

**NOTICE OF RELEVANT REPRESENTATION FOR A PREMISES
LICENCE
(New)
UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003**

We:

North Yorkshire Police Name: PC 1520 Samantha Bolland, Licensing OfficerFire Authority Name:Environmental Health Name:Health & Safety Name:Planning Authority Name:Social Services Name:Trading Standards Name:Interested Party Name:

- a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises:
- b) a body representing persons living in the vicinity of the premises:
- c) a person involved in business in the vicinity of the premises:
- d) a body representing persons involved in business in the vicinity of the premises:

Maritime Authority Name:

Hereby give notice of objection to the Premises Licence / Club Premises Certificate as listed below:

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| Postal Address of premises or club premises: |
| Revolucion De Cuba (former BHS store) New Street |
| Post town York Post code (if known) YO1 8ND |

This Notice of Objection relates to the following licensing objective:

(Please tick one or more boxes)

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| 1) the prevention of crime and disorder | X |
| 2) public safety | |
| 3) prevention of Public Nuisance | X |
| 4) the protection of children from harm | |

GROUNDS FOR RELEVANT REPRESENTATION

We hereby give notice that we object to the application for a Premises Licence on the following grounds:

1. This application relates to a new premises licence in respect of a bar / restaurant in the centre of York's Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ). An area which the Full Council at City of York Council has identified as being under stress from crime and disorder and public nuisance in its Statement of Licensing Policy.
2. The location of the premises is on New Street, covering 3 floors including a roof terrace. The venue has a substantial open floorplan, and has applied to be licensed until 02.30am on a Friday and Saturday. The venue lies within a "hotspot zone" surrounded by 5 licensed premises and a boutique hotel (Judges Court) which is adjacent to the site. The applicant seeks opening hours on a Friday and Saturday of 02.30 hours, which is common for vertical drinking establishments and late night refreshment venues, but it is uncommon for a restaurant.
3. The applicant has not provided any information as to why this application should be considered to be an exception to the CIZ policy and the applicant should demonstrate specifically, how if they are to be issued a premises licence within the CIZ, how they would actively promote the licensing objectives. Until this is demonstrated, the Licensing Policy advises that any application for an alcohol licence should be rejected.
4. The plan shows a number of design and layout weaknesses, namely:-
 - recessed ground floor outside drinking area (noise leakage, management by door staff e.g. pinch point at the main entrance)
 - live highway directly outside premises (outside foot streets hours)
 - neighbouring pavement cafes
 - toilets on first floor (no natural surveillance to mitigate crime and disorder)
 - external roof top terrace (capped capacity of 84 persons, management of / public nuisance & noise, smoking after 2300hrs when it must close)
 - ground floor consists of a large open space (no fixed seating which means

seating can be removed to enable vertical drinking)
- substantial bar on ground floor (not commonly associated with a servery point in a restaurant).

5. The conditions within the operating schedule appear generic and not tailored to counter the problems associated with York city centre, more specifically they do not deal with how they seek to promote the licensing objectives within the CIZ in line with the licensing policy.
6. Negative impact that adding yet another large capacity venue in the heart of York's CIZ will have on current multi-agency initiatives set-up to tackle York's current issues within the city's day and night-time economy.

Please provide as much information as possible to support this relevant representation: (e.g. please list any additional information, e.g. dates of problems which are included in the grounds for representation)

1. Premises sits within York CIZ

1. This application relates to a new premises licence in respect of a bar restaurant in York, in the centre of York's Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ). York City Council ratified the CIZ in their current Statement of Licensing Policy 2014. The Police object to the granting of the licence on the grounds that the applicant has not demonstrated in the operating schedule that, if granted, this will not add to the cumulative impact in the area.

Additional Evidence

City of York Council's Statement of Licensing Policy contains a Cumulative Impact Policy (CIZ) covering a large geographical area of the town centre. The council adopted the current policy in 2005 and the current version is effective until 26th March 2019. Cumulative Impact is an important licensing concept which, unusually, arises entirely outside of primary legislation. Large concentrations of people are of concern in Cumulative Impact Zones (CIZ) because they may also increase the incidence of disorder or criminal activities in the street.

In my capacity as a Licensing Officer for the City of York I am aware that the top five tier streets that experience the highest level of occurrences. Whilst police are called to occurrences in these areas, they don't always amount to a criminal offence or are they always recorded as a crime; however by virtue of the fact that we receive these calls for service, members of the public are concerned about the behaviour that they are witnessing. The top five tier streets are:

- Coney Street,
- Micklegate,
- Blake Street,
- Goodramgate
- and, Blossom Street.

Geographically, all are in close proximity to each other and encompass a high concentration of nightclubs, public houses, off-licence express supermarkets, late night eateries and cafes as well as hotel and retail premises. Consequently, footfall in this area is high.

The NYP statistical analysis, which was created when the CIZ policy was adopted, shows that Coney Street, from which New Street and the premises is accessed, is also identified in the York City Statement of Licensing Policy:-

as being under stress because the cumulative effect of the significant number of premises being concerned in the sale and/or consumption of alcohol has led to serious problems of disorder and/or public nuisance affecting residents, visitors and other businesses.

2. Premises location

The location of the premises is the former BHS site on New Street, (off Coney Street), covering 3 floors including a roof terrace. The venue has a substantial open floorplan, and has applied to be licensed until 02.30am on a Friday and Saturday. The venue lies within a one of the top 5 tier streets, as mentioned above, and is surrounded by 5 licensed premises and a hotel, Judges Court, which is adjacent to the site. The other licensed premises in the immediate vicinity are:

Revolution - 3.30am latest close time
Pitcher and Piano - 3am latest
All bar one – 01.30am latest
Dusk – 2.30am latest
Blue Fly Lounge 10 (upstairs) – 4.30am latest
Drawing Board 10a – 4.30am latest

(Appendix 2)

Whilst the applicant describes the venue as a restaurant / bar, North Yorkshire Police believe that although the venue may offer food it will, in essence, be a vertical drinking establishment with a capacity in excess of 700. You will note that applicant seeks hours on a Friday and Saturday until 02.30 hours, which is common for vertical drinking establishments and late night refreshment venues, but is uncommon for a restaurant.

See Appendix 2, 3.

3. Applicant has not provided any information as to why this application should be considered to be an exception to the CIZ policy and how they will promote the licensing objectives.

A Cumulative Impact Policy is designed to put the onus on the applicant, to demonstrate to the Licensing Committee's satisfaction that their application will not add to the cumulative impact. In this instance the applicant has not demonstrated in the operating schedule what steps will be taken to promote the licensing objectives.

Additional Evidence

Crucially, in this instance the burden of proof is on the applicant to demonstrate that the licensable activities and the behaviour of the clientele once they have left the premises will not contribute to the overall Cumulative Impact in the area, and that they are promoting the four licensing objectives in line with S182 Guidance. Paragraph 8.39 makes reference that the applicant should take steps to demonstrate how they propose to promote the licensing objectives.

The applicant has not made reference to the current CIZ or the high density of licensed premises within a square mile. It is for the applicant to demonstrate as part of the operating schedule, that their premises would not add to the cumulative impact in the CIZ area.

The applicant has also failed to demonstrate why they should be considered to be an exception to the CIZ policy. The applicant has not shown that the Premise would be unique within the hotspot area, that they are offering alternative styles or characteristics to other Licensed premises already located in the immediate vicinity.

As expected, calls for service to North Yorkshire Police are highest on a weekend after 11pm, as explained above. By virtue of the fact that we receive these calls for service highlights that members of the public are concerned about the behaviour that they are witnessing which is directly attributable to licensed premises.

The applicant has not demonstrated within their application how they will operate and disperse persons attending the premises, particularly during the hours of 2300hrs to 0230hrs. It is during this time that calls for service increase with a lot of premises concentrated in the same place all emptying at the same time with intoxicated patrons congregating on Coney Street.

Furthermore, paragraph 8.40 refers to how the applicant will seek to take measures to show ***why they consider the application should be an exception to the policy.*** Whilst the CIZ is not a bar to any and every new venue, it should be if that venue cannot demonstrate how they would mitigate the negative impact on the area or the uniqueness of the venue differentiating it from other Licensed venues in close proximity. The applicant has failed to rebut the Council's Cumulative Impact Policy and does not demonstrate within the application any measures that will control patrons adding to the problems within the area of Coney Street, which is one of the top tier streets for calls for service.

Paragraph 8.44 States:-

Applicants are expected to provide licensing authorities with sufficient information in this section to determine the extent to which their proposed steps are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives in the local area. Applications must not be based on providing a set of standard conditions to promote the licensing objectives and applicants are expected to make it clear why the steps they are proposing are appropriate for the premises.

The operating schedule in respect of this application appears to be a generic set of conditions. It is not tailored to the unique needs of the York CIZ. The application for this new grant has made no reference to the premises being within a CIZ, nor has it outlined any specific conditions in the operating schedule which will seek to promote

the licensing objectives and mitigate any potential impact within the CIZ .

4. Design and layout weaknesses

The plan shows a number of design and layout weaknesses, including:

- The recessed outside drinking area, the use of this area will lead to noise breakout in the street and will create a pinch point at the main entrance as door staff will have to manage both persons awaiting entry and customers already using the recessed area.
- situated on a live highway which is a road for vehicular traffic outside foot-streets hours, (between 10.30am- 5pm daily).
- The two premises opposite the venue, Drawing Board and Dusk, have existing Pavement Café licenses which are located on the road after 5pm daily.
- The location of the toilets on the first floor naturally provides an area which is not monitored and therefore will attract crime and disorder (drugs, assaults, sexual offences).
- The external roof top terrace is capped at a capacity of 84 persons and must close at 11pm. The issues arise when the external area is closed, as customers will have to travel back down to the ground floor to smoke. The area is not monitored and therefore customers will use the external area to smoke outside permitted times, creating noise breakout which will impact on the hotel located at the side of the venue.
- The ground floor is a large open space which contains seating, however, from the plans these do not appear to be fixed and therefore can be removed to create space for vertical drinking. The bar is a substantial size and is not commonly associated with a servery point for a restaurant.

5. The conditions in the operating schedule appear to be generic and are not specifically tailored to the problems associated with York city centre.

What follows is North Yorkshire Police's assessment of the applicants operating schedule highlighting potential weaknesses:

Applicants volunteered condition = in normal font

Police comment = bold italics

OPERATING SCHEDULE

Staff shall be trained in the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 with regard to the Licensing Objectives.

A) The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

1. A CCTV system shall be maintained and operated at the premises with cameras positioned both internally and externally.

The condition does not specify that the CCTV has to be recording, that it will be

in a digital format or that it will be in colour, all of which are key factors when reviewing CCTV if it was needed in evidence. It also does not specify where the cameras will cover; it would be expected that all areas where alcohol is consumed would be covered as a minimum standard. Technically one camera inside and one outside the building would meet the requirements of the applicant's offered condition.

2. Recorded CCTV images will be maintained and stored for a period of twenty-eight days and shall be produced to the Police or Licensing Authority upon request.

There is no mention of the images been of good quality if the CCTV needs to be seized. To promote the prevention of crime and disorder, CCTV has to be of good quality to be able to identify suspects, to protect both staff and customers. These recordings should be available to any responsible authority as defined in the Licensing Act 2003.

3. CCTV will be in operation at any time a person is in the premises. Where CCTV is recorded onto a hard drive system, any DVDs subsequently produced will be in a format so it can be played back on a standard PC or DVD player.

This condition does not specify that the system will be recording continuously when the premises are open, staggered or motion sensor CCTV provides gaps in time and are rendered useless in court proceedings. The condition also fails to state that the CCTV system will contain the correct date and time. Recordings with incorrect times shown are of no evidential value if a crime has occurred.

4. Any person left in charge of the premises must be trained in the use of any such CCTV equipment, and be able to produce CCTV images to an officer from a responsible authority upon request.

Agree

5. SIA registered door supervisor(s) will be employed every Friday and Saturday from 21:00 until close. At all other times SIA registered door supervisor(s) shall be employed at the premises at such times and in such numbers as a risk assessment, to be carried out by the DPS, deems necessary to control the entry of persons to the premises and for the keeping of order in the premises when they are used for a licensable activity. When employed, door staff will wear high visibility armbands.

Based on the size of the venue, the fact there are 3 floors including a roof top terrace, outside seating, and, a potential capacity in excess of 600, this condition is weak. The applicant's condition could be satisfied by employing 1 door supervisor as the DPS could deem that one is suitable following an internal risk assessment. This condition could be satisfied using 1 door supervisor throughout opening hours, with a capacity of 740 persons.

6. SIA registered door supervisor(s) will be employed on all race days (unless prior consent has been obtained from the police that SIA are not required), from 17:00 until close.

York hosts 17 race days a year and it has been witnessed by North Yorkshire Police officers that on race days, visitors arrive into York already intoxicated as many arrive via public transport and consume alcohol on the way in. It would be expected that door staff would be employed earlier than 17:00 hours as racing commences from 11am on race days.

7. When employed, a register of those door staff employed shall be maintained at the premises and shall include:
- (i) the number of door staff on duty;
 - (ii) the identity of each member of door staff;
 - (iii) the times the door staff are on duty.

Agree – the venue should also provide radios for door supervisors to communicate on the basis that they are covering 3 floors.

8. Staff will be trained in the laws relating to under age sales, and that training shall be documented and repeated at 6 monthly intervals.

This condition is weak as staff training should include all aspects of Licensing including: retail sale of alcohol; age verification; conditions attached to the licence; permitted licensable activities; the licensing objectives; opening times; serving to drunks; and, not just underage sales.

9. A refusals book will be maintained at the premises, and made available to an officer of a responsible authority upon request.

A refusals book / incident register should be kept and be used to record incidents at all points of sale within the venue and should be kept for a minimum of a year.

10. A representative of the premises will engage in any Pub Watch arrangement.

Unenforceable condition. There is no pub watch scheme in York and attendance at any meeting of this type is voluntary.

11. A member of staff will be responsible for monitoring the toilets on a regular basis from 7pm to close Thursday to Saturday.

The toilets are located on both the first floor and on the roof and are not shown to be covered by any surveillance. The positioning of the toilets put them in a vulnerable position where crime and disorder could take place without constant monitoring during busy trading periods.

12. A full meals menu and waiter/waitress service shall be available at the premises.

To satisfy this condition one menu could be held behind the bar. No food has to be served and waiter / waitress service only has to be available, it may not be used. The applicant seeks hours on a Friday and Saturday of 02.30 hours, which

is common for vertical drinking establishments and late night refreshment venues, but it is uncommon for a restaurant. This condition needs to be more specific in relation to food service, as currently it could trade as a vertical drinking establishment throughout opening hours.

B) Public Safety

1. A first aid box will be available at the premises at all times.

Covered by legislation.

2. Regular safety checks shall be carried out by staff.

Covered by legislation, not specific.

3. Management shall liaise with the Fire Authority as necessary to ensure compliance with all necessary fire regulations.

Covered by legislation.

4. The premises shall maintain an Incident Log and public liability insurance.

Covered by legislation.

5. One pint and half pint capacity drinking glasses and highball tumblers shall be of strengthened glass.

Branded glasses use toughened glass as standard – condition is redundant.

C) The Prevention of Public Nuisance

Consultation with EPU Officer Michael Golightly, City of York Council.

1. Noise from amplified music or voices shall not be such as to cause a noise nuisance to occupants of nearby premises.

Agree

2. No noise shall emanate from the premises nor vibration be transmitted through the structure of the premises which gives rise to nuisance.

Agree

3. The exterior of the building shall be cleared of litter at regular intervals.

Agree

4. Notices will be positioned at the exits to the building requesting customers to leave in a quiet manner.

Agree

5. Doors and windows at the premises will be closed, after 23:00 daily, save for access and egress.

Agree

6. A Dispersal and Smoking Policy will be implemented and adhered to (see attached).

Unenforceable – if the policy is not written into conditions, technically it could be changed.

7. The emptying of bins into skips, and refuse collections will not take place between 23:00 and 07:00.

Agree

8. The external roof terrace area shall not be used outside of the hours of 11:00 and 23:00 daily. Staff and door staff (when employed) shall assist with the orderly clearing of the area prior to 23:00 daily.

Agree

9. There shall be no external regulated entertainment.

Agree

10. The doors to the external roof terrace area shall be kept closed between 11:00 – 23:00 daily, save for access and egress and shall be kept closed between 23:00 – 11:00 daily except in an emergency.

Agree

11. The number of customers in the external roof terrace area shall not exceed 84 at any one time.

Agree

12. There will be no public access into the external area at ground floor level on New Street when the premises are closed.

Agree

D) The Protection of Children From Harm

1. A "Challenge 21" Policy shall be implemented in full and appropriate identification sought from any person who appears to be under the age of 21. The only acceptable forms of ID are photographic driving licences, passports, HM forces warrant cards, EU/EEA national ID card or similar document or a form of identification with the "PASS" hologram.

Agree

2. Staff training will include the Challenge 21 Policy and its operation. In particular, staff shall be trained to take such action as is necessary to prevent the sale of alcohol to persons over the age of 18 where those customers are engaged in the distribution of alcohol to persons under the age of 18. The training must be given to a new member of staff before they commence employment and all staff must receive refresher training every 6 months.

Agree

3. Notices advising what forms of ID are acceptable must be displayed.

Agree

4. Notices must be displayed in prominent positions indicating that the Challenge 21 policy is in force.

Agree

North Yorkshire Police does not believe that the information provided by the applicant meets the standard to be considered an exception to the council's Special Policy thereby departing from the presumption of refusing the application and NYP do not support the grant of this application.

Supplementary Documentation

Appendix

1. Inspector Andrew Godfrey's statement
2. Location map showing 5 licensed premises on Coney St/ New Street surrounding Revolucion De Cuba site
3. Location map Coney St/ New Street / Blake
- 4a Photograph of New Street – View from Coney St to Davygate showing All Bar One, Drawing Board, Blue Fly and Dusk

- 4b.** Photograph of New Street – Showing All Bar One, Rev De Cuba site, Drawing Board
- 4c.** Photograph of New Street – View from Davygate to Coney Street (reverse view of 4a)
- 4d.** Photograph of New Street – Showing front of Revs De Cuba site and All Bar One
- 4e.** Photograph of New Street – Showing outside areas of Drawing Board and Dusk

Signature:

Date: 17/01/2018

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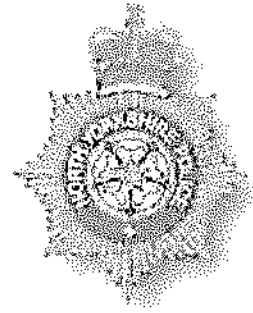
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Statement
of
Police Inspector 1463 Andrew Godfrey
North Yorkshire Police

Re: Premises Licence Application for Revolucion De Cuba

1. I am Police Inspector 1463 GODFREY, the Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for York city centre, a role I have performed for the last 4 years. The majority of my 16 year policing career has been spent in both uniform and plain clothed roles within the city centre therefore I believe that I have a good understanding of the issues associated with the city. I am also a trained Public Order Commander and Police Bronze Incident Commander.
2. My current Neighbourhood Policing Inspector's role involves managing a team of Police officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) who are responsible for delivering policing services in the city centre. An important aspect of my role is to make sure that North Yorkshire Police is alive to issues effecting those who live, work and socialise in the city.
3. York is an attractive tourist destination. In partnership with both statutory and non-statutory agencies we work tirelessly to ensure that it stays that way. Together we resolve a diverse range of issues to keep York safe and to maintain law and order.
4. The city comprises of a wide range of shops, bars, restaurants and tourist attractions. People from all over the world visit York to experience what the city has to offer. Many of city's bars, restaurants and shops are concentrated in close proximity to one another. In recent years there has been a noticeable decline in the number of retail units, a void that has been filled by new licensed premises and restaurant openings e.g. Plunketts, High Petergate which is now the Eagle and

Child pub. Fellini's Italian restaurant, which is now the Hop, McDonalds Furniture store which is Cosy Club, Army and Navy Store which is Sutlers all on Fossgate. Portfolio studio's on Micklegate which is now Brewdog, Jessops camera store which is now Pavement Vaults and Mulberry Hall which is now The Botanist. Licensed premises occupying empty retail units on traditional retail streets has created a clash between shoppers / tourists and those intent on using the city centre to drink to excess. This is particularly evident during the day at weekends. Op Erase.

5. My team are actively engaged with partner agencies in dealing with many issues across the city centre. On Blake Street we often receive reports of anti-social behaviour & violent offences from people converging at the only 24 hour food establishment during the early hours of the morning.

6. The Taxi ranks are also often a hotspot for violence and anti-social behaviour; this has been the case with Duncombe Place. In and around the taxi rank residents report urination, defecation and noise nuisance being a real issue for them overnight. The police response team are aware of these issues and try to police them when not responding to immediate '999' and priority calls. Partner agencies including York Bid have recently secured funding for Taxi Marshals which are starting to have a positive impact in respect of this particular problem. However the Marshals have come under attack and been assaulted by drunken people whilst trying to perform this important role. Granting another alcohol licence to a premises for between 600-800 patrons in this part of the city will simply add to the cumulative effect already being experienced at this 'hot spot' location.

7. Violence in the night-time economy is a legitimate concern for the city centre. A multi-agency group, chaired by myself, manages the night time economy with violent crime being addressed through a multi-agency initiative called Operation SAFARI. Whilst the group meets on a regular basis the issues are difficult to tackle as the crime is so widespread, partly due to the dispersal of licensed premises throughout the city centre. The River Ouse, another 'hot spot', requires attention due to number of people who have lost their lives, a number where alcohol was a contributory factor. This continues to be an issue and people are often found in this location who are depressed and in need of help. In response to the issues with river safety a multi-agency group was formed to improve safety and address education and other physical measures to reduce vulnerability. North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service spearhead this initiative. Partners such as York Rescue boat have proved to be a great addition to the city. They regularly locate vulnerable people in and around the river. We do seem to be experiencing more people in need of help after drinking in the city centre. Whilst the river boat is a good addition they can only work limited hours and so are not always available.

8. In recent years York has become an attractive destination for Stag and Hen do's and groups of individual's intent on having a good time whilst drinking copious amounts of alcohol. This is particularly noticeable throughout the day at weekends. People arrive in the city, many by train having been consuming alcohol prior to their arrival, and then continue to drink all day. The problem is that many licensed premises are located in the middle of shopping and tourist areas of the city. This is best illustrated on a Saturday afternoon in Coney Street where you will find people under the influence of alcohol clashing with family's, shoppers and tourists. Coney Street is one of York's busiest streets and is often full of people making their way between shops. The behaviour displayed by groups include being loud, abusive and aggressive which is intimidating for others. People staggering around unsteady on their feet bumping into members of the public and into the road. The city has experienced large groups of females walking around with inappropriate inflatables often depicting genitalia for all to see. These behaviours have led to people feeling unsafe in the city and some have vowed not to return on a Saturday. I am also aware of visitors to the city having bad experiences and complaining about the change in dynamic of the city centre with more people under the influence of alcohol due to the increased number of bars in the city centre. One such couple impressed that they were so disappointed with how York had changed they said they would not return after many consecutive yearly visits. I exhibit a letter AG/1 and an email AG/2 with personal details removed which were received from members of the public visiting York.

9. The problems in York city centre regarding intoxication are further exacerbated on York race days. The levels of drunken people in the city corresponds to the marked increase in reported crime and anti-social behaviour. Granting this licence will simply add to the existing problems. The Cumulative Impact Zone is already saturated with bars.

10. In response to the issues faced in York on a Saturday a multi-agency group was formed under the Operation name "ERASE" This group set about a raft of measures to try and address the concerns of both the public and the licensed trade. The Operation has had some limited success & licensee's agreed a Code of Conduct to tackle inappropriate behaviour. However despite these efforts large groups of people still visit the city with the sole intention to drink, have a good time and cause anti-social behaviour which is having a negative impact on the quality of life for residents and tourists. I believe that many of the incidents of anti-social behaviour go unreported as the public do not feel them worthy of reporting. These people then leave York having had a bad experience leaving negative posts on social media to the detriment of the city's reputation. The Police and partner agencies stance on any ASB or crime is that it will not be tolerated, but we cannot be everywhere all of the time.

11. Revolution De Cuba in York, from what I can tell, is going to operate as a restaurant/bar and its target audience appears to be large groups of young adults to activities often associated with hen and stag do's, for example their 'cocktail making parties'. It would not attract older visitors to York or families. In my opinion, the city centre cannot cope with any more large scale drinking establishments. The expansion of hotels in the city centre, both recently opened and those granted planning will significantly change the dynamic within the city centre over the next few years. The volume of additional bed spaces needs be factored into future strategies as its likely to add further stress to the geographic area covered by the Cumulative Impact Policy.

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Signed Inspector Andrew Godfrey

Date 16 January 2018

AG/2

Hi

Firstly thanks for the informative newsletter sent to my private account - well worth the effort - well done.

An observation that Hugh may wish to bear in mind. I have a six bedroomed guest house that attracts mainly well-off folk older than 50. During recent weeks I have received at least six unsolicited comments with regard to the behaviour of hen/stag nights in the city centre. Comments boil down to drunken behaviour that seems to start on the train journey to York - with visitors arriving intoxicated from mid-Friday afternoon. Over boisterous behaviour and language in the city centre, unruly behaviour in McDonalds. Mid Saturday afternoon a group of hens carrying an inflated imitation penis in Parliament street.

York needs tourists with spending power not just for the pubs/clubs but also to spend enjoying the culture and restaurants the city has to offer. Hen/stags concentrate on weekend stays - the folk being put off are longer stay visitors.

Thanks for reading.

Regards

→ Walsingham

AG/1

27 May 2014

Dear Sir,

The Reputation of the City

My wife and I travelled to York last weekend to spend over-night in the Hotel du Vin.

It has been some years since we had visited the city and we looked forward to renewing our experience of the well known historic sights.

We discovered that York has become a prime Stag and Hen venue. The consequence is that the city centre streets are the playground of loud boorish groups of inebriated young people shouting at one another and staggering hither and thither amongst the remaining tourists.

When we booked out of the hotel on Sunday, I was told that many hotel guests have similarly commented upon the effect on the city of the drunken party groups.

How very sad for an historic city.

I would be interested to learn from you how the Council views these developments. No doubt the Stag and Hen groups bring income to the city but I anticipate wholesale desertion by traditional tourists as they share our experience.

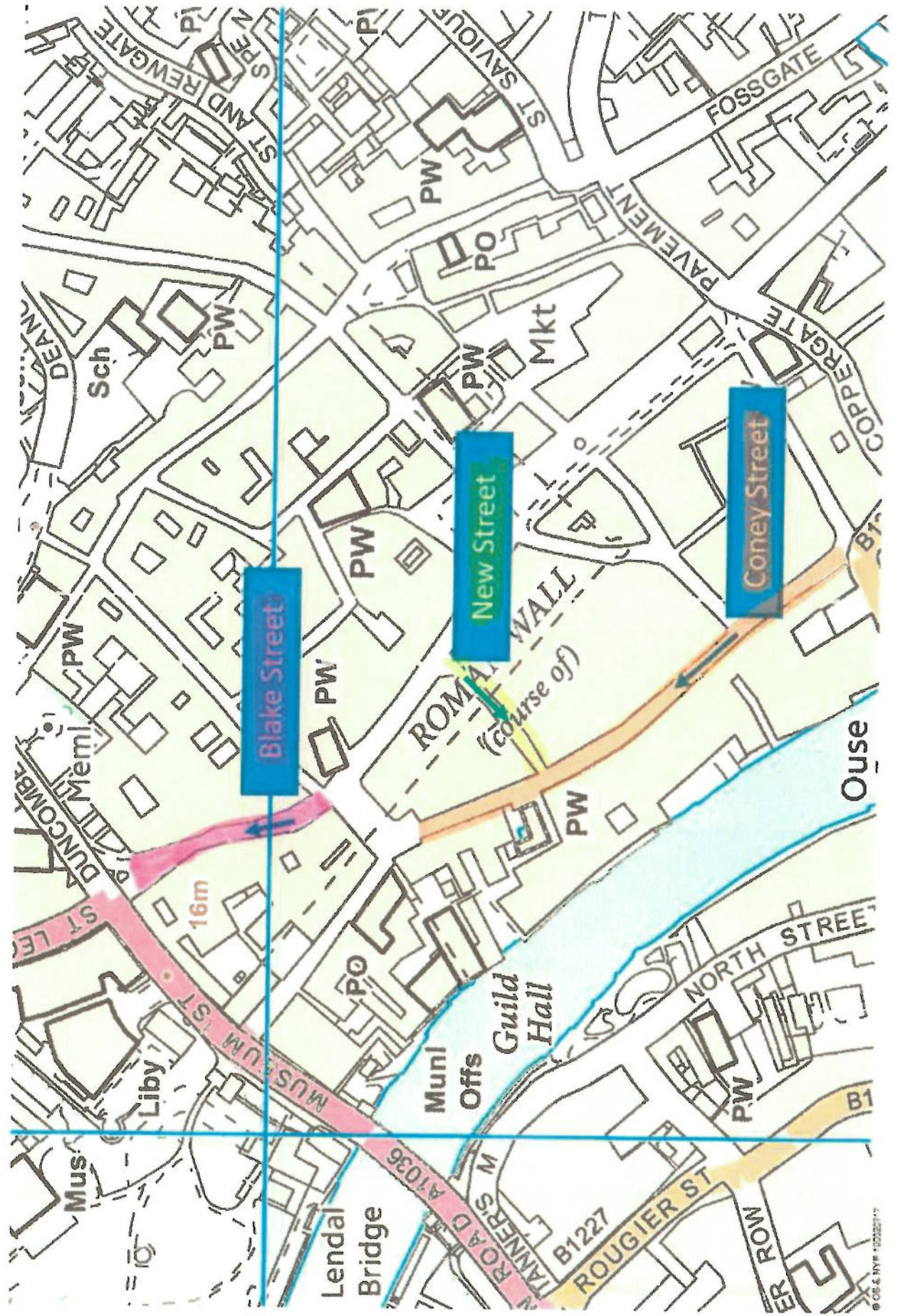
Yours faithfully,

APPENDIX 2.

Coney Street/New Street

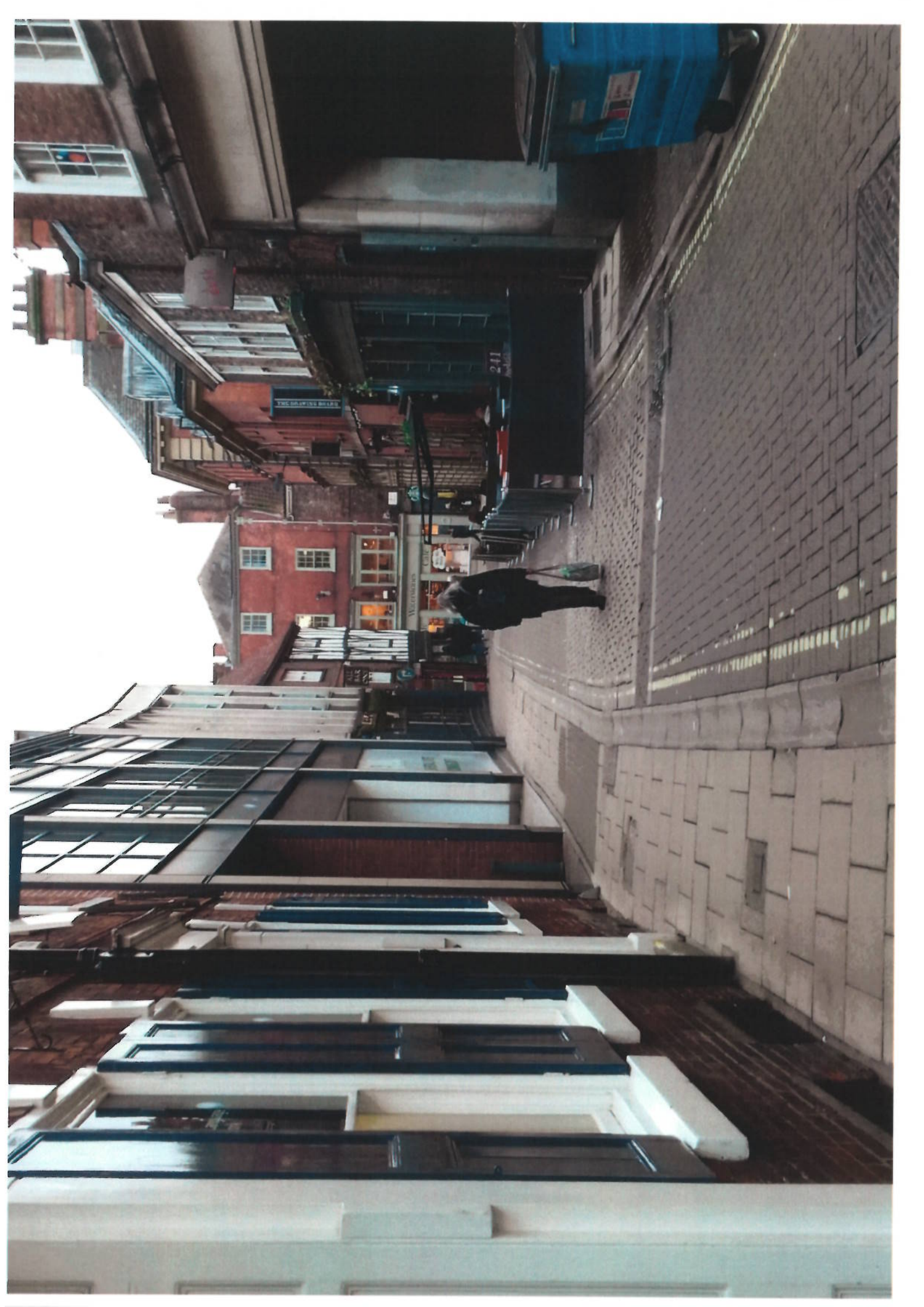


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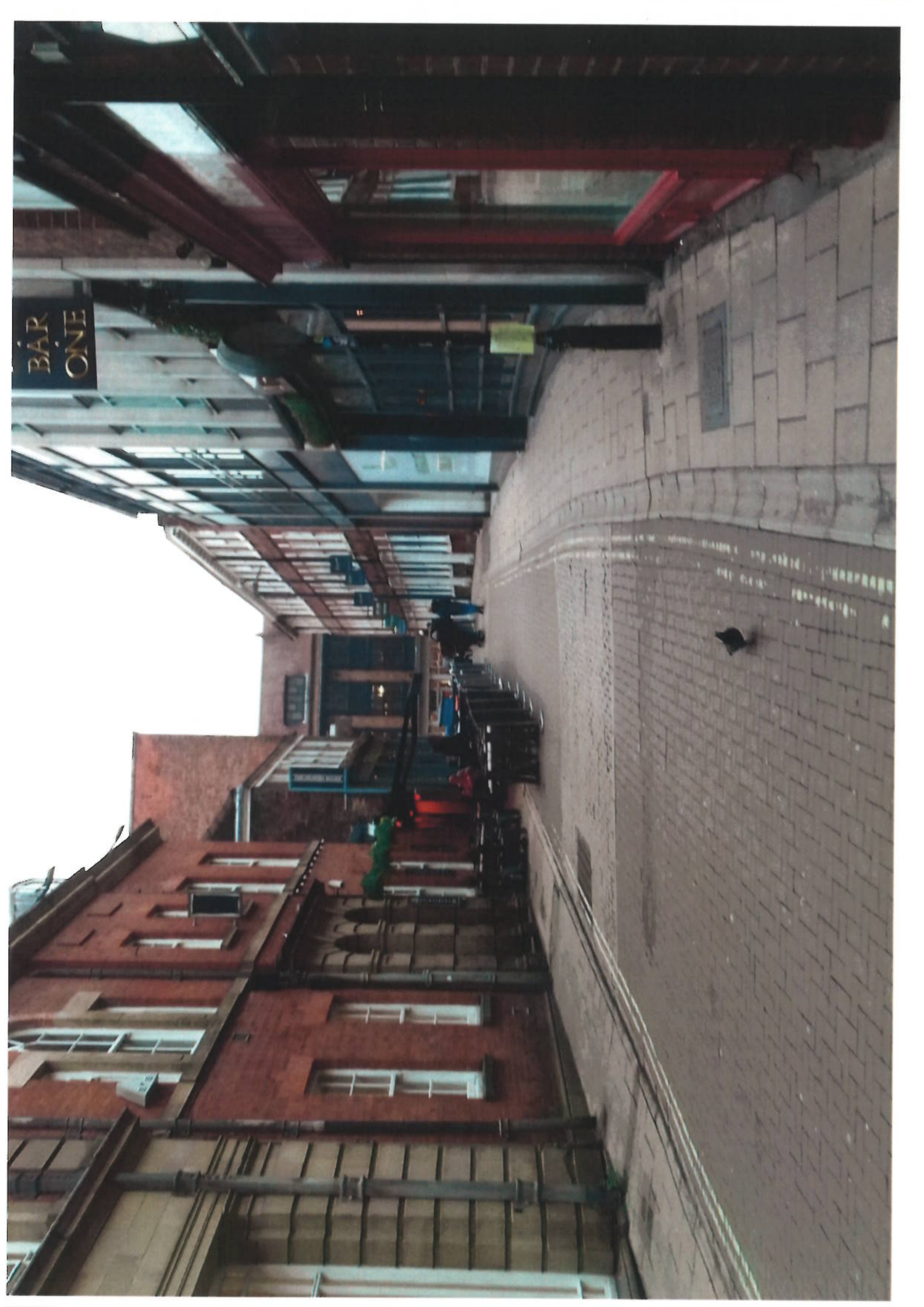




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