

# Summary Information

Stonegate Court - Licensing application at Unit 4,  
Hornbys Passage for late night alcohol, dancing, music.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION  
FOR A GRANT OF A NEW PREMISES LICENCE

We Secret Square Limited have made an application to York Council for a Grant of a Premises Licence at the following address

Unit 4  
Hornbys Passage  
York  
YO1 8AT

For: Opening Hours  
Monday, Tues, Wed, Thurs and Sunday  
11:00hrs - 23:30hrs  
Sale of alcohol Monday, Tues, Wed, Thurs and Sunday  
11:30hrs - 23:00hrs  
Fri and Sat - 11:30 - 00:30 hrs  
Late night refreshment Monday, Tues, Wed, Thurs and Sunday  
23:00 - 23:30 Fri and Sat - 23:00 01:00 hrs  
Performance of Dance Monday, Tues, Wed, Thurs and Sunday  
11:30hrs - 23:30hrs  
Recorded music Monday, Tues, Wed, Thurs and Sunday  
11:30hrs - 23:30hrs  
Live music Monday - Sunday 11:00 - 23:00 hrs

The record of application can be viewed from  
13 December 2019 at City of York Council Licensing Services  
Hazel Court Eco Depot James Street York YO19 3DS

Anyone wishing to make representations in connection with this application can email [licensing.unit@york.gov.uk](mailto:licensing.unit@york.gov.uk) or write to Licensing Services Hazel Court Eco Depot James Street York YO19 3DS by 6 January 2020

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## **With reference to our call please.....**

- Review the information in this document
- Advise on the most important points that each person should concentrate on during the hearing - Representatives have 15 minutes (this is 15 minutes each). 5 people from the apartments sent in a letter of representation and the council has confirmed that they have 15 minutes each.
- Advise on anything we have missed or anything that we should be aware of / prepared for if the applicants question us.
- If you need any further information please just get in contact and I can gather it for you.



*Stonegate Court residents are currently dealing with the noise and late night music from Kennedys, (which is further away than the proposed bar at 4 Hornbys Passage), buskers performing in Stonegate with amplifiers and noise from late night drinkers.*

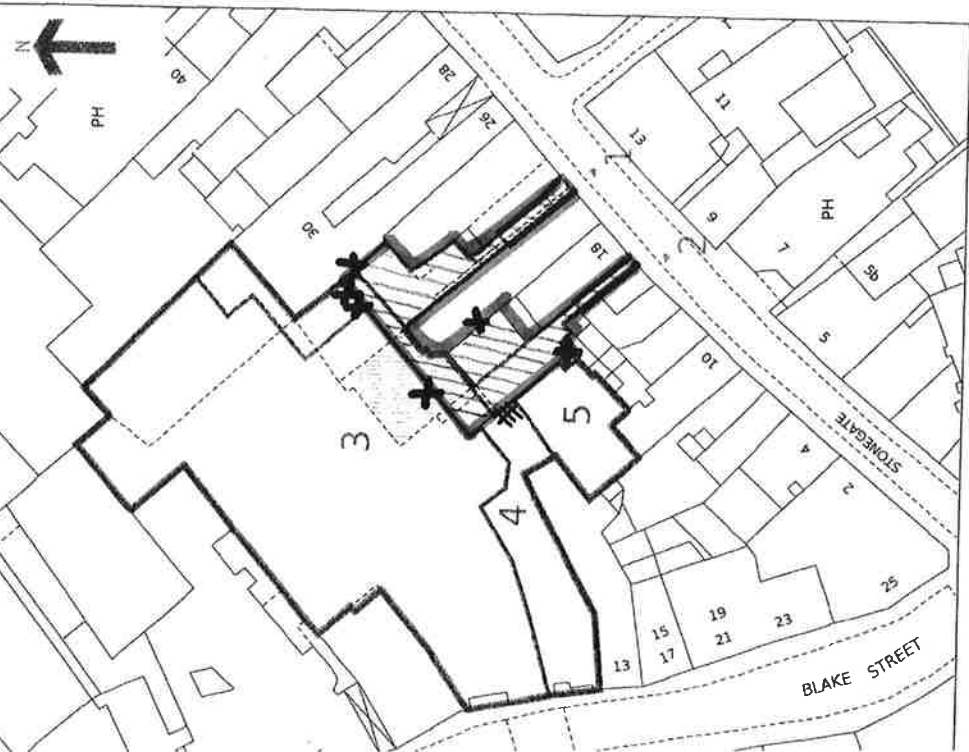
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# GROUND - FIRE EXITS

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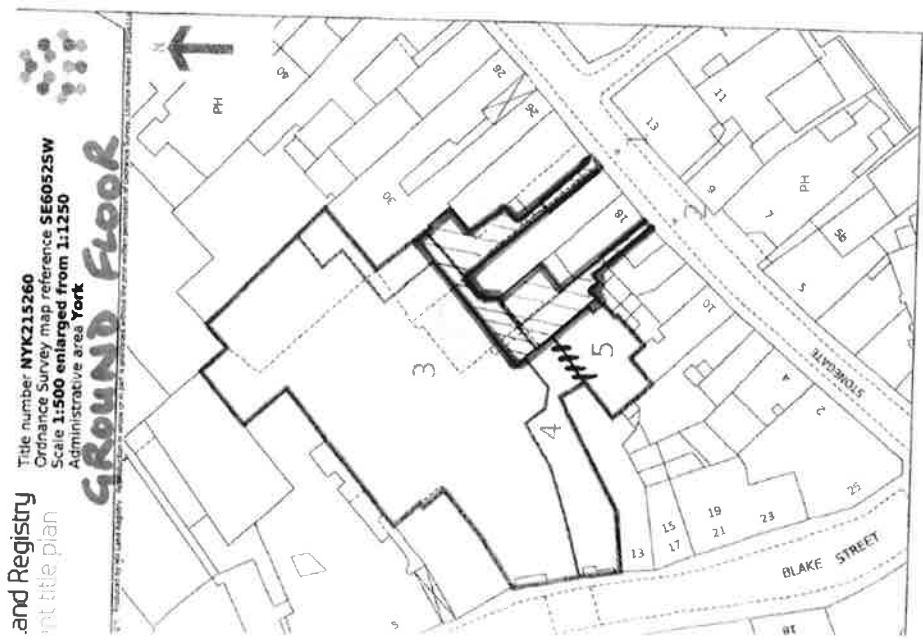
- ≠ STONEGATE COURT BIN STORE
- X FIRE EXITS

## Fire Exits

The application also asks to include the area outside the premises as licensable and have outdoor seating. This area forms part of the fire escape route for residents at 17 properties in Stonegate Court and obstructing it in any way is obviously a matter of public safety. The area has confined access passageways and is also a fire escape issue for the premises themselves.

Also the courtyard area has fire escape doors from at least 5 other premises including The Olde Star Inn and The Evil Eye Lounge.

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**GROUND FLOOR**

-  OUTSIDE SPACE
-  STONEGATE COURT
-  ADJOINING WALL

**Security**

We are pretty insecure from the BLAKE Street entrance and there have been instances of intruders in our courtyard in the past and cycles have been stolen from the cycle room.

If Hornby's passage is to be open to the public for much of day and night any of the fire escape doors left open, or indeed the bin store left open (as it often is on collection days) it will undoubtedly be an invitation to any one wishing to break in to Stonegate Court.



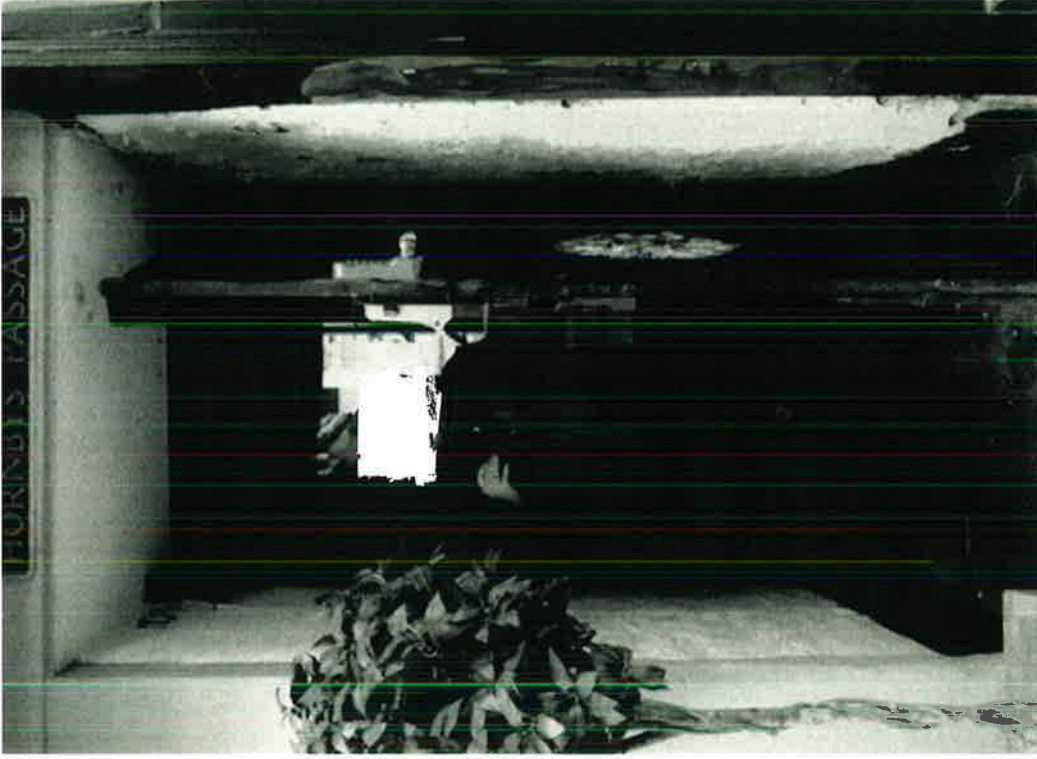
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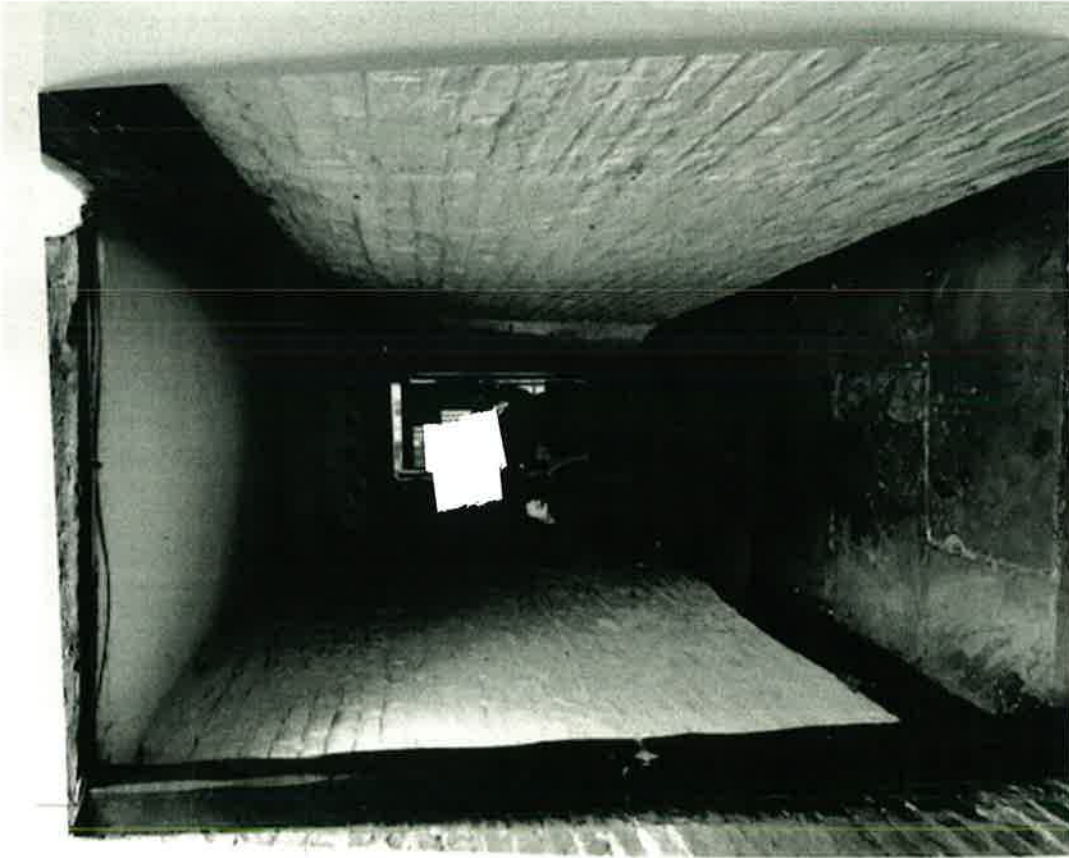
-  ADJOINING WALL STONEGATE COURT
-  OPEN SPACE / (COURTYARD)
-  BOUNDARY STONEGATE COURT







HORNBY'S PASSAGE ENTRANCE  
FROM STONEGATE



HORNBY'S PASSAGE LOOKING  
TOWARD STONEGATE.



From passage  
entrance you  
are taken into  
the courtyard  
that is under  
our balconies



PHOTO TAKEN FROM BALCONY OF APPT 16.

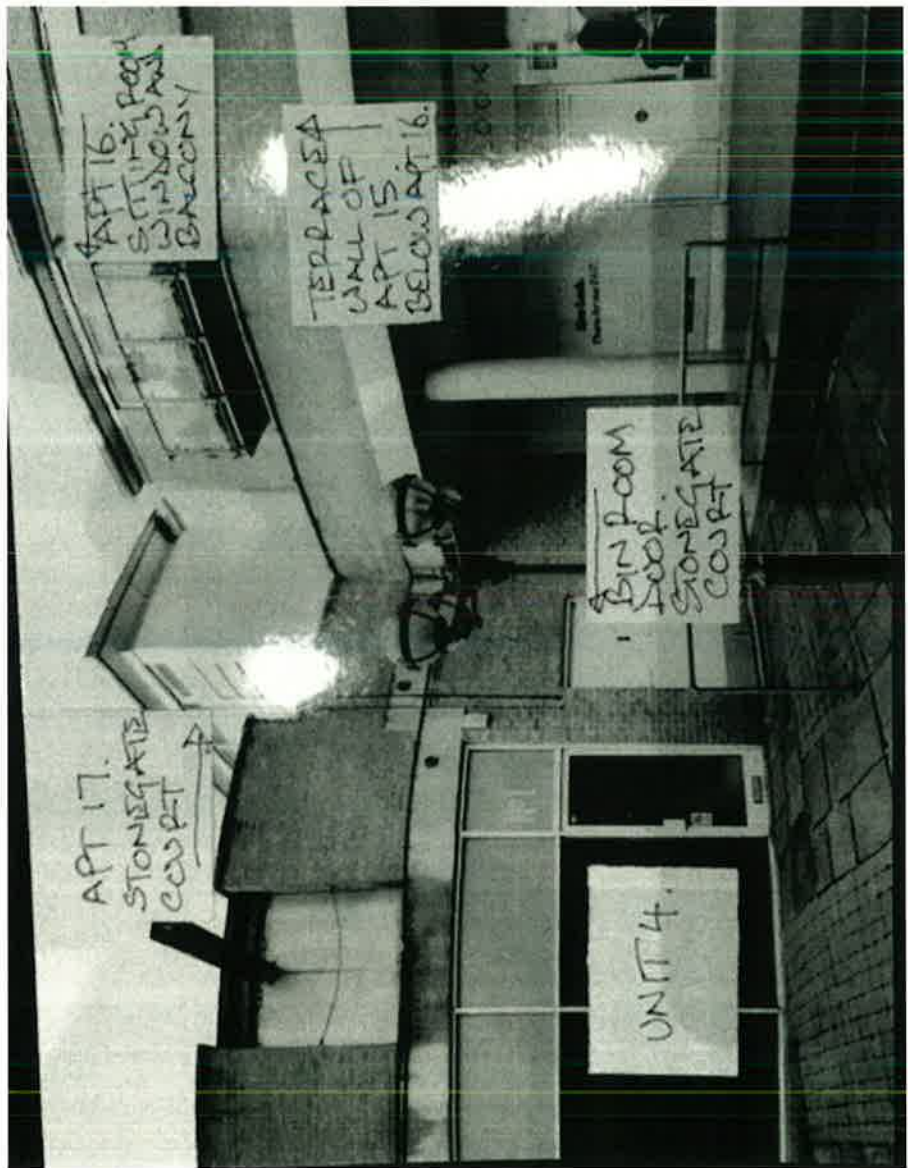
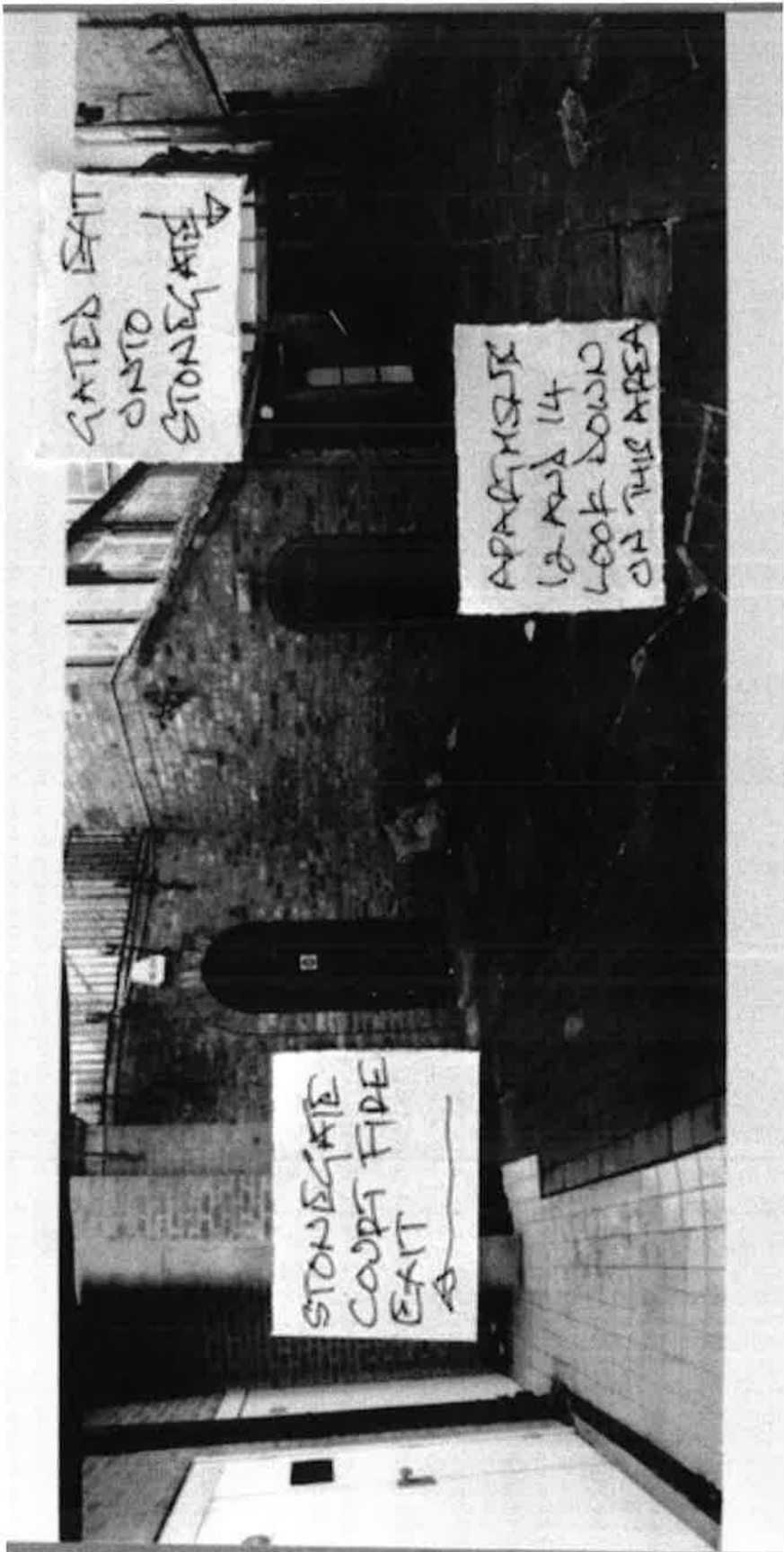








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GATED EXIT  
ONTO  
STONEGATE →

APARTMENT  
12 AND 14  
LOOK DOWN  
ON THIS AREA

STONEGATE  
COURT FIRE  
EXIT  
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## **Group Letter sent to all Councillors - Individual letter have also been sent by the residents**

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Licence Application For Unit 4 Hornbys Passage YO1 8AT**

We wish collectively to object to this application in the strongest possible terms, in the context of the licensing objectives set out in York City Council's legislation.

- **The Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

Late-night city centre venues which serve alcohol invariably and demonstrably lead to crime (viz. the number of broken windows and damage to local residential and business property following 'nights out') and disorder (viz. fights).

The location of the proposed development means that the residential properties in Stonegate Court would be at a significantly increased risk of suffering criminal damage. Hornbys Passage has long been protected by locked and key-coded gates. The security of Stonegate Court would be severely compromised by people being able to access the rear of the complex on a daily basis.

Unit 4 Hornbys Passage is directly next to the door which gives access to the Stonegate Court bin store. If this door were ever to be left open by the refuse collectors or a resident, the whole complex would be accessible to intruders.

- **Public safety**

Increased crime and disorder leads to decreased public safety. Stonegate Court already has a problem with intimidating behaviour by disorderly people who shelter by the main entrance. Residents, tradespeople and cleaners have already reported feeling unsafe when entering or leaving the premises. The safety of Stonegate Court residents would also be compromised by the proposed development as it would impede their egress in the event of a fire.

The enclosed narrow passage into Stonegate is the designated fire escape for all of the Stonegate Court apartments and for New Look. This narrow exit would invariably be blocked by drinkers and smokers standing outside Unit 4, and would render the fire escape unusable.

In addition, it is a known fact that Hornbys Passage also serves as a fire escape for the Ye Old Starre Inn on Stonegate. We also believe that three other premises have Hornbys Passage as their designated fire escapes (Jack Wills, Londis and Evil Eye Lounge). This proposed development would present a risk to their customers and staff, too.

- **The prevention of public nuisance**

City centre drinking venues demonstrably give rise to well documented acts of public nuisance (viz. urinating and defaecating in public, vomiting on pavements, foul language, intimidating behaviour).

They also give rise to noise. The quality of our lives would be made intolerable by evening and late night noise (emanating both from sound systems and patrons). Most bars in York have signage exhorting patrons to "leave quietly" - but however genuinely meant, these requests are in practice meaningless.

Several of our homes and bedrooms are directly above the proposed development: we would have to contend every single day and night with other people's loud music, voices and cigarette smoke.

Early morning noise would also cause a public nuisance. We are already disturbed by recycling collections from local drinking venues ; we would also have to contend with daily deliveries to Hornbys Passage (i.e. immediately outside our bedrooms).

Granting this licence to 4 Hornbys Passage would make the cumulative effect of noise and anti-social behaviour intolerable to residents. Some of us are retired people in our 80s; others of us work from home; some of us suffer from medical conditions. Regardless of our situation, we all have a right to the quiet enjoyment of our own homes.

We could not object more strongly to this proposal, and trust that York Council will agree that it should not be permitted.

Yours faithfully,

