

Dear Sir/Madam.

I am a resident at Hartrigg Oaks and I am aware that an application to amend the current licence to serve alcohol has recently been submitted and that some opposition has been lodged with respect to this application. I am in support of this application for the licence and can't understand why any resident would oppose it. As I understand the procedure there are four main criteria that the Licensing Authority must take into account.

**Prevention of crime and disorder:**

Alcohol is on sale in the community restaurant to accompany meals. There are occasionally 'special event' meals where a bar is in operation. These events are usually over by 9.30 to 10.00 pm. Maybe one or two glasses of wine might be consumed by residents and a variety of soft drinks are also available. Discounting crime, because we all live here and don't want to spoil our surroundings, there has not been any disorder during the eight years I have lived here.

**Public Safety:**

As a community of aging residents we all look out for each other and Care Staff are always on hand if required. After 6.00 pm the building is locked and access is by an electronic key fob held by residents only.

**Protection of Children from Harm:**

In January 2018 the average age of the residents in their bungalows was 81 years old, the average in the Oaks Care Centre will be even higher. So hardly applicable.

**The prevention of public nuisance:**

As referred to above alcohol is on sale to enhance the sociability of the community when coming together for a regular meal or when special events have been organised. Special events held this year have included an 'Italian Night', a 'Curry Night', 'The Great British Pie Night'. All these events act to bring the community together in congenial, safe and pleasant surroundings our restaurant provides.

I am at a loss to understand on what grounds this licence can be opposed.

Yours Faithfully,

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23rd November 2018

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**APPLICATION BY JOSEPH ROWNTREE HOUSING TRUST FOR A VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE  
AT HARTRIGG OAKS, HAXBY ROAD, NEW EARSWICK, YORK**

I am writing as a resident of Hartrigg Oaks in support of the application for a full licence for the premises at Hartrigg Oaks, York.

Hartrigg Oaks is a retirement community, with ages ranging from 60 to 100. A responsible community where I have lived for over seven years, during which time I have never seen anyone the worse for drink.

The application is to enable our friends, relations and guests to purchase drinks when they join us for a meal or a special event taking place in the restaurant or coffee shop. The Centre is not open to the general public, the people invited are known to us and the special type events are usually organised once a month and are resident led.

There is no "off sales" at Hartrigg Oaks so there is no possibility of anyone purchasing alcohol to consume off the premises.

Drinks are either served by the staff at the table or at special events at a "pop up bar" which is staffed by approved residents.

The last sitting for dinner in the restaurant is 7.00 pm and the restaurant is usually empty by 9.30 pm even on special events nights. It is, therefore, highly unlikely that anyone would leave late at night causing a disturbance. In any case the staff and approved residents would not serve alcohol to anyone who has had too much to drink.

There has never been a problem with drunkenness, loud or disorderly behaviour and as far as I can see we conform totally to the licensing objectives and I would ask the Licensing Committee grant the application for a full licence.

Yours sincerely



E mail:

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Dear Sir/Ms,

**APPLICATION BY JOSEPH ROWNTREE HOUSING TRUST FOR A VARIATION OF A  
PREMISES LICENCE AT HARTRIGG OAKS, HAXBY ROAD, NEW EARSWICK, YORK**

As a resident in a bungalow on the Hartrigg Oaks site, I am writing in support of the above variation for a license at our retirement community.

I have lived here for over 6 years. In that time alcohol has been served either by staff at table in the restaurant or by residents at a pop up bar. Alcohol has a very low profile here and I cannot see why, or how, there can be any objection to its wider availability during mealtimes and social events. Everyone is very considerate of each other's needs and should someone not wish to be near alcohol, there has, so far as I know, never been any problem.

There has certainly never been any kind of drunkenness, disorderly behaviour or risk to anyone. Only residents, their guests and visitors use the restaurant and so only those known people would ever be served alcohol. It is not open to the public, nor is alcohol given or sold for consumption other than in the restaurant.

This license is an asset to the community and something one would expect at this time. I trust the application will be successful.

Yours Faithfully,



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Dear Sir/Ms

**APPLICATION BY JOSEPH ROWNTREE HOUSING TRUST FOR A VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE  
AT HARTRIGG OAKS, HAXBY ROAD, NEW EARSWICK, YORK**

I have been a resident at Hartrigg Oaks for six years and am writing in support of the licence application being applied for at Hartrigg Oaks. This is a retirement community whose residents are aged between 60 and 100+ years of age, all of whom are responsible and considerate people. By the time we get here we more than know the meaning of the word 'moderation'!

It seems to me that a licence which enables alcohol to be served to residents, their guests and visitors at meals or during social events is an entirely appropriate facility for such a community to have. I believe we have already proved that we are more than capable of managing this responsibly. There are no off sales and no intention to provide this facility. The centre is not open to the public. All our customers are known either as residents or their friends or guests.

Whilst some residents may not wish to avail themselves of it, a very large number do. The ability to serve alcohol need not affect those who do not wish to have it. Unruly behaviour, drunkenness or a risk to children have never, to my knowledge, been an issue here and I can not ever see the likelihood of these hazards being an issue here. Alcohol has been served here by staff at the table for some time, and more recently by residents at a pop up bar, and to my knowledge, has never ever presented a problem. Most activities end by 10.00pm or thereabouts.

I cannot imagine why objections can create an issue now when there has never been a situation where alcohol has been the cause of any kind of disturbance at Hartrigg Oakes. I do hope this licence can be granted as it infringes the rights of no-one, causes no risk to anyone and is entirely in keeping with the social and community life in the Hartrigg Oakes Community..

Yours Faithfully

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 27 November 2018 18:09  
**To:** licensina@vork.gov.uk  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Hartrigg Oaks Licence

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in connection with the application for a variation to the licence for Hartrigg Oaks.

I understand that a small minority of residents here have complained about the variation. You have rightly asked for representations but, by definition, that means that you may not hear from the majority of residents who support the change. I thought it might be important to show that there is a silent majority who either support or have no problem with the variation.

I appreciate the grounds on which representations can be made and would comment as follows:

1. The average age of Hartrigg Oaks bungalow residents is 81. My perception is that those residents who drink alcohol do not have more than one glass when they come to the centre for a meal. I have lived here for 8 years and have never been aware of any drunkenness, public nuisance or risk to public safety caused by over-consumption. Nor has there been any crime and disorder for the same reasons. I see no reason why this should change under the variation.
2. The alcohol is served within a building that can only be accessed by a resident letting a non-resident in. It would be impossible for someone to come off the street and buy something to drink when the bar is functioning. I have never seen any children in the building in the evening. If any do come they are likely to be visiting elderly relatives. I see no reason why this should change under the variation.
3. I believe that the small minority of objectors includes some people who are probably hostile to the sale of any alcohol *per se* and are unhappy even at the current arrangement. I believe this is the true basis for their objection to the variation, not the details of the variation in themselves.

Yours faithfully

Hartrigg Oaks  
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Sharon Brookes  
General manager  
Hartrigg Oaks  
New Earswick  
York

27 November 2018

Dear Sharon

**Licence Application.**

I realise that it is too late to submit comments about the recent application by JRHT to vary the licence, currently held, at Hartrigg Oaks but this might help to clarify the views of the Hartrigg Oaks Residents' Association. As you will no doubt recall the details were discussed at the recent meeting of the Association. Over 100 residents were present and the following minute refers to the outcome of the discussions.

- **Alcohol Licence Application:** A new licence was required, fundamentally to regularise the payment for alcoholic drinks by visitors to the Restaurant. Although strong concern was expressed from the floor about the implications, and suggestions made for special licences for special events or making 10.00pm the end limit rather than midnight, it was emphasised that the way visitors might arrive and depart in the future was not anticipated to deviate from past practice, it was a standard licence for which application was being made, and the Meeting did not press the issue.

This minute confirms that although there was some opposition to the application, the majority were content to support the application.

You may find this helpful when the licencing hearing takes place.

Kind Regards

Yours sincerely

Chair Hartrigg Oaks Residents' Committee

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24th November 2018

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**APPLICATION BY JOSEPH ROWNTREE HOUSING TRUST FOR A VARIATION OF A  
PREMISES LICENCE AT HARTRIGG OAKS, HAXBY ROAD, NEW EARSWICK, YORK**

I am writing in support of the application by JRHT for a variation in the licence for the premises at Hartrigg Oaks, York.

I believe we are a responsible retirement community where we know our capacity for drink and do not get drunk.

The variation in the licence is to allow our guests to buy a drink. These are people we know and who we invite into our community for a meal or event where alcohol is served. The premises are not open to members of the public to come in and we do not permit the sale of alcohol to be consumed off the premises.

I see absolutely no problem with the application. We don't have any public nuisance through alcohol, no crime or disorder and there are no children living in this retirement community. The only people this proposed new licence will affect are residents and their guests and as we drink responsibly it will cause a nuisance to no-one. I would ask that this application for the Licence is granted.

Thank you.

Dear Sharon,

I am writing in support of JRHT Hartrigg Oaks application for a licence to serve alcohol. I have been involved in running the pop-up bar since its inception and I am now organising the staffing of this bar.

The pop-up bar has been operating for a year now and has served drinks on 19 occasions. The bar operates under the existing JRHT Hartrigg Oaks licence and provides alcoholic (bottled beers, spirits and wine) and non-alcoholic drinks (tonic water, carbonated and non-carbonated fruit drinks). It is staffed by unpaid volunteers and typically operates from the start of an event (5 – 7pm) until the end, or sometimes a point during, an ensuing meal. Events usually end by 9pm.

The products sold by the bar are provided by JRHT and all the money taken is returned to JRHT.

The clientele consists of Hartrigg Oaks residents and their guests, although the latter are relatively few in number. Hartrigg Oaks being a retirement community, the age of residents is over 60, with many in their 70s and 80s.

As expected from the facts that the level of individual purchases is low, and the age of residents as stated above, there have been no instances where there has been any sign of inebriation or under-age attempts to purchase alcohol. I am unaware of any crime associated with Hartrigg Oaks residents or their guests.

The only children who would be in the area of the bar will be the family members of residents. They are under the supervision of their relatives at all times.

By the nature of this private bar at a retirement home, the notion that it gives rise to any noise or disturbance is risible. There have been no occasions when this has occurred.

The proposed changes to the licence would not impact the operation of the pop-up bar, other than to allow external guests to directly purchase drinks from the bar rather than require such drinks to be purchased by residents – it would certainly not encourage any increase in the modest consumption by its clientele.

Yours Sincerely,



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**From:**  
**Sent:** 02 December 2018 13:55  
**To:** Sharon Brookes  
**Subject:** Licence Application

Dear Sharon,

If I may do so through your good offices, I wish to state my support for the Licence Application.

I too would draw attention to the Residents' Association Meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> attended by 107 people from our Community. Although concerns were strongly voiced from the floor by a few Residents, there was no sense that the Meeting supported opposition to the Application, as the Minute properly records. It was emphasised that the manner of visitors arriving and departing in the future was not anticipated to deviate from past practice.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary  
Hartrigg Oaks Residents' Association

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 30 November 2018 15:54  
**To:** Sharon Brookes  
**Subject:** Liquor License

Dear Sharon -

I have just spoken with \_\_\_\_\_ who says the confusion about our liquor license continues.

Jon and I would like to speak out in support of Hartrigg Oaks having a liquor license. After 20 years of quiet living, I really don't think people are going to start getting drunk and making loud whoopee now, especially if we all know that it would disturb our neighbors.

We both think HO should be allowed to sell liquor on the basis that it is done now.

Thank you for all you do for us.

Best Wishes,

Hartrigg Oaks  
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Sharon Brookes  
General Manager  
Hartrigg Oaks

Dear Sharon,

**Application for a Drinks License for Hartrigg Oaks**

I write this in order to support the JRHT application for a license enabling the sale of alcohol to non-members of the Hartrigg Oaks community.

The current license enables only residents to purchase alcohol on the premises. It does not allow visitors to purchase alcohol for their own consumption. This does present difficulties when there are events organised that are open to relatives, friends and guests.

Alcohol is only available for general sale from a 'pop-up' bar or served by JRHT staff at the dining table. This bar is only present at events and times specified by the Hartrigg Oaks Residents Committee.

The bar is unlikely to be open after 10pm and then only for social drinking. The probability of any disturbance is extremely low to non-existent. Despite the availability for 24hr drinking with the existing license, there is no past record of any problems.

I hope that you will find this letter of support to the application to be helpful.

Yours sincerely,