

Please give one suggestion of what might improve your use or enjoyment of the city centre after 5pm?

1	Summer jazz cafe - open air.
2	Freedom to use all of the Roads & Streets & I am not just on about Lendal Bridge but I do think we use too many unnecessary traffic lights, for instance prior to the Lendal change when the lights at the end of Gillygate/Bootham/Exhibition Square are off the traffic runs much smoother.
3	Stop pushing York to become Blackpool and more like London. Create pedestrian areas with outside bars and tables with heated areas
4	Shops opening later, films starting earlier
5	More things to do: museums, galleries, shopping, etc.
6	Shops open later
7	Less drunken people
8	Stop cars travelling in at night
9	If the park and ride buses ran later into the evening.
10	Street vendors/singers/events.
11	More open shops
12	As previously stated at the beginning of this survey.
13	Less drunk people
14	A slower speed limit - 30mph outside of foot street hours is crazy.
15	More non-pub opening
16	Better public transport. Not particularly relevant given how close I currently live to the city centre, but when I lived just slightly further out the fact that buses stopped running quite early often deterred me from visiting the city centre.
17	I would love to see shops open after 5pm. I don't understand why they would not stay open later. It seems that many people would like to shop after work, but can't. There is potential business being lost.
18	Allow for other activities than just drinking alcohol.
19	An evening market!!
20	Shops open later, more options for cinema in the town centre etc
21	Extended pedestrian hours on foot streets
22	More lighting in the older part of the city
23	More buses

24	More live music venues, shops opening later would be nice.
25	More frequent buses.
26	I would love to see occasional night markets - food related especially.
27	More police presence in the centre
28	Better maps/ information
29	Better lighting in some areas
30	More (social) control and policing of alcohol abuse. I am not referring to people drinking in public, but the people wandering around drunk looking for places to drink.
31	Late night shopping, I often don't finish uni until 6 so cannot enjoy shopping in York until the weekends when it is not enjoyable because it is crowded with tourist
32	More to do other than eat and drink.
33	Longer opening hours of shops, more deals on restaurants etc
34	Cheaper drinking.
35	More bars and clubs should be opened to develop York's nightlife. There are a lot of pubs, but these don't always cater to students.
36	Night buses.
37	More bars that aren't chain bars.
38	Get attractions opening later as well
39	More evidence of purposeful evening activities, including more shops being open until 7-8 pm-ish.
40	Better shows at the theatres - not much to choose from currently. No decent dance clubs eg. jazz or salsa, unless you want to go clubbing
41	Less drunkenness.
42	More frequent and later running buses Shops open longer on a couple of days a week
43	Start by opening Lendal Bridge
44	More non alcohol based establishments opening later.
45	Cheaper bus fares
46	Find some way to stop hordes of drunk young men shouting abuse, and inebriated women being sick on the street
47	I would prefer it if there were less bars and fewer drunk people.
48	Better parking

49	Bring back The Arts Centre (formerly at the bottom of Micklegate) or establish an equivalent space that supports serious clubbing culture (as opposed [offensive] culture of York on a Friday/Saturday night).
50	See earlier answer.
51	More live "street" entertainment. Maybe a monthly or bi-monthly event showcasing local musical talent. Could be with in conjunction with The Duchess, Fibbers, Basement Bar, MOR Music and other local businesses
52	Clean the streets!!!
53	More places to go where you don't have to drink alcohol - there are very few alternatives.
54	Later cafe opening times
55	Late night coffee shops. Few places to take kids for refreshment that wasn't a pub. eg. No where to go after illuminating York apart from rowdy McDonalds.
56	Clamp down on drunken people - particularly men who seem to think it is Ok to shout obscenities, urinate in public etc etc
57	Have more things open that aren't pubs (cafes, shops, library, museums, etc).
58	More shops and cafes open
59	More retail shops open later.
60	Opening supermarkets later in the night.
61	Buses to get home up until 11.30 at night both Friday and Saturday as a minimum, but preferably throughout the week.
62	Everything open later. Places to sit down and relax that aren't bars, pubs, or restaurants
63	More frequent evening bus service after 8pm serving both Railway Station and Fulford - why not keep the park and ride running every 20 mins on Friday and Saturday evenings?
64	Making the environment feel safer for women
65	Later opening hours for cafes and coffee shops - I am unlikely to be tempted into the city by later retail shopping opening hours, but options for places to meet that are not bars or restaurants would tempt me in, and bring more enjoyment.
66	Shops staying open later. Less traffic restrictions!

67	Cheaper public transport . More buses after 8pm. More taxis available in evening, better lit and more secure taxi ranks. Discounts for local residents Binge drinking & low-level drug taking culture tackled effectively
68	Developing Piccadilly/Parliament Street for family friendly cafe culture
69	Shops staying open later.
70	Less anti-social behaviour - shouting and screaming, [urinating] in doorways, fighting etc...
71	More late shops
72	Later shopping hours
73	More visible policing later on.
74	I would appreciate shops being open past 5pm as it would make it a lot easier for myself to do shopping after work.
75	Arthouse cinema
76	More variety of types of things to.
77	More events in the summer targeted at residents not tourists
78	Food markets summer and winter
79	It is very off putting to go to the city centre on race days. Sometimes I do not venture into the city because of this. Too many drunk, loud, rowdy and sometimes aggressive race goers. However I'm not sure if the Council are able to make any measures to improve the situation and you hopefully know this is a common complaint of York residents. It cannot be a matter of control, as this would be exclusive, but I think a matter of behaviour of a minority of people travelling to York specifically for the race days. Although I think the policing is very good, the problem seems to either be the same or worse. Perhaps more policing is required on race day evenings? My cousin came through York by train on her way back to Newcastle. She was absolutely disgusted by the behaviour of the people on the train (they all had got on at York, from the races). Perhaps BTP should travel on these trains (like they do at football matches). To be honest I don't think York Racecourse do enough to support either the police or the City Council to help to improve the situation in the city centre or the railway station. Perhaps they should be thinking about providing their own city centre / railway station security patrols?
80	Fewer lairy people
81	Longer shopping hours,

82	Later opening for shops. No one who works full time can manage to get into the centre to shop before they close! Therefore I go out of town to Monks Cross/Clifton Moor. Would be better to keep the business in the centre surely?
83	More interesting clubs
84	Free buses to the city centre.
85	More family friendly activities
86	Abolishing cheap late night trains back to the North East. Make the last train that stops in York on a Friday and Saturday night 8pm and see an instant change for the better. It's not rocket science!
87	More cleaning & more Police, fewer drunks.
88	Later opening hours of shops would mean that I would stay in the city centre longer and more likely stay out for tea and a few drinks
89	Less hen parties!
90	The support of subculture. For a city which could be arts diverse York is very restricted by a facile choice between bars that all offer the same thing. For anybody who wants an alternative there currently isn't one.
91	The centre needs to be a safe, family friendly place that encourages good behaviour and discourages anti social behaviour
92	More cafes, low key music venues, different cultural offers
93	More for younger people to do, a place to go and meet friends that's warm and 'cool'
94	Improved safety
95	Making it illegal for students to spend 12 hours getting [drunk] every night
96	More shops being open to say 7pm
97	Live music, even if it's just coffee house sessions once a week.
98	More bars, not clubs with later licenses
99	Stop supermarkets opening in the evening selling cheap alcohol
100	Clean the streets
101	Limit alcohol sales.
102	Less drunks
103	Shops open later even one night a week
104	More regular shops open late
105	See previous answer, plus more variety of family entertainment and events.

106	Not much that a council can do about it but... more coffee shops staying open in to the evening would be great. 5pm is a misleading time, most people finish work at 6-6:30pm, so there evening is generally 7pm-10pm. Too many events etc stop at 7pm.
107	More Craft Beer Bars Less mass produced lager drinking Barns
108	Open the shops
109	A better atmosphere. It seems as though the city belongs to the drunks once the evening starts. I'd say 5 pm is not a good cut off; the drunks don't start that early, except on weekends.
110	Clean the footpaths. Don't mind the stag/hen do's per se, they're just having a good time, but the physical evidence left behind - the dirt, the vomit, the blood, the rubbish - is disgusting. Have seen no evidence of street cleaning in the 9 years I've lived here.
111	Pubs that don't play really loud music - early on, people are there to chat and socialise rather than dance so it doesn't really create a good atmosphere, it just ends up with everyone shouting to be heard. I love going out for dinner and drinks with friends but we find ourselves sticking to our local pub out of York as we can't hear each other talk.
112	More bars and restaurants and a bit of street entertainment
113	As above and also stop hen dos
114	See above about drinking control and cleanliness
115	Making the city centre more accessible with less buses would improve it dramatically.
116	If shops and cafes were open later.
117	York has a vibrant local art/music/bar/cinema culture and currently the council make it very hard for this to flourish due to lack of interest and punishing good local businesses for the faults of large chains, cheap deals in supermarkets and alcohol day-trippers.
118	More shops open! I prefer shopping in the week to on the weekend when the city is usually horrendously busy, so if even more shops opened later I would definitely visit them.
119	Opening shops longer would be the main thing. I work 9-5.30, Mon-Fri, it's impossible to buy a new shirt for work or any other non-supermarket item during the week unless I rush about at lunchtime. Even till 7pm would make a massive difference. And it's a virtuous circle, if there were more shops open, you'd have more people around the place buying stuff.

120	More police on the streets at the weekend
121	Clamp down on the rowdiness of clubs and late bars
122	More shops open later
123	Later buses so can stay out later or not have to walk home from work
124	Getting rid of stag and hen do's. Diverting race goes out of the city.
125	Cleaning up the broken glass.
126	Have stores stay open longer - especially for the holidays!
127	Better public transport, travel to work by Park & Ride but the sites close too early to leave the car there and this means a trip home and then back in by car, very few buses in the evening.
128	Improve access for cars and increase car parking spaces whilst reducing parking charges
129	More late night shopping, more cafes and coffee shops open in the early evening. More to do
130	More cultural festivals like Illuminating York that kept families involved in the city centre longer, moving around the city and adding the cultural vibrancy and feel of the city.
131	Free car parking on streets in all streets after 6pm til midnight except where emergency vehicles would be impeded. Europe has this in similar cities. Park & Ride should operate til much later-midnight and later on Fri/sats. This would encourage broader demographic and might encourage retailers to stay open later which would make city more popular.
132	Less drunkenness please.
133	During festive periods, improved Xmas lighting and evening events. More visible presence of security eg police/community support
134	Shops open till 8pm
135	Encourage more volunteers to join the Street Angels
136	Free park and ride after 6.00pm and extend certain routes after midnight
137	Have a few more shops and cafe's open in the centre, it would make things a little more exciting after finishing work.
138	If more shops were open, as I used to live in Newcastle and there all the shops are open until at least 8pm.

139	More shops open, more activities and cultural events. Need an arts, exhibition, entertainment and cultural centre (Bonding Warehouse would be ideal venue)
140	Later opening hrs for shops /more family friendly evening markets /street performers like at Covent Garden. Zero tolerance on drinking in the street. Clean up the Micklegate run. Have Street Angels/police to prevent anti social behaviour. York illuminated is so beautiful make the most of this
141	Extending opening hours of larger shops and smaller cafes.
142	Fewer drunks!
143	More activities
144	More parking space available at free or very low cost. It would greatly improve accessibility for more frequent visits and more time spent on the available activities. It may encourage new activities to become available if people knew they could access them easily and not have late night buses to wait around for, reduce the sense of vulnerability etc.
145	Stop the drunkards!
146	More lighting
147	More city centre activities, but not related to food or markets.
148	A reduction in the number of visiting groups that get drunk in the city.
149	Make it cleaner.
150	Properly manage the licences of pubs. Stop them serving drunk people. Shops open later. Cafés open later
151	Longer shop hours and free parking or improved bus links, park and ride opening later etc.
152	Better control of the drunken hoards later at night.
153	York very much attracts people whose main aim is to get drunk. It's very much a stag-do and hen-party destination. If York was able to create a strong after-hours identity - like Manchester or Liverpool - with a vibrant community atmosphere it would be much more attractive to other revellers from outside the city. Free outdoor festivals are an excellent way to make this happen. Hull Freedom Festival is an excellent example of an event which has helped to define a city's nightlife economy.
154	It needs to be cleaner - a lot cleaner and less sick!
155	Better transport options in and out of the city after 11pm - other than taxi's or driving myself in and out of town.

156	Free parking
157	If I was able to use public transport to get in and out of the city.
158	Installation of temporary portable urinals
159	Summer - pavement cafe/restaurants/bars open for longer - street entertainment (organised not blaring out same stuff all night) more relaxed atmosphere after finished work.
160	Already given
161	As previously stated re police uniform patrols on foot in city centre.
162	Apart from the over zealous bouncers I am very happy with all aspects of York on a night
163	More buskers and later shopping
164	Cheaper parking
165	Bigger 'cafe culture'
166	GET RID OF THE DRUNKS
167	Later opening of non-alcohol venues - I include shops and cafes in that suggestion.
168	Somehow - and I appreciate this will be difficult - but persuade less "hen" and "stag" parties to visit the city.
169	More late/all night takeaways, cheaper pubs and bars
170	Greater variety of shops open late.
171	Less ASB
172	Later opening hours of shops and cafes. Why not open an hour later and shut an hour later? If you work in the centre and have to hang around for, say, an exercise class there are very few places open after 5, unless you want to go to a pub (the library being a notable and welcome exception). Illuminating York is great at getting people into the city in the evening, but each year I wonder why the shops don't stay open (how about a very early Christmas Thursday evening late night shopping?) and why the cafes aren't open and doing a roaring trade in hot drinks and mulled wine!!
173	A better cinema - City Screen is great if you like alternative films, but it doesn't show many of the main stream films my son would like to see, I have to hike up to Clifton Moor to Vue. This costs me bus fare and is time consuming. I think it could do with a leisure centre for kids with activities aimed at getting them moving about. Somewhere you could leave them for a couple of hours whilst you shopped in peace. People would be prepared to pay for that luxury. Kids hate shopping and parents hate bringing their kids shopping. No brainer!!

174	Enforcement of law that says people shouldn't be served with alcohol if they are already drunk.
175	More things for younger people and non-drinkers. Cheaper pubs.
176	Discourage stag/hen parties and other big, often drunken, groups somehow
177	If the centre of York had a more safe, and family friendly feeling on an evening that would help.
178	More protective factors, PSCOs? Lighting
179	Better public bus service from Bishopthorpe/South Bank area
180	Less threatening atmosphere from drinkers particularly
181	If locals were more open and welcoming to their students population
182	Open shops later - retail argue they are losing money to Internet shopping but a lot of people now work full time and the shops are only open when you are at work. Open late and you will encourage more people to come into town and shop and then stay to drink and eat
183	More shops open for longer.
184	Get rid of the drunks.
185	More cafes, museums being open and more focus upon family/dining than getting smashed up on Mickelgate.
186	In Newcastle, many of the city centre shops are open until 8pm on Thursdays all year round. If a similar scheme operated in York I think it would help residents and tourists alike, who often feel stranded after 5pm. At present, the main use of York city centre after 5pm is for eating and drinking. If there were, for example, non-alcoholic options available (cafes, non-alcoholic bars), there would be a more 'family-friendly' feel and hopefully less drunkenness and anti-social behaviour.
187	Remove vehicular traffic entirely from key streets so operate more like Stonegate
188	Less rowdy and drunken behaviour.
189	Things are fine as they are.
190	Night buses, cheaper means of getting home after a night out.
191	Better public transport, but also to surrounding areas
192	Less tolerance of group dos? Is this possible?
193	More family orientated area/s. Better policing, particularly in winter

194	Improve bus services, more frequent and running later.
195	That the city and people using the facilities be treated with respect. Not having rude loud-mouthed drunks parading the streets.
196	Less stag and hen parties please but that's probably just my age creeping up on me
197	Better policing of licensing laws
198	Difficult to say as it is unrealistic to have greater enforcement on large groups.
199	Ban stag and hen parties - places selling cheap alcohol
200	If more cafes would stay open later so you don't just have to go to pubs for refreshment. This might encourage more families to use the city after 5pm with a corresponding change in atmosphere.
201	Later retail offer, including the Parliament Street markets
202	Shops open later
203	If only I could feel less apprehensive
204	Keep more cafes/coffee shops open for people that don't want a full blown meal but want a coffee and a snack with work colleagues/friends/partner. Not everyone wants to go straight to the pub and get leathered. Look at what Newcastle does, Live after Five.
205	The German bar in Parliament St was very good. More of that, the food festival staying open later
206	Higher crackdown on anti-social behaviour, gangs of youths, stag and hen parties all ruining the city.
207	Pop up bars, cafes, activities - temporary but effective and adds really difference and ingenuity to York's night life that Leeds and Sheffield don't have presently. Perhaps a pop-up film club that screens films in different exciting locations across the city?
208	Extended shopping hours and more pavement cafes
209	Removal of car parking charges at 5pm
210	More events like open air theatre performances and "moving theatre" like Blood & Chocolate would be more than welcomed.
211	Allow shops to stay open till 7pm year round not just during late night shopping up to Christmas.
212	Shops open later.
213	Make it look better because of high rents and business rates tenants cannot afford to look after their premises

214	If some of the shops stayed open longer - even on specific nights of the week if all the time wasn't feasible - it would mean that a lot of people who work in the city (for Aviva, the council, as well as lots of the shops and restaurants) would be able to make best use of the time. I work in the city centre but often end up going to Monks Cross to do my shopping after work because I finish at 5 and there just isn't enough time left in town. Also, this might cut down problems at the weekend a little bit, because people like me wouldn't try to come in on busier days if we could just as easily come in on a weeknight.
215	Later opening hours of shops. More residential areas within the centre
216	Guests visiting the city have to return to their cars at the park and ride by 8pm in summer and are reluctant to return to eat out of the city. If the buses ran later they would remain in town to eat. This is the comments I have received from guests and friends
217	More child friendly environments...some places don't welcome children after 6pm or 8pm...very different to Europe where families are made to feel welcome
218	Better offerings at the theatres, perhaps street entertainers - fire jugglers, singers. Late night shopping.
219	Just more open. Especially restaurants
220	Ban Hen/Stag parties.
221	Cafes staying open later, family events away from pubs and cheaper deals when eating.
222	Outside areas to sit to read, have a drink(coffee/or alcohol)
223	Free parking.
224	Being able to come to work on the park and ride and then go for a spontaneous drink after work without worrying about catching the 8 o clock last bus or being locked in the P & R. 8 o clock is far too early.
225	Not sure as more activities may not necessarily draw more people in, especially in the dark winter months when many just want to go home after work. There is already an excellent selection of pubs and restaurants in the city. Less anti social behaviour would certainly encourage more people to stay but a difficult one to address.

226	Shops, markets street art, buskers, street performance, music, film, non alcoholic communal drinking areas, dance halls, parks, river cruises, cafe culture, zero tolerance anti social behaviour fines, fairgrounds, free parking
227	I think it's a fine line between attracting the business of hen/stag parties and race-goers whilst maintaining civility and safety in the town centre after dark. Our City is a small place and with the best will we can't expand the pub scene to the four corners of it. However, in an ideal world, I would like to see a reduction in fun pubs and an expansion of the Stonegate Quarter
228	Lighting, like I have said before about Parliament Street area, make it into a spectacle and somewhere to visit. Improve lighting across the city centre and improve bus services. Improve train times too and from Harrogate. Improve bus services to and from outlying villages. The food festival was fab, champagne tent and real ales in Parliament Street was brilliant. Do something like this more often with additional activities encouraging people to visit. In summer that space could be used so much better.
229	Residents only evening offers
230	Later buses.
231	More pubs with entertainment for older people
232	Employ someone to organise "events/activities" in the city centre
233	Fewer drunks
234	I think that stricter policies on not serving customers who are already drunk would be good. It is not about how long people stay out for, it's what they do in that time. I don't think that places need to shut earlier or that there needs to be less pubs/clubs just tighter control on drinking.
235	As I work until 5 it would be good if coffee shops and shops staying open later.
236	Less excessive drinking, cleaner environment.
237	Greater police presence to deal with jobs
238	Good bookshop cafe to go and browse in and more shops open. Reduction in hen and stag dos and reduction in loud abusive drunks
239	Fewer Stag and Hen parties - they are giving York a bad reputation on Saturday nights. If I had a young family I would not take them near York city centre on a Saturday night for this reason.

240	On-street parking
241	Change the hours the shops are allowed to take deliveries
242	Friendly family to go areas, where drinkers aren't welcome
243	More businesses open after 5.30pm, especially coffee shops. Less rubbish in the street.
244	More events like the food festival in Parliament Street
245	In summer, York is still very much busy at 17:00 when a lot of shops are closing. A large campaign to extend opening hours to 18:00 could prove to be very beneficial to both customer and shopkeeper.
246	Less hen dos
247	Later Market, Open Shops, More activities other than drinking.....
248	A place like City Screen that is warm to sit in between October and April!
249	More events for locals
250	Later opening shops and cafés
251	Less beggars.
252	Later opening for shops; ban hen and stag parties, on-the-spot fines for drunkenness and lewd behaviour,
253	A decent cinema chain. Better parking on the north/west side. More active policing outside McDonald's. More outdoor entertainment.
254	Street food stalls.
255	Making the city feel safer and more pleasant to walk around at night
256	Visibility of security in terms of actual people be they police or others on foot
257	More events or things to do
258	Shops opening later as in bigger cities would encourage more shoppers and make it less drinking focused.
259	More coffee shops open
260	I can't
261	Public transport after 8pm in the Rawcliffe area
262	Better late night buses
263	A safer, more family friendly atmosphere with less antisocial and drunken behaviour.
264	Keep shops open
265	Being allowed to park right in the city centre after 6pm

266	No tramps in doorways. Sign posts with times of music/events/busking in the city that day and the next, at the entrance of the bar walls. The buskers would earn more as some are only on for less than an hour.
267	Shops and museums open later: until 8-8.30 at least. Something to keep Parliament Street alive; at least a cafe with tables where families could sit. Tourist information open later.
268	More street drinking like in London and Europe
269	Discourage stag and hen nights
270	Just keep it clean and tidy and light the place nicely, check out some European towns (Bruges, older areas of Paris) they light the places creatively and it can be very attractive, it brings the best out of the unusual or older architecture, it wouldn't necessarily cost much more. Maybe keep some of the coffee shops open a bit later? There's not really anywhere in the centre where you can sit outside and have a coffee after 5.30 they all seem to shut, its fine by the river but it would be nice to have that outside cafe culture that the Europeans have all day. York seems to have a bit of it but then it disappears about 5pm and turns into an English pub town.
271	LGBT Venue
272	Less street cafes during the day. York gets that full you can't get free seating all taken up by others but plenty of seats in street cafes but if you want to sit there you have to buy something. This affects the wife more, she is disabled. My carer and pushes me in the wheelchair. I have difficulty accessing most shops not having a standard wheelchair. There must be more like me.
273	Less [idiots].
274	The Swinegate area has nice feel to it, similar to that of Jesmond in Newcastle with the fairy lights / street lights all year round. It would be nice to see this sort of feel in the corner of pitcher piano/ revs city screen. Perhaps something in the dead space of that central area?
275	Less drunks and antisocial behaviour.
276	Better parking for residents - we do not use as much as we could due to there being extremely limited parking and not everyone rides cycles or uses dirty unreliable buses.
277	Feeling safer. Cleaner!!
278	Abandoning all the anti-car measures put in place over the last few years

279	Clean the rubbish off the streets
280	Better, more decorative lighting to lighten the streets (even main areas are quite dark sometimes).
281	Large bookshop (but Borders has gone)
282	It would be lovely to be able to have a coffee past 6pm in the city. Events like Blood and Chocolate are great for bringing people to the city in the evenings.
283	In the week York is fine and is a great place to be. The weekends are a different story due to huge rowdy same sex groups. Might I add the groups are not students - they are much older.
284	More things happening between 5 -8
285	Closure of Salvation! That plus the opposite takeaway = disturbances waiting to happen.
286	Would welcome more varied activities in the city centre. Shops to stay open later