



Heworth Green
York
YO31 7TQ.

January 13th 2018.

Dear Sirs,

Property at: New Street, York.

Applicant - Revolución De Cuba Limited

I'm writing to object to this Premises Licence Application. It's location on New Street is wholly inappropriate. There are already a number of bars on what is a relatively narrow street and it would be very near indeed to Dusk - as can be seen by the attached photo.

In addition to having an open area fronting onto the street it is proposed to have a roof top bar at the rear, which will adversely affect a number of existing locally run/powered businesses - such as the Judges Court Hotel.

No specific numbers are mentioned in the application except with regard to the outside area but the figure mentioned in that context suggests that the overall capacity would be very considerable.

Nothing is mentioned in the application about

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vertical drinking and I accept that this ~~is~~ shouldn't be too much of an issue if the applicants could confirm that what look like tables and chairs on the plan will indeed be translated into the same number on the ground (in the same places).

Turning to the legal side of the issue the property is within the Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ) - as stated in the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy - and is therefore subject to a presumption against the granting of a licence unless the applicants can rebut the presumption that granting such a licence would undermine the licensing objectives.

I can't see how the applicants can successfully rebut this presumption. Even if they can ~~control~~ control customers while on the premises themselves this bar would add to the drinking capacity in central York and clearly add to the risk of disorder and public nuisance etc.

York - particularly on a Friday and Saturday - is a grim place for ordinary citizens to venture into at night and this would help to make it worse, particularly given its location.

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Apart from the question of whether we have now reached saturation point in central York (with this application) you can distinguish this application from other recent ones over the issue of food. Other applications have succeeded where the operators have agreed to it being made clear that the premises will be 'food led' or that a property will be more of a restaurant than a bar. I can't see this approach in this application.

Finally, it's not clear how smokers are to be catered for, given that the outdoor area would not be open at all times.

I reserve the right to amplify these points at any hearing that takes place but in the meantime rely on these submissions.

Yours faithfully.