

CITY CENTRE SPECIAL POLICY STATEMENT

This Special Policy was approved by the City of York on 12 April 2005 and shall have effect from 13th April 2005 to 6 January 2008 unless otherwise reviewed by the Council.

This Special Policy is a supplement to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and must be read in conjunction with that document.

This Special Policy relates to the following streets:

Micklegate, Toft Green, Tanner Row, Rougier Street, George Hudson Street, Bridge Street, Low Ousegate, Clifford Street, Tower Street, Tanner Moat, Wellington Row, North Street, Cumberland Street, King Street, Lower Friargate, Kings Staith, Peckitt Street, Blossom Street (to Holgate Road) and The Crescent (see Appendix K, Map of Special Policy Area).

This area has been identified as requiring additional licensing controls to promote the licensing objectives due to the cumulative effect of the concentration of late night drink led, refreshment and entertainment premises on crime, disorder and/or public nuisance affecting residents, visitors and other businesses.

A statistical, evidence based report was submitted by North Yorkshire Police to substantiate this statement and was considered by the City of York Council in approving this policy.

Consultation on the Special Policy was carried out in accordance with Section 5(3) of the Licensing Act 2003.

Effects of the Special Policy

1. This policy relates to applications for the grant and/or variation of premises licences or club premises certificates or the issue of provisional statements.
2. Each application will be considered on its own merits.
3. Where no representations are received any application will be granted in terms consistent with the operating schedule.
4. Applications for the grant of a new premises licence or club premises certificate or provisional statement :

Where relevant representations are received there will be a presumption against the grant of such a licence or certificate unless the applicant can rebut the presumption that the granting of such a licence or certificate would undermine the licensing objectives.

5. Application for the variation of a premises licence or club premises certificate due to a change of style of operation :

Any application for the variation of style of operation which is subject to relevant representations will be considered on its own merits having regard to the promotion of the licensing objectives.

6. Application for the variation of a premises licence or club premises certificate resulting in an extension of the premises and increased capacity:

There will be a presumption to refuse such applications, where relevant representations are received and where the increase in capacity would undermine the licensing objectives unless the applicant can rebut the presumption that the granting of such a variation would undermine the licensing objectives.

7. Application to vary the hours of operation attached to a premises licence or club premises certificate:

All applications that seek to extend the licensed hours will be considered on an individual basis. No different policy will apply in this area as opposed to the rest of the city.