

Revolucion De Cuba (former BHS Store), New Street, York

On behalf of the City of York Council (the Council) Licensing Authority, I am making representations to the application for the grant of a premises licence submitted by Revolucion De Cuba Ltd, for a Cuban themed bar and restaurant, in the former BHS Store located on New Street, York.

The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy incorporates a 'Special Policy' in relation to the saturation and cumulative impact, commonly known as cumulative impact zone (CIZ). This policy was established due to the level of crime and disorder and public nuisance issues within the area due to the high concentration of licensed premises. New Street is located within the CIZ.

The effect of adopting a CIZ is to create a rebuttable presumption that applications within the CIZ will normally be refused if relevant representations are received. It is for the applicant to demonstrate that their application would not add to the cumulative impact already being experienced.

This application is for a new large themed bar within the CIZ. The plans submitted with the application show that the premises are situated over three floors. The ground floor incorporates a large bar area, a number of tables and chairs and there is also an outside area adjacent to the main entrance doors with tables and chairs for 24 covers. The kitchen, cellar, staff areas and customer toilets are located on the first floor. The second floor incorporates a small bar area, a number of tables and chairs, an external roof terrace with a number of tables and chairs, there are also additional customer toilets. A majority of the tables and chairs shown on the plans are moveable and there is adequate space for vertical drinking. The opening hours applied for are 10:00 – 00:30 hours Sunday to Wednesday, 10:00 – 01:30 hours on a Thursday and 10:00 – 02:30 hours on Friday and Saturday.

Within the operating schedule, submitted as part of the application, the applicant fails to demonstrate that this application would not add to the cumulative impact already experienced in the CIZ.

The licensing authority believes that the granting of this application would undermine the licensing objectives of both crime and disorder and public nuisance.

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City of York Council

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