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CASTLE TAKEAWAY ---ACOMB WOOD SHOPPING CENTRE

I object to the application for late night licence on the following grounds:

CRIME & DISORDER

This area will once again become a meeting place for gangs and drug dealers. The work the police put in to clear up the gangs and drug dealing a few years ago was successful and this will destroy all their efforts.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Local residents will again be subject to burglary and will expose them to muggings and theft as they walk home from the pub or Tesco.

PUBLIC NUISANCE

There will be disorder from gang fights and damage to private property and also to Acomb Wood. It will once again become a meeting place in the early hours for dealers and gangs. The homes nearby will suffer from noise and possibly vandalism in the middle of the night.

I cannot see the need for a late night drinking establishment in the middle of a residential area.

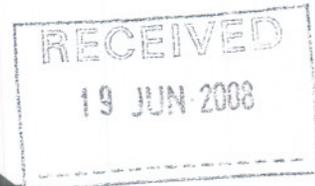
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CASTLE TAKEAWAY LICENCE APPLICATION

Further to call from Mrs J Lockhill
I understand there is no application
for an alcohol licence however
I would like my objections on
other points to be presented to
the Committee.



CITY OF YORK COUNCIL APPLICATION ACKNOWLEDGED	
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Acomb Wood Drive,
York

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11 June, 2008

LICENSING OFFICE
York City Council
9 St Leonard's Place
York
YO1 7ET

Dear Sir or Madam:

Re Castle Take Away – Acomb Wood Shopping Centre

Learning that the above takeaway is applying to extend opening hours to 03:00 Monday to Saturday and to Midnight on Sunday nights I feel I must write to express my grave concerns.

We already have litter problems in this area caused predominantly by products obviously purchased at the shopping centre, (both fast food and packaged supermarket items) some mornings my garden can have enough rubbish blown into it to fill a carrier bag and there is often plenty more strewn along the road or in/under hedges. Partly eaten kebabs, pizzas and similar are regularly collected by this household, which require disposal, it is a wonder we are not overrun with vermin. Drink cans and bottles, sometimes smashed in the road or on pavements are also frequent examples of the increasingly loutish and hazardous behaviour displayed by patrons of the shops and public house just over the road from me, additionally the only local public phone booth is regularly vandalised and filthy almost undoubtedly due to patrons of the shopping area.

I strongly believe that the extending of the opening hours to the takeaway will make the problem much worse since it will attract the clientele ejected from city centre pubs and bars as a stop off point on their way home. The Quaker Wood public house is already attracting large groups of youths and drinkers who make a terrible amount of noise even when not brawling in the street or vomiting over my hedge on their merry way back through the estate.

There seems to have been a large increase in the amount of traffic on this road in the last 12 months, maybe due to the much-welcomed roundabout improvements, this tends to reach a climax between 10 and 11 pm with motorbikes, noisy scooters, illegal unlicensed scooters and boy racers in high-powered cars screaming around the estate at speed. **It does nothing to enhance public safety and an added attraction of the facility for fast food until 3am will undoubtedly exacerbate this already unacceptable situation.** Groups of youths will often congregate in the vicinity of the shops causing noise nuisance and sometimes playing dare with the traffic on the road. Drunks play football on the car park with inebriated women shouting and screaming at them until after midnight. I have jumped out of bed to look from the window many times due to hearing screeching of brakes and shouts and screams as cars dodge patrons of the shops staggering in the street. Things are bad enough without the prospect of it extended up to and beyond 3am.

Bearing in mind the current high profile topics of obesity and public health regarding binge drinking and the consuming of highly fatty low quality food it is surprising that the council would in any way support a proposal that has to be aimed solely at supporting and encouraging the groups of people **most** at risk from these problems so I hope our concerns will be taken seriously when this application is being discussed.

Sincerely,

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CITY OF YORK COUNCIL	
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DATE 13/6/08	LC

Acomb Wood Drive,
York,

11th June, 2008.

Licensing Office,
Council Offices,
9, St. Leonard's Place,
York,
YO1 7ET



Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Castle Takeaway - Acomb Wood Shopping Centre.

I am very concerned at the proposal from the owners of the Castle Takeaway to operate until 03.00 hrs on Monday to Saturday and to 0.00 hrs. on Sundays.

This area already has a considerable problem with litter which frequently blows from the shopping centre and in particular when there is a southerly wind. This, therefore, makes an unsightly mess on the road and in the gardens of the houses along Acomb Wood Drive. As it is, we frequently have to clear up cartons, beer bottles, cans and other rubbish either blown from the takeaways or, even worse, deliberately deposited by customers of the takeways and other businesses at the site. These containers often have unconsumed food and drink within them and I then have to collect and deposit them in my wheelie-bin. This unconsumed food and drink constitutes an additional health hazard as it undoubtedly attracts vermin into the area. The proposed extended takeaway opening times would exacerbate an extremely unsatisfactory situation.

There is already at times a considerable amount of noise at night from somewhat inebriated persons walking along the road waking residents who have retired for the night. There have also been occasions when groups of youths have congregated at the junction of Acomb Wood Drive and Bellwood Drive leading to the Police being called. The presence of a late-night takeaway would inevitably attract more people into the area and could result in more disorder locally.

Acomb Wood Drive is in essence a rat-run for cars and is used by "boy racers" driving high-powered cars and motor-cycles in the evening and during the night. I am sure that the lengthened opening-hours would increase the amount of traffic and significantly increase the danger of road accidents. I would also point out that there is no pedestrian crossing in place to serve this group of shops. In addition, I am aware of the fact that motor-cyclists do "wheelies" on the tarmac area between the 'Quaker Wood' public house and the site of the Castle Takeaway which nuisance situation could be aggravated if the extended Licence is permitted.

I should, therefore, be glad if you would consider these points when the application is being discussed.

Yours faithfully,



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Acomb Wood Drive
York
10th June 2008

Licensing Office
Council Offices
St. Leonards Place

CITY OF YORK COUNCIL APPLICATION ACKNOWLEDGED	
DATE: 13/6/08	LC

Dear Sir

Castle Takeaway: Acomb Wood Drive.

I wish to object to the application for the grant of a licence permitting the Castle Takeaway to extend its hours until 3am from Mondays to Saturdays and until midnight on Sundays.

This residential area already suffers to a certain extent from noisy customers on the Acomb Wood Shopping Centre especially after 11pm. There are arguments, occasional fights and the bushes in our garden are urinated on by passers-by.

The litter left behind, much of which is demonstrably from the shop, publichouse or two takeaways, often contains left-over food & drink, sometimes alcoholic, and is scattered around the surrounding area. A good deal finishes on our gardens from where we have to pick it up and dispose of it, as both an unsightly nuisance and a potential health hazard.

Occasionally, when driving home from the theatre or concerts, we see quite young children on the street and in the shopping area. At after 10pm. this cannot be safe and would be worse if they had the temptation to remain until much later in the night.

Unfortunately, Acomb Wood Drive has become a fairly major thoroughfare; crossing the road between Pheasant Drive and the Shopping Centre

needs great care now, especially near the bend in the road. I have seen several near-accidents between cars, motor cycles and pedestrians, including children. Encouraging traffic so late in the night could only add to the danger.

Much more could obviously be said, but I hope you will take these points into account when considering the application. I know other residents agree with my views.

Yours faithfully

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OSPREY CLOSE,
YORK,
120452
10th June 2008

Dear councillors Galloway and Helvey.
Re Castle Takeaway - Licence Application.

In response to your letter concerning the above, it has been my understanding that the Police and Council authorities are out to prevent crime and not to encourage it. I feel that such extended opening hours in this instance will only encourage the undesirable members of society to the area and so create disturbance and further crime problems.

I must strongly object to the granting of this licence application as I feel the four reasons laid down in your letter would all certainly apply in this instance.

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DATE 16/06
Yours faithfully,
[Redacted Signature]

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Acomb Wood Drive
York

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16th June 2008

Dear Licensing Officer

Re: Castle Takeaway, Acomb Wood Shopping Centre.

I am writing to oppose the increased opening hours of the above establishment to 03:00 hours Monday to Saturday and 00:00 on Sunday. I live nearly opposite the shopping centre.

I consider these hours to be un-necessary and excessive.

My reasons are as follows:

Causing a public nuisance due to noise from traffic and pedestrians visiting the shop into the early hours of the morning when nearby residents are trying to sleep as they are at work the next day.

Many have young families who could be disturbed. The public house does not stay open this late on any night - I believe the latest they are open until is midnight. There is some noise from this and the youths who 'hang around' the car park using it as a football pitch or just as somewhere to meet. This could be exacerbated if the takeaway was to be open into the early morning.

Also prevention of crime and disorder: in the past year a security van was robbed as it was at the supermarket. More recently, the landlord of the public house was followed as he walked his dog in the early hours of the morning, attacked, forced back to the pub where the takings were stolen and he was left tied up in the cellar. If the takeaway is open until 3 am, then it too could be a target for theft such as this.

Yours sincerely

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Acomb Wood Drive
York
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15 June 2008

Dear Cllr Holvey

CASTLE TAKEAWAY – ACOMB WOOD SHOPPING CENTRE

Thank you for your circular letter advising residents of the application for the grant of a Premises Licence for the above business. As a near by resident to this business, I wish to register my concerns regarding this application.

- Currently, my wife and I frequently have to clear litter from our drive and front garden that is left by passers-by late at night. This is usually in the form of pizza boxes and other takeaway containers. We feel that any extension of hours will serve to exacerbate this problem. Such litter is not limited to containers; my neighbours and I also have to contend with dog excrement taken from the dog-waste bin across the road and thrown at our property. We have no wish to be faced with a worsened public nuisance issue.
- My wife is frequently at home alone as I often work at distant parts of the country. I have natural concerns for her safety during my absence, and feel that extending the Takeaway's operating hours significantly increases risks to her and other residents.
- Additionally, I am concerned for the safety of the general public in the area at such proposed late hours. You will be only too aware of the recent number of crimes committed at and close to the Acomb Wood Shopping Centre; granting this extension can, I believe, only serve to increase the risk of further crimes.

I must add that my fellow residents and I can see no possible purpose to be served by the granting of this extension. I question the target market in an area that has no other late-night operating hours, and can see no significant gain to the amenities of the area. I would ask that you take my vehement opposition to this application into consideration.

Yours faithfully

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Acomb Wood Drive
Acomb Park
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City of York Council
9 St Leonards Place
York
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17 June 2008

Dear Sir or Madam

Premises Licence Application – Castle Takeaway, Acomb Wood Drive

I understand from my local Councillor that the *Castle Takeaway* at Acomb Wood Shopping Centre, Acomb Wood Drive, has applied for a Premises Licence to continue their business operation to 03.00 hours Monday to Friday and 00.00 on Sunday.

As a resident of that same street, and living within a few hundred yards of the premises, I believe I have more than a passing interest. I have therefore viewed the application, submitted by Mr Memet Koyupinar, and wish to object on the following grounds:

The 4 licensing objectives laid down by the Licensing Act 2003 have not been addressed, namely:

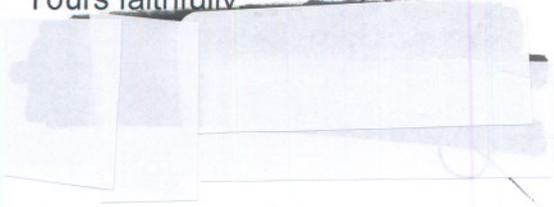
- Prevention of Crime and Disorder – *the applicant only intends to reproduce a new menu (...??) and has cctv.*
- Public Safety – *the applicant has entered nothing here*
- Prevention of Public Nuisance – *the applicant has entered nothing here*
- Protection of Children from Harm – *the applicant has entered nothing here.*

The lack of information here doesn't instil me as a nearby resident with any great confidence. In particular the applicant's reference to (or rather lack of) the objective with regards to *Prevention of Public Nuisance*.... already my neighbours and I have to put up with a lot of noise, litter in gardens, urinating, smashed bottles and discarded food as a direct result of having a number of food outlets at the Acomb Wood Drive shopping precinct. This is then being exacerbated by no regular council street-sweeper rounds in the locality (such as happens, say, in Micklegate and the city centre to address the various food and drink outlets there).

Whilst I have nothing against takeaways, including this one (I have used it on occasions before) , it is simply the hours of opening that are concerning for an establishment in a rural, suburban area; such hours are more in keeping with a town or city centre premise.

The nearby shop (Tesco) and pub (Quaker Wood) close at or around 11.00pm and the exodus of people in this area that late at night, be it on foot or in cars, is already somewhat disrupting when trying to sleep.

Yours faithfully

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ACOMB WOOD DRIVE,

TEL: [REDACTED]

YORK.



18/6/08

LICENSING OFFICE,
CITY OF YORK COUNCIL,
9, ST. LEONARD'S PLACE,
YORK. YO1 7ET.

120370

Dear Sir,

CASTLE TAKEAWAY: ACOMB
WOOD SHOPPING CENTRE

I have viewed the licensing application by the above for the grant of a Premises Licence to provide late night refreshment until 03.00 Mon - Sat and 00.00 on Sundays.

I wish to object to this application, on the following grounds:

1) PREVENTION OF CRIME & DISORDER:

the applicant seems to believe that merely installing CCTV will prevent crime and disorder. Experience all over the country disproves this. CCTV does not prevent crime and disorder - it only makes it easier to convict later, after the crime and disorder has been committed.

2) PUBLIC SAFETY: the applicant appears to believe that there are no residential properties in the area. This is clearly nonsense - his premises are in the heart of a residential area. He fails to address this issue at all,

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which leads us to conclude that he has no interest in maintaining public safety, despite creating a situation in which he is encouraging people to gather in a totally unsuitable location in the early hours of the morning.

3) PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE:
Acomb Wood Drive at this location already suffers from an accident problem, with speeding motorists on several occasions ending up in residents' gardens (including our own). To open this facility on a daily basis until the early hours will encourage more traffic onto a residential road which is not suited to it, and will also encourage more pedestrians as well. This could include groups of young people, with a high

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probability of noisy (and possibly drunken) behaviour, and I fail to see why local residents should have to endure this until 03.00 six days a week. We can also speak from current experience and predict with certainty that there will be a significant increase in litter in the area, which will of course end up in our gades. I am astonished to see that again, the applicant does not even address this issue.

7) PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM VARM: once again, the applicant fails to address this issue, despite creating a situation which is likely to lead to children out on the streets until the early hours.

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In short, this is an appalling application for an undesirable facility, which will significantly harm this residential location.

Yours faithfully,

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