

Annex 5

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Hawthorn terrace
YO32 4BL, York

City of York Council Licensing Services
Hazel court Eco Depot, James street
York, YO10 3DS

To whom it may concern,

With reference to the proposal to extend the opening hours of the Coco Café ,New Earswick (20 Hawthorn terrace) from 8 till 4pm to 8 to 21.00 and in addition their intention to sell alcohol from 11.00 till 21.00 Monday to Sunday I would like to raise my concerns and express my opposition to this proposal.

When I took over the tenancy from JRHT I was reassured that the property would only be used during daytime hours and that it will be closed at 6pm and that it would only be used as a local shop and wouldn't be selling alcohol. If I had known that it would in the future be used for serving alcohol until 9pm I would have declined the offer.

I'm disabled, single mum and because of my disability I largely live and always sleep in the room. Quite frequently I'm bedbound with my attacks and these attacks can last up to few days. At the moment the noise from the Café can be loud but I know it won't continue after 4 pm. The strong possibility that customers would be drinking alcohol in and around the premises is very concerning. As access to my property is through the Café entrance and when the weather is fine tables are permanently placed outside. I would feel quite threatened. I only have one entrance and this would be easily accessible for anybody to break in.

The possibility that people would congregate outside of the building consuming alcohol would be quite threatening for myself and my child.

In the past the police were called innumerable times for antisocial behaviour outside the shops here. Thanks to the police interventions it stopped but if this present proposal goes through that situation might reoccur.

My concerns regarding this is affecting my mental health as I no longer feel safe and secure at my own home knowing that alcohol might be served until late.

I feel let down by JRHT because I was assured that this kind of business would not be granted permission.

I have been informed by Ms Nadia Rehman from JRHT that the shops the flat would not be used after 6pm and that it will be a quiet business serving local people. So now I'm really surprised that the shop will be used to serve alcohol till late. If I had known this might happen I wouldn't have accepted this tenancy. I only found out about this proposal from a neighbour and wasn't informed personally by JRHT or Coco Café owners. I would like to discuss this situation with someone from City of York Council .

I would be very grateful if you would refuse proposal of extended hours and serving alcohol in the CoCo Café.

Regards