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Date: 9 October 2025

Notice of Objection

Temporary Event Notice for
Little J Chapel House North Street
York

Dear Licensing Authority,

I acknowledge receipt of the Temporary Event Notice (TEN) submitted by Dr Graham Dykes for Little J Chapel House North Street York YO1 6JD, received by North Yorkshire Police on 7 October 2025 which relates to licensable activities at Little J Chapel House York between the following times: -

- 1600hrs 31/10/25 to 0200hrs 1/11/25

The purpose of this letter is to serve notice on you under Section 104(2) Licensing Act 2003 of my objection to Dr Dykes Temporary Event Notice.

I believe that granting the TEN would undermine the following licensing objectives: -

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- Public Safety
- Protection of Children from Harm

The reasons for my objection are outlined below: -

Little J is located in York's cumulative impact area, identified as such due to the concentration of licensed premises and the alcohol fuelled crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour already experienced in the vicinity. The current policy came into effect on 27th March 2025. It is imperative that venues who wish to operate licensable activities within this area under an authorisation have

due regard to the promotion of all four licensing objectives and ensure risk mitigation measures are implemented.

Little J does not currently have a premise licence issued under the Licensing Act 2003. An application has been submitted for a premise licence and the matter is to be determined by way of a hearing before the licensing sub-committee scheduled for 13 November 2025.

As such the venue is not the subject of any current premise licence which would include mandatory and potentially additional bespoke conditions and is therefore able to operate without a legal requirement to adhere to conditions. North Yorkshire Police would not support any premises operating in the cumulative impact area with no conditions whatsoever.

Upon receipt of this temporary event notice PC Hollis emailed Dr Dykes, the applicant, asking what "provisions" the venue would have in place for the event. Mr Dykes replied making reference to SIA door staff and challenge 25. (Appendix 1 – refers).

The statutory 182 guidance para 7.28 states; -

"If the licensing authority receives an objection notice from the police or EHA that is not withdrawn, it must (in the case of a standard TEN only) hold a hearing to consider the objection unless all parties agree that this is unnecessary. The licensing committee may decide to allow the licensable activities to go ahead as stated in the notice. If the notice is in connection with licensable activities at licensed premises, the licensing authority may also impose one or more of the existing licence or certificate conditions on the TEN (insofar as such conditions are not inconsistent with the event) if it considers that this is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. If the authority decides to impose conditions, it must give notice to the premises user which includes a statement of conditions (a "notice (statement of conditions)") and provide a copy to each relevant party. Alternatively, it can decide that the event would undermine the licensing objectives and should not take place. In this case, the licensing authority must give a counter notice."

The police have no legal remit to agree conditions regarding a temporary event notice. It is a matter for the licensing committee, to determine if a temporary event notice does not undermine the licensing objectives and whether to issue a counter notice in respect of the application.

Regarding the reply from Dr Dykes although he has stated his provisions would include SIA doorstaff and a challenge 25 there is nothing legally binding requiring him to comply with this.

Whilst he has mentioned provision of SIA door staff/challenge 25 there is no reference to any other provisions such as: -

- Risk assessment for the venue (what are capacity numbers/is the event ticketed?)
- Staff training (what training will staff undertake regarding challenge 25, licensing objectives, offences of selling to someone who is drunk)
- Incident/refusals book
- Dispersal policy
- Smoking policy (will persons be able to bring glasses outside onto the public highway whilst smoking).

The absence of robust measures is of concern to the police. North Yorkshire Police strongly believe that if licensable activities were to be permitted under a temporary event notice for an event with licensable activities from 1600hrs-0200hrs on a Friday evening without control measures in place in the cumulative impact area with a terminal hour of 0200hrs, the licensing objectives of The Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance and Protection of Children From Harm would be undermined. Consequently, North Yorkshire Police do not support this Temporary Event Notice.

The following documents are attached to this letter: -

Appendix 1 – Email correspondence with applicant

Yours Sincerely,

Jackie

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Appendix 1

From: gra@littlej.co.uk <gra@littlej.co.uk>

Sent: 08 October 2025 16:12

To: Hollis, Kimberley <Kimberley.Hollis@northyorkshire.police.uk>

Subject: Re: Temporary event notice - Little J's Friday 31st October

Dear Kim,

Thank you for your email.

Please may we politely refer you to all the recent correspondence with NYP setting out promotion of the licensing objectives at Little j, particularly contained in the email to Jackie Booth of 20/8/25 22:20 and in negotiating Conditions.

In accordance with our risk assessment, we will be employing 2 SIA door staff for this event, and of course operating the agreed Challenge 25.

Please let me know if there's anything specific you'd like to know.

Kind regards,
Graham

On 8 Oct 2025, at 14:12, Hollis, Kimberley
<Kimberley.Hollis@northyorkshire.police.uk> wrote:

Good Afternoon Graham,

I'm contacting you regarding the TEN which has been submitted by yourself for an event at Little J's on 31st October -1st November, 16:00hrs-02:00hrs.

As you will be aware North Yorkshire Police review each temporary event notice and have three working days to respond if required.

With the licence application process still being underway for the venue and, as such, there are no conditions attached to the premises regarding licensable activities, please can you provide any further information regarding any provisions you will have in place to ensure promotion of the licensing objectives in order for us to review the notice submitted. I would like to note that this evening is a Friday evening and is also Halloween and that does mean it's likely to be a busier evening in the city in terms of the night time economy and potential risk.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,
Kim

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