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South parade, York, [REDACTED]

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Dear Council Committee Members,

I urge you to reject the application for the exaggeratedly extensive licensing hours (until 4.00 a.m. 7 days a week) at this place of 'entertainment'. A cinema can make money and still close at 11.30 or midnight (CF City Screen). The hours after midnight until 4.00 a.m. constitute extremely anti-social hours by any standards and are being sought simply as a result of commercial greed. It is vital that York City Council sends a clear message that it regards the social health of its residents and the appearance of a major entryroute into York more highly than the profit-interests and greed of one commercial company.

The reasons why I object to licensing the cinema to hours after midnight are:

- 1) Late-night 'entertainment', and associated drinking and eating (fast food) will detrimentally impact on Blossom street, Micklegate, and South Parade, where a large number of people, including children, live. I live in South parade and our sleep and our 7 year old's sleep will be disrupted until 4.00 a.m. every night of the week, if the license is granted.
- 2) Late night 'entertainment' is linked clearly to anti-social behaviour. York Council currently tries to address anti-social behaviour through policing and a policy of alleygating and such like. It is time for joined-up thinking. Refusing extended hours to licensed properties in the first place will actually reduce the anti-social behaviour, and obviate the need to close up ~~public~~ public streets in response to it. I.e., address the causes of anti-social behavior, which include late-night licensing hours, rather than simply chase up after it!
- 3) Granting a license to the cinema to remain open until 4.00 a.m. will inevitably unleash many further applications for equally long opening hours from businesses, including pubs, drinking dens, and fastfood outlets in the vicinity. This will detrimentally impact on the appearance of the area (litter, broken glass, used syringes) and on the mental and physical health of residents.

4) Depression and illness are far commoner in people who work night shifts than in those who work day-shifts. There is absolutely no need and no good reason (though there are many bad reasons) to extend the working day into the small hours. It is bad for the workers' health; and it will be damaging to the health of residents who are disturbed at night by the inevitable rowdiness, car doors slamming, and general noise as people arrive and leave throughout the small hours until 4.00 a.m.

5) Blossom street is an important entryway for visitors to York. It should be a beautiful showcase to the 18thC architectural splendours of the city, not a sub-Las Vegas sleezey area filled with drunken individuals late at night, litter, broken glass, and a squalid appearance.

It is time for York Council to put the health and well-being of its residents before the short-term commercial interests of a private firm.

For these reasons I urge you to reject the application.

Yours faithfully,

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SOUTH PARADE SOCIETY

- 3 AUG 2007

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C/o South Parade,
York

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Dear Sirs,

Subject – License Application by Reel Cinemas (UK) Ltd.
The ODEON, Blossom Street.

Having viewed Reel Cinemas License Application form for the Odeon Cinema we have the following comments to make:-

We query and object to the very late closing time applied for by Reel Cinemas. A four o'clock am. potential closing time seven days a week is quite unnecessary; especially as they claim that a normal closing time will be between eleven pm. and midnight.

If, as they claim the four am. closing time will be for infrequent special events, then they can apply for an extension as and when needed; at least in this way there will be proper control exercised.

As a local residents association we are pleased that the Odeon will remain a Cinema and that no request was made in the Application to serve or sell alcohol.

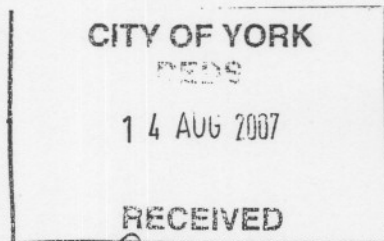
Yours faithfully,

[Redacted Signature] (Chairman)

CITY OF YORK COUNCIL
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The Odeon Cinema 13th August 2007.

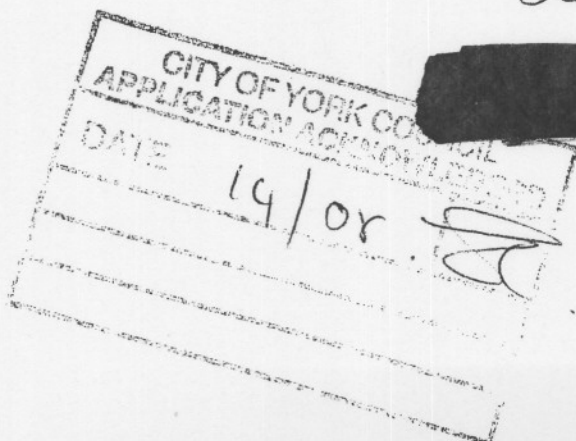
Dear Sirs,

I am delighted that the Odeon Cinema will reopen again it will be good to visit it.

But I am concerned that it may stay open until 4 A.M., I would have thought that 12 midnight is late enough.

This is a residential road & we do value the quiet nights so I do hope that the licence will take this into consideration.

Sincerely,



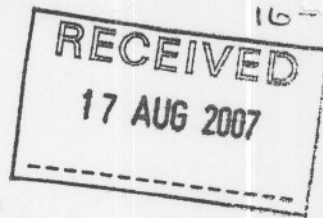
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The Crescent,
Blossom Street
York.

16-08-07.

City of York.
Licensing Section.
9 St Leonards Place,
York.
YO1 7ET.



Ref. CYC 013089.

Dear Sir,

Although I am pleased that the Odeon Cinema is to re open, I am appalled and horrified that Rock Cinemas have applied for opening doors 9AM to 4.00AM + 1 hour to 5AM. seven days a week, with this will come car engines and doors slamming plus peoples voices laughing chatting & shouting.

There are more than twenty individual residential households in the Crescent. - when do they

get to rest ² and sleep if not at night?

The Crescent is a curved terrace of five story high houses - built circa. 1860. On the other side of the road is the side wall of the cinema (with two exits on to the car park) built 1937 (see sketch) as you will see this forms an area almost enclosed by high buildings - which means that any noise is magnified as it echoes and bounces off the buildings. If these hours are allowed they will produce disturbance and public nuisance throughout the night. At present the Crescent is quiet during the night enabling the residents to get their rest.

The city report dated Feb. 2007 stated that it was aware of the increase in late night noise - this will

add another ³ area ~~to~~ to the areas already affected.

I note also that Blossom Street (and ~~is~~ therefore The Crescent) is in the Cumulative Impact Area and understanding that this area is deemed to have more than enough late licenses without ~~adding~~ granting new ones.

Basically The Crescent is residential and therefore totally unsuitable for these all night hours proposed.

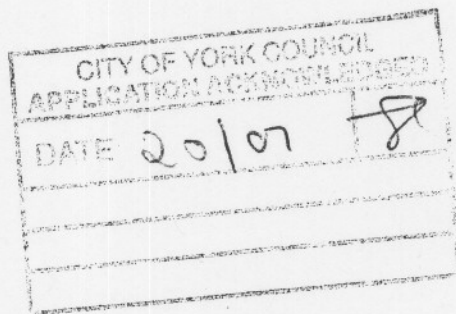
Cinemas usually finish showing films around 11 PM or on occasions around 12 o'clock in which case hours 9.00 AM to midnight or on occasion 9.00 AM to 1 AM should be sufficient.

May I also suggest that Reel should have to ask for temporary events as they are needed.

where do Reel Cinemas plan to accommodate smokers in view of the new no smoking laws - will they be also

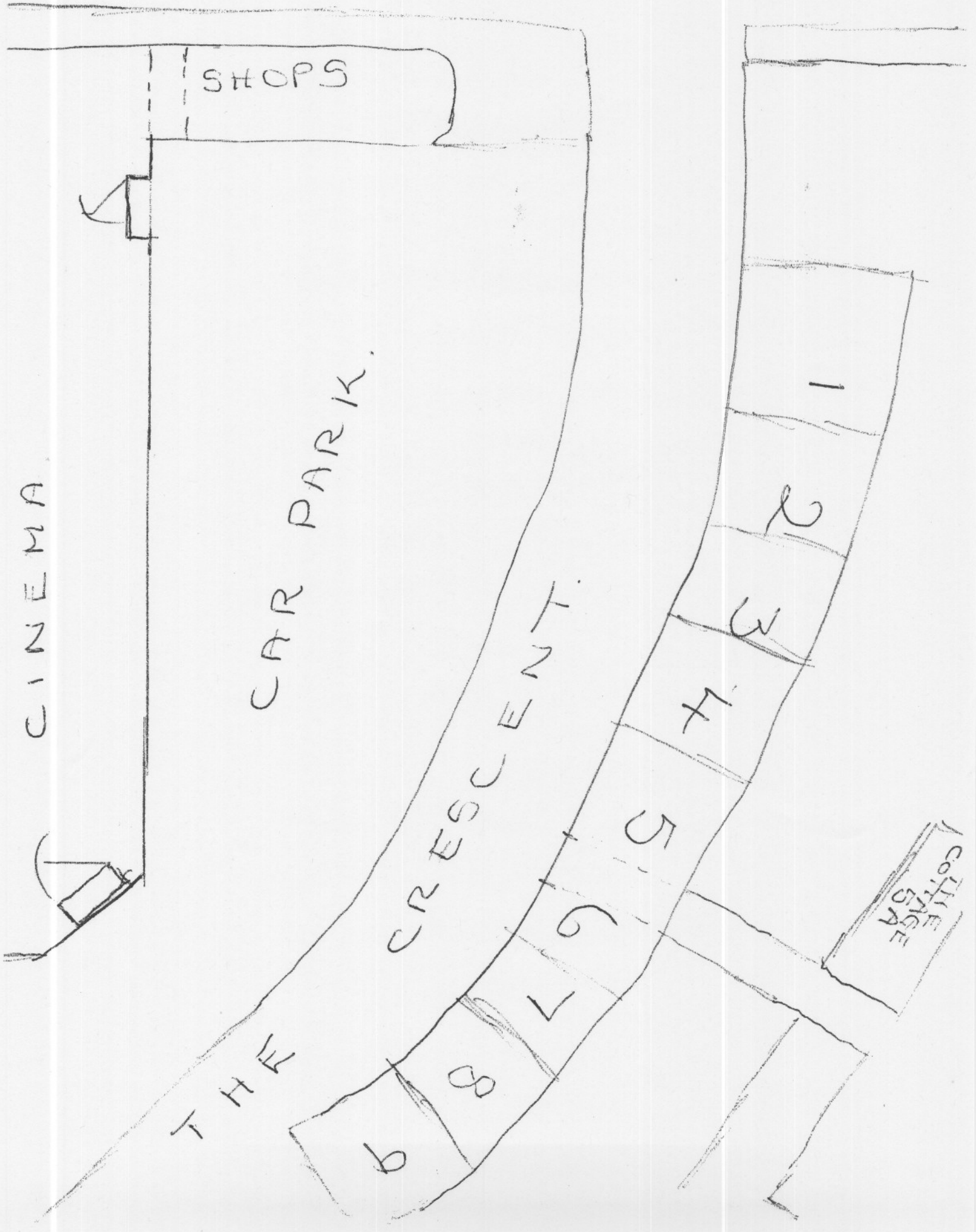
adding to the ⁴noise etc. in the
car park?

yours faithfully

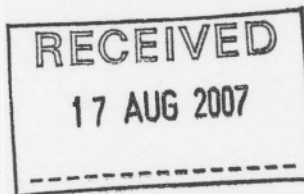


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South Parade
York
Aug 17 2007

City of York council
licensing Section
9 St Leonard's Place
YORK
YO1 7ET

Dear Sir

Ref. Odeon Cinema, Blossom St

I am writing in connection with the new operating license application from Reel Cinemas (UK).

While we welcome the planned refurbishment and re-opening of this building as a cinema, we have strong reservations about the extended opening hours of opening proposed. The building is in a predominately residential area where a midnight closure is quite late enough. The application requests a license for operation between 9.00am and 4.00am seven days a week but only for 'occasional' (but unlimited) special events. Departing customers will create noise, traffic and disruption and if a license is granted on these terms we can expect this to be an increasing occurrence if these events are a commercial success for the company.

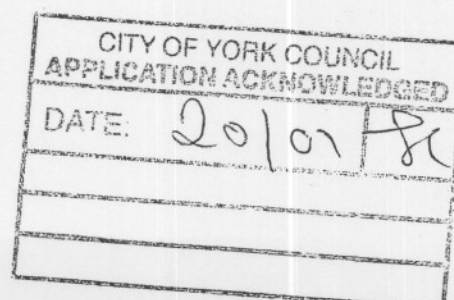
This would clearly put an additional strain on the surrounding residents who are already burdened with noisy, often drunken and inconsiderate late-nighters returning from Micklegate who regularly drop litter, vomit and urinate (and worse) in our gardens and on our doorsteps.

The Micklegate and Blossom Street area of the city has too many clubs, pubs and venues as things stand creating pressures for the surrounding areas. Adding more potential for late night noise and disturbance should be strongly rejected. Those 'occasional' special events should be the subject of individual temporary license applications, and these should be kept to a minimum.

As residents of the City of York and council tax payers we have a right to expect to be able to sleep at night and it is the duty of the elected Council to protect and support these rights.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]



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PLANNING

20 AUG 2007

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To

The City of York Council,
Licensing Section,
9 St Leonards Place,
York YO1 7ET

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Resident's displeasure over the proposed timings of REEL Cinema, York.

I am a resident of Flat 2, 2 The Crescent, York. I have recently come to know that the Odeon Cinema right across our house has been taken over by REEL CINEMA (UK) Ltd and they have plans of running this cinema hall from 9:00AM to 4:00AM next morning.

I will sincerely like to state that if the timings proposed here are correct, they are very odd and will be quite unpleasant from the point of view of the Crescent residents. The proposed timings (especially the closing time of 4:00 AM in the morning) will be detrimental to the life of the residents of this area. These timings will potentially create huge nuisance value, with which I and the other residents have to grapple everyday.

With this letter, I will like to convey my unhappiness over these timings and will request the city council to look into this issue and address it suitably taking into consideration the peaceful living of the residents of Crescent.

Thanking You.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The Crescent
York [REDACTED]

