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Dear Sir/Madam

I understand that the new owners of 72 Walmgate, York have applied to you for an alcohol license to run until 10pm.

I own 72 Walmgate, York. When I bought No 72 was a cafe serving breakfasts and lunches. They never opened for dinner and as such the business had a minimal impact on our amenity.

There is a flat above 72 and when they play loud music we can hear it through the walls. I have very strong concerns that a late license will encourage late opening times, playing of music at late times and that as people leave the restaurant there will be noise and antisocial behaviour outside.

No 72 is Grade II* listed (so very rare). When I bought it, it was a charity shop which had had many unsympathetic alterations made to it. I have restored it to a dwelling (its original use) at great personal cost and with the support of the Council and it is now up for a York Design Award. I rent it as a short term holiday let, as a way of trying to recoup some of the investment I have made in the building. Its use class is a dwelling though, so future owners could use it as a home. Whether I sell it as a home or retain it as a holiday let, there are people and sometimes children in the building trying to sleep and enjoy quiet time.

Due to the high listing of the building, the Council prevented me from fitting double glazed windows in the front of the building. As such, the front rooms are particularly susceptible to noise from outside. As stated, I am worried that the proposed license will undermine the amenity of residents in the dwelling from noise coming through the partition wall, from drunk restaurant users leaving late at night and from the handling of glass recycling late at night in the yard to the rear which I know causes residents issues who live near the Greys Court Hotel.

I would very much appreciate it if you could bear my concerns in mind when considering this application.

Many thanks

Helen Sefton
72 Walmgate