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Dear Lesley Cook

RE: The Junction Pub

I am writing following the article published in The Press on 06/08/2008. I am a resident of the local area & my house faces onto Carleton Street & backs onto Carlisle Street & Since the current landlord took over we have experienced many problems caused by the pub & its patrons. On several occasions we ourselves have had to go out to its customers & ask for the noise to be reduced, that they move from the vicinity of our house or that they turn down their music. We have also called the police to many disturbances. Both my housemate & I work at the hospital & therefore both work shifts so we are often disturbed by noise & trouble from youngsters particularly when bands are on. Our house has been vandalised, cars vandalised, window boxes ripped up etc. Below is a list of problems:

- Young adults/teenagers gathering in the park on Carlisle street drinking alcohol, being noisy.
- Young Adults/teenagers gathering at the front & rear of our property at late hours, again drinking.
- Youngsters in their vehicles sat drinking & playing loud music in the Junction pub Car park or in front or behind our property.
- Youngsters fighting between themselves.
- No bouncers' on door to control excessive number of youngsters.
- Youngsters urinating against our rear gate & wall or the hedgerow opposite our house or against vehicles.
- Broken glass & cans litter the street most mornings after Bands. Also take away boxes & cigarette butts. Also thrown over our garden walls. The pub does usually clean the immediate area outside pub but this does not solve the problem of the rest of Carleton Street or Carlisle Street where it is littered especially the children's play area. We have complained to council about the state of the streets on a few occasions & this has eventually been sorted by the council.
- Often lots noise from either large amount of youngsters loitering in street or the bands themselves often played up until 1am.

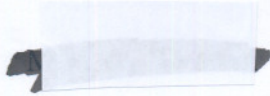
- Increased traffic on the two streets & lack of parking for residents due to people parking for pub. Also the younger drivers tend to drive very fast & sometimes clip cars as they go past.
- There is a wide pavement area directly behind No 30 (my property) & 31 (my neighbours) & we often find the bands vans or camper vans parked here blocking access to our back garden & on occasion this has made us late for work where we could not get out of the rear of the property with bikes. We have had to go to the pub to find the owner to ask them to move.
- We have tried to ring the pub several times when things have been particularly bad but there is no answer.
- I have video evidence of the noise levels down the street. The picture is not clear as lighting is bad on Carlisle Street, but the noise level is clear.
- Youngsters often leave glasses or litter on our windowsills & have been seen on occasion using the sills to take drugs.
- Recent occasion of a woman kicking the pub door in, screaming & crying, the pub lights were still on & we assumed they were having a lock in as there appeared to be customers still in the pub despite doors being locked. We called the police on this occasion.
- We have been verbally abused when trying to exit Carlisle Street in our car as the youngsters often congregate in the road & are reluctant to move so if you use your horn or try to move forward we are met with abuse.
- Youngsters seen sitting on or leaning on cars.
- We spoke to a young man one night when the noise was really bad & he stated there were too many people in the pub and there was not enough room to fit everyone in hence there being so many in the street, he also stated there were no doormen. He said he fully understood why we were so annoyed & didn't know how we put up with it.
- Bands parking their campervans in front of our houses & sleeping in them.
- Washing stolen from our back yard.
- Illegal parking at the top of Carlisle Street & Carleton street. Several times have nearly hit cars parked directly outside pub from his patrons.
- My house mate has had several sexual comments when walking past pub in her TA uniform.

We feel as just two local residents we would consider moving if we could afford it. The stress and anxiety caused by some of the behaviour & noise levels at bedtime is appalling. We are so angered by the problems caused by the pub we refuse to go in it.

I'm sure the landlord could police his band nights far better than he is by employing good door staff who will stop the youngsters spilling all the way down the street & stop them drinking in the street. I'm sure also that his customer numbers are higher than his pub can actually support. The article in The Press also stated problems were not in the day time but noise levels often start when the bands arrive early in the afternoon to set up, often with band members sat in car park drinking or listening to loud music in vans or rehearsing in the pub with the fire doors open so it can be heard down the street. We feel that the licence for The Junction should be stricter & more specific to maximum numbers allowed, how many nights he is allowed loud music & this checked up on. Also he should be regularly audited for underage drinkers. What

the landlord describes as 'petty issues' are not for us & I feel anger that he views the antisocial behaviour as such, but I'm sure he only cares about his profit. I am happy to provide the videos of noise levels & photographs of litter & broken glass to support our view. We look forward to hearing the outcome of the meeting.

Yours Sincerely

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Re: The Junction, Leeman Road

I would like to comment on the pub with regard to the forthcoming assessment of the licence. I have been a resident of Carleton Street for her years, which is normally a quiet residential street. I feel that the Junction has been given an inappropriate licence for a residential area. It is not a suitable location for a 7-nights-a-week live music venue. The noise, both from the music and the customers is considerable, particularly in the summer, when it is impossible to have the window open and sleep. The music often continues long after a reasonable closing time (which I would consider 11pm) - the pub is evidently open until 12 or 1am. The type of entertainment offered attracts hordes of rowdy teenagers on some occasions and screaming and shouting in the street is an additional problem. I have also witnessed a significant litter problem and urinating in the street. I am aware that there has been car crime on several occasions as well.

I would like to see the Council reconsider the terms of the licence with regard to what type of venue is appropriate to a quiet residential area.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to make a representation in favour of the review application pertaining to The Junction public house on Leeman Road.

The premise licence number is: CYC-008929.

My wife and I moved into our flat about 19 months ago. We live approximately 150 yards from The Junction pub. Every night we are disturbed by rowdy behaviour from groups of people leaving the pub. At weekends this frequently continues into the early hours. The type of noise varies from shouting and singing to shouts of verbal abuse and foul language. Litter is a real nuisance too including broken glass on the footpath and grass verges. I know of two fights which have taken place outside our flat after closing time.

We have a small fenced off green area with trees, shrubs and seats at the front of our block, which appears to be a particularly attractive place for some groups to stand around, joking, and disposing of paper litter, glass bottles, cans etc. Also, the railings are great for dragging sticks and bottles along, to create more noise. We are frequently awoken by all this.

There are frequently large groups of young people congregating on the pavements and grounds around the pub, drinking and smoking etc, which is intimidating, and my wife won't walk past them to get to our local shop.

Generally, our quality of life is diminished by the behaviour of the people who frequent this establishment, bearing in mind that there is live "entertainment" advertised 7 nights per week. Personally, I would like to see it closed down.

Yours faithfully,

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CARLETON ST  
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Dear Sir or Madam

As regards the application for a further license for the junction public house, as a resident of Carlton St I would like to say a few words, I have lived in the area for thirty five years and have never had a problem with the licensed property over the previous years, but in the last few months things have grown, possibly worse, more playing loud music 1.30 am people congregating in crowds outside the pub and also in the car park, I have also seen young people smoking in groups in the

childrens car park out of my bedroom window, where cars and motorbikes, I have seen children taking my grandchildren into play, there are also glasses and cans left in the street area from several litter, associated with outdoor drinking. The noise from the bands and the people outside is excessive to say the least. Possibly things could improve with door staff, I dont know but I do hope things improve if a license is granted.

Yours faith fully

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Dear Ms Cooke

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**Re: Junction, Leeman Road, York**

I understand that the council have at last agreed to review the suitability of the above premises to hold a late / entertainment licence.

I did attend a meeting to object to the issuing of the late licence as I felt that the pub had not been managed responsibly under the previous opening hours. At this meeting I was advised by the landlord that the late licence would be helpful in reducing the disturbance at the end of each evening as it would enable him to keep all his customers in the pub whilst waiting for taxis etc to take them home. This has clearly not been the case. On many occasions there are crowds of teenagers hanging around in the street and on the children's play area from as early as 6pm until the early hours of the morning. During this time they throw rubbish around, smash bottles, shout and generally cause a nuisance.

Since the extended licence has been granted I, and several of my neighbours, have had window boxes and planters smashed, graffiti sprayed on our gates. My caravan had abusive and threatening messages written on it, which the police investigated. On several occasions I have arrived home to find my planters being used as urinals. Cars are regularly damaged and recently a young couple had their car tipped over in the car park.

On evenings when there are gigs on at the Junction I spend the evening worrying about what damage will be caused and listening to their music along with the shouting and screaming etc from their customers. The following morning having not been able to get enough sleep I get up to find the street looking like a tip, covered in rubbish, glasses, cans, bottles and take away cartons which have been discarded. Not to mention the fact the both corners of the street regularly look like the contents of an ashtray. It makes living in Carleton Street a very unpleasant experience.

I sincerely hope that you will give consideration to the quality of life of the residents of Carleton Street and the suitability of a venue of this kind in a residential area when making your decision.

Yours sincerely

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Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2008

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in response to the article featured in the York Evening Press, dated 06/08/08 in relation to the Junction Pub. I understand that the council are inviting comments until September 1<sup>st</sup>.

I am a resident of Carleton Street and have lived here for over two years. There have previously been very few incidents of anti-social behaviour that I have been aware of. However in recent months I have become increasingly concerned with what appears to be an escalating problem with the behaviour of some of the patrons who are attending the regular music events.

I recently contacted the Police to report that my wing mirror had been broken. My car was parked next to the children's play area near the pub on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July. I know that it was a young male responsible for the damage. I know that he was attending an event at the pub because I witnessed him 'striking' my car as it was parked in full view of my bedroom window which faces the play area. In the last 3-4 months there have been two further incidents where my car has been damaged (car and passenger door was 'keyed' which cost me £150 excess on my insurance. My car bonnet was also written on with a black marker pen). I did not report these incidents at the time to the Police because I was uncertain where the damage had occurred. My car was parked by the play area on both the occasions where I was initially made aware of what had happened.

My overall general concerns about the pub are listed below;

- There appears to be no supervision **outside** the pub to control numbers that can quite often be in excess of up to 50-60 people at one time. This has quite often resulted in large groups of youths sitting outside peoples houses in Carleton Street
- After the pub has closed there are a number of youths hanging around in the car park and the surrounding area. They are normally extremely noisy and on



numerous instances I have been woken up by loud music being played in cars in the pubs car park. There again appears to be no action taken by the pub to move them away from the area

- There is quite often a great deal of 'mess' left on the mornings after, especially broken glass and empty beer cans being left in the children's play area. I have also witnessed individuals drinking out of pint glasses next to the play area
- The age of some of the people who are in the vicinity of the pub at the events is also questionable

I am a Crown Prosecution Service employee and I also work on behalf of North Yorkshire Police. I am very much aware of the names of some of the individuals who frequent the pub when these events are on. In large groups that are being attracted to the events I find it highly worrying that these types of people could be left unsupervised in a residential area with such easy access to alcohol. I have spoken to numerous other residents in the street and the surrounding area and they also have expressed the same concerns. I understand that it is a small minority who have caused problems; the vast majority are respectful and well behaved. The pub is an excellent venue for 'upcoming' bands and it would be a shame for that to stop, especially with the lack of activities/events for young people being so prevalent in the news. If the pub could make more of a visible effort to supervise its customers and show more respect to the local residents then this is all I could ask.

My last point however, concerns what I believe to be a moronic and arrogant attitude shown by the landlord, Mr Jones as per his comments in the article, showing what I have interpreted as him having little empathy for the local residents. These comments have done little to appease the situation. We quite often have to tolerate being unable to park our cars on a night as the street parking can be taken up by people attending events at his pub. This means that we run the risk of being given a parking ticket the following morning if our cars are not moved by 8am, this has almost happened to me on two separate occasions. Mr Jones states that he knows of no problems with the residents. My response is that I know of at least two residents who have previously openly voiced their concerns to the pub which has resulted in the pub 'barring' them because they have complained. It is highly likely that Mr Jones was not the Landlord at the time which I do take into account. With reference to the comment by him which states 'There have been petty issues with anti-social behaviour but that is synonymous with any lively pub'. My response to this is quite simple, I am sure that if Mr Jones had to pay out £80 to get his car repaired or other 'petty' damage to his property, for example if his car was parked outside somebody else's pub then he would no doubt have a different stance. I do not understand as a hard working tax payer why I have to tolerate any form of anti-social behaviour irrespective if I live near a 'lively' pub or not.

I look forward to your response

Yours Sincerely

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