

From: [redacted], [redacted] Cross, Hartrigg Oaks, [redacted]

5 December 2018

To:
City of York Council Licensing Services,
Hazel Court EcoDepot,
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York,
YO10 3DS

Sub-Committee Hearing on 13 December 2018

Application by Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust for Variation of Premises Licence at Hartrigg Oaks,
Haxby Road, New Earswick, YO32 4DY
Premises Licence: CYC-009691

The Sub-Committee is requested to take into account the following documents submitted in support of the representations:

- 1) Letter of support from [redacted] and [redacted]
 - 2) Statment of support from [redacted]
 - 3) Letter of support from [redacted] (sent direct to York Council)
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New Earswick,
York YO32 4DG

4th December 2018

New Earswick,
York

Dear

Licensing application. Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust

Re: Hartrigg Oaks, Haxby Road, New Earswick

We would wish to support your objection to the Licensing application.

We have a concern about this application. We understand that the Trust wishes to have the option to provide alcohol until 12 midnight. This is a residential community. There are houses just outside who have elderly and frail residents including 2 residents who are blind. The building itself is the home to 40+ residents who are receiving extra or nursing care with only a small staff on duty to deal with any problem during the evening and night. Noise both inside the building and outside would be quite frightening to many of these residents, and sadly, people who have imbibed alcohol are not always in control of what they do. We think that a cut off time of 9.30pm or 10pm is quite late enough. We eat here in the evenings and staff have gone by 8.30pm and most residents have left the building by 9.30pm.

In principle we have no objection to alcohol being available for residents and guests but we are concerned that the Trust possibly have plans to open the restaurant facility to outside people with no connection to people who live here. If that is the case, then it seems a great move on the part of the Trust to allow alcohol to be sold in their premises to people who cannot buy it within the village and have to go outside New Earswick to drink. We have always respected Quaker principles of not encouraging people to drink to excess which we fear could happen here. It is not a pub. It is not even really a restaurant as you picture restaurants are – open to anyone, non-booking in advance with drinks available as and when.

If the Trust is looking to regularise the license requirements for residents and guests that is fine but we do think alcohol should not be available after 9.30pm or at the very latest 10pm. We came to live in a retirement community and not next to the proverbial "Dog and Duck".

Yours faithfully,

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Hartrigg Oaks,

York, YO32 4DS

5 December 2018

Re: Objections to Alcohol Licence Application by Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust for Variation of Premises Licence at Hartrigg Oaks, Haxby Road, New Earswick, YO32 4DY - Premises Licence: CYC-009691

I write for elderly residents who object to the application to vary the Alcohol Licence applying to the Restaurant in The Oaks Centre, Hartrigg Oaks, Lucombe Way, New Earswick, York YO32 4DY.

The Licensing Authority should be asked to only grant an Alcohol Licence which is appropriate for our Community. This means:-

1. To specify that alcohol availability hours are to be only from 6.00pm to 10.00pm Monday to Saturday evenings, with no provision on Sunday evenings. An Extension from 12.30pm to 2.00pm on Sundays and Public Holidays may be granted on request. No other Extensions may be granted.
2. To require that alcohol is to be provided for sale only via table service in our Restaurant, as an accompaniment to the meal, and only when the meal being purchased is being consumed.
3. To provide the Alcohol Licence only for the use of Hartrigg Oaks Residents, plus their visiting family, friends and guests, when in their continued presence. We do invite guests to dine with us, from our local and other known communities, but they must at all times be accompanied by their resident Hosts. Alcohol sale and consumption to be restricted to these categories of non-resident.

These three sets of clear limits do fit and will sustain our Continuing Care Retirement Community's nature and circumstances. They are widely supported in our elderly, peace-and-quiet loving, Community. *This is because they will continue to prevent noise, disturbance and risk of upset to our frail, elderly residents. They reflect the actual practice here since we opened 20 years ago. They work.* There will be a risk of greater public nuisance from the proposals in the application.

Whatever are we? Hartrigg Oaks is a 200+ member Continuing Care Retirement Community: the UK's first one, in fact. The average age of our Community's residents is 80: the oldest is over 100. Over half of us are in our later life stages of frailty, with disabilities of various kinds. We each pay a considerable sum to come and live in this Community: a large part of its attraction is the peace of mind and tranquillity of lifestyle which our Community provides. That we all want sustained.

Hartrigg Oaks is not a Bar, a Pub, a Club, an Entertainment Venue, a Restaurant, a Hotel. The Oaks Centre, our core building, contains our Nursing and Personal Care Home, as well as our Restaurant and our other communal facilities. Our facilities, including our Restaurant, are for Hartrigg Oaks Residents only, plus their visiting family and friends, plus also their guests, who must always be in the presence of their hosts. Hartrigg is not a public access Club, Dining or Entertainment facility.

Our Continuing Care Retirement Community was founded 20 years ago this year: it has never had a Bar. This feature of ours is a significant one in the marketplace of Retirement Communities. We want to keep it that way: there is other provision for those retirees who want their social life to centre upon alcohol consumption.

In our Community, social life is centred on resident led activities of many kinds, with 40+ resident led groups providing its core. We do not need alcohol provision beyond the limits specified above.

Instead, we ask for the Licensing Authority's help to sustain our Continuing Care Retirement Community's quiet, relaxed, undisturbed and friendly ways. This can be done by not permitting the requested greater provision of, or opportunity for, alcohol for sale and consumption at Hartrigg Oaks.

This statement is in support of the Objection Letters already sent concerning the Hartrigg Oaks Licence Application. Others too object, but feel too old to write.

Sadly, I cannot attend the hearing on Thursday 13 December at 10.00am, due to a Medical Appointment that morning with Mr Carrington, Surgeon at York Hospital. I am very willing to appear and be questioned as a witness to the Objections at another time.