTV system or searching equipment or scanning equipment
  - any refusal of the sale of alcohol
  - any visit by a relevant authority or emergency serviceDetails of which shall be retained for a period of 12 months from the date recorded.
9. Any entertainment, performance, service, or exhibition involving nudity or sexual stimulation which would come within the definition of a sex establishment in Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 shall not be provided.
10. The premises will take part in and comply with any crime reduction initiatives, when requested to do so by a responsible authority.

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