

## **ANNEX 7**

### **Representations from other persons**





Heworth Village  
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15/07/2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Ref: Application by Waddos Pub & Grub Company Ltd, Walnut Tree, Heworth

We have lived next to the Walnut Tree Pub, on the car park side, for nearly twenty years and have seen many changes over the years. When we first moved in, the pub was what could be described as an "old man's" pub and it was very quiet; the only noise was from the coming and going of people.

Since then, the biggest change has been the smoking ban. At first, this was people just popping outside for a few minutes before going back inside. Unfortunately, over the years, with the addition of a smoking shelter and heat lamp, some of the customers are spending significant amounts of time, if not their whole visit, outside, in what is effectively the car park. The inevitable consequences of this are that, as the day wears on, inhibitions fade, voices get louder and swearing increases. It can get really unpleasant, especially as this can all be heard in our young children's bedrooms.

It must be made clear, of course, that these changes to the pub all pre-date the current landlords. They are nice people who are working hard to make the pub a success, and we wish them well with this. However, they, like previous landlords, busily engaged inside, are not always aware what is happening outside, as the pub and its grounds are large.

The large beer garden is on the other side of the pub to the car park and we believe that some customers remove themselves from the beer garden to the smoking shelter, in the car park, so that they can be more relaxed with their language and behaviour. Their consideration for the people they can see does not benefit the families that they can't see, but who can hear what is being said and who, unlike the customers, are not free to walk away if they don't like it.

The current landlords have always responded to any complaints we have made, but the situation is not helped by the existing pub layout and the rise in popularity of the pub over the last couple of years.

The application to have a bar outside, we think, could work really well if it puts staff outside more of the time, but we would ask that, to ensure outside areas are better managed, all drinkers and smokers are encouraged to be in the beer garden by making the car park a drink-free area.

The current Covid restrictions have closed the smoking shelter in the car park and it has made such a big difference. Being in our back garden has become so much more child friendly and has reminded us of the times before the smoking ban and what is possible with a small change. The separation of drinkers from what is a busy car park would also appear inherently safer for the customers.

The houses around the car park are the closest to the pub and are affected more than others by noise due to the different boundary distances, wind direction and the position of entrances / exits

etc. We would, therefore, ask that our proposal, regarding removing drinks from the car park, be considered as part of the application to have an outside bar.

As for the proposal to extend the opening times we would be reluctant to see the hours extended. We would question what customers this change is looking to attract. On face value, it would look to be targeted at the match day and race day crowds who have always been the most raucous. We are not sure who else wants to drink at 8 in the morning.

The pub is surrounded by houses and we are not sure getting the customers drinking earlier, at a pub popular with families, away from the city centre, is really going to benefit anyone.

We would appreciate if our views would be carefully considered when making your decision on the application and/or conditions placed on the application.

Yours faithfully

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20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

[licensing@york.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@york.gov.uk)

To whom it may concern,

Re: Waddos Pub and Grub Company Ltd/The Walnut Tree, Heworth.  
Application for a full variation of premises License

I would like to object to the application to increase the hours that alcohol can be sold from The Walnut Tree and to the installation of an outside bar which could serve alcohol from 12 noon to 10pm hours 7 days a week.

We are lucky to have a local pub and I fully understand that all businesses are operating in difficult times, however, this is a quiet residential area comprising of many different types of household, there are a lot of elderly residents as well as young families and professionals, who are increasingly working from home.

My property backs on to the house, on Heworth Village, which is directly opposite to The Walnut Tree's beer garden. Consequently, the noise from the pub affects me a lot. I think that extending the current hours ie: 12noon-11pm Mon-Wed, 12 noon-11.30pm Thurs-Sat and Sun 12 noon-10.30hrs to 8am-11.30pm Mon-Thurs, 8am-12.30am Fri-Sat and 8am-11.30pm Sundays will result in much more noise from customers both whilst they on the premises and when they are walking home and it would constitute more than 30 extra hours drinking time per week. It is often the case that I am disturbed by patrons passing my house after closing time, and this will only be exacerbated by increased licensing hours. The outside bar will also generate added noise, to the detriment of our neighbourhood and particularly to those who live in close proximity to The Walnut Tree who will not be able to enjoy the use of their own gardens due to the general clamour. I worry that the incidence of antisocial behaviour will rise as a result of more alcohol sales.

In conclusion I would like to reiterate that, whilst I can only congratulate the current tenants for all of their hard work in making a go of The Walnut Tree, I would like to object to this current plan to increase licensing hours and to install an outside bar.

Yours faithfully,

By email : \*\*\*\*\*

**Sefton, Helen**

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**From:** I  
**Sent:** 21 July 2020 14:27  
**To:** licensing@york.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Representation re Notice of Application for the Variation of a Premises Licence

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Dear Sir

Re: Licensing application for  
Waddos Pub & Grub Company Ltd  
The Walnut tree  
73 Heworth Village  
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I understand that The Walnut Tree, Heworth Village has requested an extension to their licence, specifically to:

- Start serving alcohol from 8:00am on all days, instead of 10:00am
- Install and serve from an external bar

I would strongly oppose both of these on the following grounds:

- The Walnut Tree is situated in a residential area and any extension to opening hours will increase the traffic, both motorised and pedestrian, with associated noise and disruption;
- Heworth Village is on a regular walking route to at least three primary schools (Hempland, Heworth and Tang Hall), and frequented by secondary school pupils travelling to school at this time. It is not appropriate, from a child protection point of view, for publicly visible consumption of alcohol to be taking place before 10:00am in a morning;
- The current landlord has shown little consideration for surrounding residents, has allowed excessively loud music to be played in the external area, and has been the subject of numerous noise complaints. Any increase in external activities - both extended hours and in particular an external bar - are very likely to generate further nuisance to nearby residents.

Whilst I appreciate businesses are struggling at these present times, many of the activities taking place at these premises are not appropriate for a residential area and any extension will have a further detrimental effect on local residents.

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