

10th July 2023

Dear Sirs,

Re 46 Walmgate , York YO1 9TJ

We are writing to register our objection to the application for a premises licence by Mr Joseph Moore in respect of the above address.

The basis for this opposition is that granting a licence for these premises will not promote the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime, disorder, and antisocial behaviour.

46 Walmgate lies in a majority residential area with recent apartment dwellings and townhouse conversions being completed and this has created a new-found sense of community – something quite rare in city centre locations. We are a mixed community of both young people and elderly people, where we should expect to be able to live quietly and safely.

The area already has numerous licensed premises on Fossgate and we have witnessed multiple incidents involving antisocial behaviour – vomiting, urinating in public etc - which are a direct result of people drinking too much. Similarly, there are already several noise-related complaints outstanding about the Waterside Inn which we are aware of, and several bicycle thefts from our apartment block, which we are deeply concerned about.

Granting a licence would provide a further source of alcohol within an area already saturated with licensed premises. And it isn't local people using these bars; these are day trippers and tourists, people who do not care about how this impacts upon our local community because they don't have to suffer the noise, nuisance and antisocial behaviour that we do. Our great fear is that Fossgate and Walmgate will become as Micklegate; somewhere known far and wide for pub/bar crawls, and a no-go area after 5pm for families and older people.

York already has more than its fair share of places for people to drink in, we don't need more.

In view of the above, we would strongly urge the Licensing Authority to refuse this application for an alcohol licence.

Yours faithfully,

John Walker House, Dixons Yard, York YO1 9SX