

Kings Staith,
York,

2nd August 2019

Dear Licensing Department,

Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence, Playhouse, 2 Cumberland Street

Thank you for letting me see the above application. I am writing to express my objection to the grant of a new licence in the terms applied for.

I should say, at the outset, that I have had very little cause to complain about the activities of most of the restaurants in this area and their patrons. Unfortunately such is not the case for the bars and nightclub in this area and I am most concerned about the prospect of another late night bar here. As an example of the rowdiness we experience I would point to the fact that 2 Cumberland Street itself had to replace one of their large plate glass windows last week, after it was 'put in'.

Previous holders of the premises licence at 2 Cumberland Street have had conditions applied that stipulated that alcohol was only to be served as ancillary to meals or in a limited area, over a limited time, and then only by waitstaff, to seated patrons. The present application lacks any such restrictions and thus appears to change the character of the establishment from a restaurant to a bar. On the face of it a case could be made that planning 'change of use' would be needed, were the licence to be granted as requested.

I am also concerned about the request for alcohol sales to be allowed for consumption off the premises. When the Clifford Street nightclub is open their queue is marshalled down Cumberland Street on busy nights, right opposite the entrance to the Grand Opera House and 2 Cumberland Street. 'Off sales' from 2 Cumberland Street might well be cheaper than the drinks to be bought in the nightclub, leading to street drinking with its associated risk of increased noise, litter and rowdiness.

The three benches placed on the other side of the railings opposite my front door are already a magnet for revellers enjoying their late night take-aways and/or alcohol, again leading to noise and litter. Although the Council's cleansing team do a sterling job cleaning up every morning, their job, along with my peace and quiet, will not be helped by another 'take-away' premises in the area, as is being requested.

Recent operators of restaurants at 2 Cumberland Street have caused considerable public nuisance to pedestrians by storing their bins on the pavement. Although the waste bin may be considered to be the concern of the cleansing department, the same could not be said of the bottle bin. Both bins should be stored inside the premises, except on collection day.

Yours sincerely,

