

1<sup>st</sup> September 2009

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Mr Jonathan Kenyon  
Development Control Officer  
City of York Council  
Environment & Development Services  
9 St Leonard's Place  
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Dear Mr Kenyon,

**Re: Planning Application 09/01382/FUL – Variation of condition 1 of permission 05/01917/FUL to extend opening hours of café from 0700 – 1600 hours Monday to Saturday, to 0700 – 2400hrs Sunday to Thursday and 0700 – 0100hrs on Friday and Saturday.**

**Location: Star Coffee and Barbe-Q, 3 Acomb Road, York.**

Thank you for your recent email notification in respect of the above planning application.

I have read through the application and the associated documents and conducted a site survey of the area. I note from correspondence that the applicants would be agreeable to the premises closing at midnight as opposed to 0100hrs on a Friday and Saturday.



*Star Coffee & Barbe-Q Café/takeaway on left and Hot Chilli Pepper takeaway on right*

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An analysis of police-recorded incidents within a 50m radius of the site has been carried out by Safer York Partnership Crime Analyst, Ian Cunningham. This analysis covers a period from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009 and is attached to this document for information.

The analysis shows that the area surrounding the application site has suffered from problems of crime and anti-social behaviour in the past twelve months. However, there have been no reported incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour from the application premises themselves. There was only one reported crime from Hot Chilli Pepper, the hotfoot takeaway situated immediately next door (1 x Assault) and no reported incidents from the Silver Star Chinese takeaway opposite.

It would therefore be fair to say that there is no evidence that any of the hotfood takeaway premises located in this area have directly generated crime or anti-social behaviour.

I have spoken with Sgt John Bostwick, the officer responsible for policing this area, and he informed me that he was aware of only two incidents, one being criminal damage to a window and the other an assault outside Hot Chilli Pepper. He is not aware of any other crime and disorder issues associated with any of the hotfood takeaway premises.

I visited the site on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August and whilst there, I was approached by the applicant who invited me into his premises. I noted that a CCTV camera system was already installed and that cameras were situated both inside and outside the premises. I noted that this system had a four day recording facility.

I can confirm that the operating hours of surrounding premises, as highlighted in the report by Raymond Barnes, Town Planning Consultant, are correct.

Safer Places: The Planning System and Crime Prevention (Companion Guide to PPS1) states that "Places should be structured to minimise opportunity for conflict, especially when designing for mixed use development. The siting and design of potential honeypots (places where people congregate and linger) and hotspots (places where criminal and anti-social behaviour is concentrated) require particular attention so as not to bring crime to particular types of area. In certain circumstances it may be easier to manage a concentration of such places, so long as such concentration is not excessive."

Allowing the application premises to extend operating hours could have an impact on the amenity currently enjoyed by local residents and could have the potential for generating crime and anti-social behaviour problems. With this in mind, I would support the view of Craig Delorenzo, Environment Protection Officer, that should this application be successful, then the proposed operating hours should be subject to review after a 24 month period. This condition would allow for a crime impact assessment to be carried out.

I have liaised with our Police Licensing Department and the premises will require a Premises Licence to operate after 11pm at night. If the developer is successful and applies for a Premises Licence then our Licensing Department would ask for the same conditions as Hot Chilli Pepper to apply, e.g. CCTV coverage of the premises and all areas to which the public have access, including entrance area (already fitted), and the carrying out of a litter pick after closing.

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I hope you find this information useful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further details or information.

Yours sincerely,

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Jim Shanks  
Police Architectural Liaison Officer

Crime Prevention advice is given free without the intention of creating a contract. The Police Service do not take any legal responsibilities for the advice given. However, if the advice is implemented, it will reduce the fear of crime and the opportunities for crime to be committed.

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