

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM REPRESENTOR

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REFERRED TO AS LETTER NO.1 IN THE REPRESENTOR'S
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THE LETTER HAS NOT BEEN
SUBMITTED AS SEPARATE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE
LICENSING AUTHORITY, IT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY
THE REPRESENTOR AS EVIDENCE**

Hartrigg Oaks
New Earswick
York YO32 4DS

4th December 2018

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

I would like the Licensing Authority to consider the following objection from us both to the application for a variation of the premises licence. Our objection principally relates to the late hours proposed but also asks for additional assurance that the security of the building will be adequately controlled.

A number of residents have expressed concern that a variation extending the sale of alcohol to non-residents as late as midnight every day of the week is inappropriate for the character of this retirement community and care home.

A "finishing up" time of 22:00 hours in the evening would be more appropriate and (on my part) "reluctantly" acceptable, and I would ask the Licensing authority to re-consider the proposed hours after considering the following observations:

Lack of public transport at the late hours proposed – No public transport is available at the time of night proposed in the variation. Only one bus route serves the immediate area. The last bus to York Station and beyond is scheduled for about 23:00. A later bus at about 23:30 runs the shorter distance to the Theatre Royal, and the last northbound bus is at about 23:35 to Wigginton.

In view of the above, and the fact that we have large spaces for parking within the Hartrigg Oaks Retirement Estate, it has to be assumed that visitors using our restaurant as well as those supporting privately organised "outside organised" events held in the restaurant will use their cars to arrive and depart. The late evening departures, with the slamming of doors and the inevitable loud voices late at night, will cause unnecessary disturbance on an estate consisting entirely of over 200 elderly people, most of whom simply wish to have undisturbed sleep after retiring to bed.

Security of the building at late hours - The appendix to the application (prevention of public nuisance) states that events at which alcohol will be sold to non-residents will not be open to non-invited guests. A condition that non-residents being sold alcohol are at the premises as guests of residents would be helpful in terms of security and the avoidance of crime and disorder and public nuisance.

You will no doubt see similarities in several letters of complaints received, but a large number of residents on the estate have similar views on this and have discussed the matter together.

We feel that this application is out of keeping with the ethos of a Joseph Rowntree Retirement Estate, and it may also become a negative factor in the future for prospective residents considering Hartrigg Oaks as a suitable retirement establishment.

I hope you will give our objections full consideration when reaching your decision.

Yours faithfully,