

Annex C

In Your opinion, what is good about the city centre and the activities in York after 5pm?

1	Nothing
2	Very little
3	Between 5.30pm and 7pm it is dead
4	Unique shops and the ability to support local trades people
5	Theatre cinema and restaurant
6	Very pretty, particularly in the winter and at Christmas
7	A pleasant city to walk round (if you keep away from the Micklegate end), decent pubs and restaurants, always something going on.
8	Great selection of pubs. The recent illuminating York festival was really good. York Explore library is open till 8pm which is very convenient. The new evening bus ticket on First buses is a good idea.
9	The City is still beautiful, well lit and has good cultural events
10	Good variety
11	The clubs and some shops that are open late. Some of the activities such as illuminating York.
12	Good atmosphere up to around 9pm
13	Beautiful city
14	It can be a really lively and convivial place. All sorts of different people are out on the streets - theatregoers, clubbers, buskers, the homeless, Food Not Bombs...
15	Good range of pubs
16	The buzz and atmosphere; it's a beautiful city by night and there's lots to do from a social point of view.
17	Restaurants and live music
18	The city centre always looks really pretty all lit up and there are lots of nice little bars. However all the cafes and shops are shut and there are never any evening markets or stalls or things to visit.
19	Density and variety for a small city

20	Plenty of nice restaurants, pubs and bars, as well as clubs. Also, they shut off all the roads except to taxis and buses.
21	The town is dead usually as so much is closed. I'd like more cafés and places like Borders used to be. Lots of live music.
22	There are a wide variety of restaurants bars and pubs open till late.
23	Lots of pubs
24	Very good pubs, bars and restaurants
25	The bars and clubs available.
26	Clubs are OK, pubs are fantastic!
27	Restaurants and bars and cinema (City screen)
28	Nightlife.
29	It's beautiful, especially towards Christmas as all the lights and decorations go up.
30	No shoppers Mid week can be calm and when light York looks fabulous and I'm proud to live her
31	Wide variety of activities available.
32	Quite a compact area for drinking and eating out.
33	Good variety
34	Very calm, picturesque and relaxing.
35	Day tourists have left and there's a more localised atmosphere
36	York ik beautiful in the dark - especially with the lighting! It should be enjoyed much more!
37	Lots of restaurants.
38	It's pretty and the pubs/etc are very good
39	After work.
40	Things are close together so it's easy to get around.
41	The choice of pubs is superb. There are also many great restaurants.
42	It's dense enough to have that "bustling" feeling.
43	Theatre and City Screen
44	The festivals and choice of places to eat and drink.
45	Choice
46	Restaurants and the theatre
47	Increase in cafes/restaurants opening until later.
48	Restaurants and bars
49	Very little - the cinema on Coney Street?

50	Musical concerts Wide range of restaurants
51	Lots of restaurants / coffee shops
52	The outdoor cultural shows are great (Museum Gardens, Illuminating York). They are also very child-friendly, so we attend those.
53	I LIKE that shops close at 5-6pm. Appreciate that there is a range of cultural activities - plenty of theatres, live music.
54	There are some very nice pubs!
55	I like restaurants, and there are some nice ones in town. There is also more live music available than many people credit York for, at the Basement, Fibbers, Duchess, Barbican as well as pubs, and this I like.
56	There is a good mix of things for people of all ages and interests
57	plenty of pubs and bars, plenty of people, all good
58	At the moment, very little. Special events like Illuminating York and the food festival are great.
59	Best things are the theatres.
60	Lively. varied pubs. Music scene getting better.
61	I particularly like the evening events aimed at everyone including families - such as Illuminating York and the walking around theatre type events - where there is a nice, friendly atmosphere
62	Xmas late night shopping - markets etc tend to give the place a nice glow and friendly atmosphere. Events such as Illuminating York facilitate a more family-friendly atmosphere.
63	Liveliness
64	Restaurants and cocktail bars
65	Lots of bars and restaurants. Proximity to everything.
66	The range of festivals, places to eat, bars and theatre.
67	Not a lot.
68	Good range of restaurants bars and cinemas/Theatre
69	The ability to cycle through the centre, it is a shame York cannot be more like European cities that conveniently and safely allow cyclists to cycle pedestrian areas all day
70	Large range of pubs, bars and restaurants
71	It's still quite busy after 5pm going into the evenings which is a bonus!

72	York has a vibrant cultural life after 5pm, with various bars and restaurants and cinemas and theatres. It is also a beautiful city in which to take a walk after 5pm.
73	Nice pubs
74	Variety of options available
75	The City Screen is great, as is Bettys.
76	Nice pubs and restaurants
77	It is compact and easy to get around on foot.
78	Good variety of restaurants. Live music in pubs. There is a buzz about.
79	The city is very attractive at night.
80	Cafés are still open
81	Good choice of pubs, plenty of people generally still about.
82	There are plenty of bars and restaurants to choose from.
83	Lots of nice pubs/bars.
84	Nice restaurants
85	There is plenty of variety in places to eat and drink and having the cinema is good too.
86	The range of festivals and events - though most of these happen in the winter months is seems
87	It feels safe to walk around compared to larger cities I have lived in such as Manchester
88	There is a lot, perhaps more than many cities of a similar size. Plenty of club/society friendly pubs which people can gather, many events (theatre, dance, art, live music).
89	Yes late night shopping would be great. It would help with restaurants too, and would be good if it was Wednesday or Thursday. Would also draw in a different crowd of people and 'dilute' the number of club goers etc, so they wouldn't appear so bad perhaps?
90	Lots of pubs, restaurants, clubs.
91	The City Screen is great for both films and gigs, however, if you find yourself in York after 8pm there really isn't a lot to do other than go to a pub or club. It's a shame!
92	Number of pubs and restaurants in the vicinity.
93	Lots of nice pubs
94	Not much. It's just a place to hang out and meet friends.
95	There are a lot of restaurants

96	Pubs, bars, restaurants, theatres.
97	The variety of restaurants, cocktails bars, pubs and clubs
98	The different bars, pubs and restaurants are good and varied.
99	The pubs are a brilliant part of the city and if they stayed open late I would happily spend all evening in them rather than the bars which open later. More Cafes should stay open later to offer alternatives, although City Screen is a good place to go if you want a chat and a brew.
100	The centre is beautiful and full of great places to eat and visit
101	Energy, excitement, sense of occasion - the night life of the city is a good thing it just needs to be balanced with other ways of being in the city centre. We don't want to gentrify York beyond recognition - just create a range of options and different ways of being out at night in York.
102	Great food and social scene
103	Not much
104	Real ale pubs and the local pub scene is great
105	Lots of choice so catering for all people
106	There is a diversity of offers
107	It's just a city centre.... nothing special..and that's fine
108	An excellent example of what I feel York should be like after 5pm was seen in the recent "illuminating York" festival - a good-natured throng of all ages, enjoying themselves. Unfortunately the usual rowdiness returned after 9 pm.
109	It is better than most towns. It would be good to have a more cafe society
110	Good choice of new bars in Minster Quarter. Decent Restaurants
111	Atmosphere of the city, social activities - food and drinks, cinema etc. It's a shame shops close so early because it means people leave the city early.
112	The city centre is very attractive after dark and there is a good selection of pubs and the restaurants seem to be improving. There is very little outside of that.
113	Good selection of craft beer bars
114	Live entertainment, lots of options for pubs, easy to walk around
115	Great range of cultural activities - the city screen in particular is fantastic

116	When shops are open later it encourages those who work in the city centre to shop later. I would be happy to shop later in the evening, especially in the summer months when it is lighter late on.
117	That it's full of bars and restaurants
118	Good bars and restaurants
119	Restaurants
120	The Cinema and theatres plus many of the restaurants and pubs do offer great variety and service
121	None, there needs to be more bike racks if you want people to bike into the city centre.
122	Great independent bars and restaurants. Theatre has good shows every now and again. Plus the opera house has good touring shows.
123	Restaurants and the arts venues
124	More shops seem to be opening later in the evenings until 6pm (e.g. Boots, H&M, Lush)
125	Looks nice, always safe, good events on Parliament St,
126	Lots of good places to eat
127	Generally easy to walk around and admire. Those small express shops help make the centre useful at night
128	Variety of activities
129	Currently the Christmas Lights add to the ambience Good theatres Choice of restaurants
130	Restaurants
131	Good variety of night life in terms of bars/restaurants but not much cultural activity except very rarely ie illuminate York, late museum openings etc, not many shops open
132	York is quite pretty in the dark too - I like the central cinema & nice pubs. I like that there's a bit of variety in the type of pub you can go to.
133	Vibrant and lively (although very drink focussed)
134	There is a vibrant and sociable atmosphere in the city at night
135	Shops open, lively restaurant culture and bar culture, cinema, live music, live comedy, lectures.

136	It would be hard to expect shops to stay open later regularly due to costs of staffing and heating etc. I can see that some would like a little longer though and would then possibly stay for food, drinks or cinema/theatre. If so the Park & Ride times would need extending, as they should be to help the city remain open
137	Nicely lit - some streets in the historical areas very attractive after dark
138	Ambience and general York historic buildings
139	It is an attractive and lively place and better than other comparable sites in Tyne/Tees/Yorkshire
140	Vibrant and historic - valid reason to promote tourism
141	Currently the good things about it after 5pm are, the pubs, clubs and bars. Also the cinema and various restaurants. Not a lot else shopping wise as everything closes at 5:30.
142	It is quiet on weekdays but that's not a good thing...
143	THE ACTIVITIES ALREADY MENTIONED BUT NOT ENOUGH AND TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON THOSE WHO COME JUST TO DRINK AND GET DRUNK
144	Bars, clubs and restaurants are fantastic, and York is an ideal and rather beautiful place to visit in the evenings.
145	The city centre cinema; late night shopping at Christmas;
146	The fact that shops are not open late creates a different ambience to the night time city, it feels much more relaxed and sociable. Allowing later opening times in retail would spoil that atmosphere and make it less attractive.
147	Picturehouse Cinema. Great choice of places to eat and drink. Pubs have a good selection of quizzes, music etc.
148	Cinema, the places on Walmgate, things off the stag and hen party slalom. The theatre is great and Illuminating York this year brought the city to colourful life. This is a beautiful city - behaviour controls need bringing in.
149	Being a small city York does feel relatively safe on an evening and it is a pretty city whether on a summers evening or when decorated with Christmas lights so it is usually attractive. I also like it when you come across something unexpected like finding artwork hanging from the bar walls or the Minster lit up with lasers.
150	It is very picturesque, compact and full of wonder. However, we do not do our best to show the best parts off.

151	The pubs of the city are of national standing and are, on the whole, very well managed and very safe, pleasant places to have a social evening.
152	Lots of good pubs and restaurants, cinema and the theatre.
153	Very little. City screen is only thing that comes to mind
154	Many make the Most of the environment eg illuminating york, st Nicholas fair etc.
155	Poor
156	It is picturesque with plenty of eating, drinking and entertainment
157	The number of bars and experiences to be found in York is inexhaustible, and York attracts many people from outside the city meaning you can be guaranteed an eventful night.
158	Some varied activities at certain times of the year.
159	No activities for families
160	York is a beautiful city which buzzes at all times. It has plenty of venues and activities to suit all ages and tastes at night but one that surprises me is that the coffee bar chains close so early.
161	Bars and restaurants
162	Walking round the centre when it is less busy with shoppers to see the sights. But after 8pm, we do not stay in the centre if out for a walk, due to the drunken yobbish behaviour often seen.
163	Lots of variety, good bars, good cultural activities such as theatre and good venues for music, as well as interesting events throughout the year.
164	Pretty and so many cafes and bars. Still things to see in the streets
165	It's a safe and vibrant city centre.
166	Increasingly diverse eating and drinking experience that has emerged over last 2 decades.
167	NOTHING

168	When the shops/markets are open late, the atmosphere is completely different. York traders currently waste the opportunity that other European cities do not. I know the weather in the UK does not lend itself to Mediterranean style living, but the vibrancy of the Xmas shopping/market opportunities show that people are up for it. So, what is good are the evenings when more people are out, enjoying a range of activities, not just (predominantly) young people out boozing. What is poor is the lack of choice year round - I tried to get a cup of coffee (not in a pub) on Goodramgate on a weekday at 5pm, and failed.
169	There are lots of good attractions - places to eat, theatre, cinema
170	VARIETY
171	There are lots of nice pubs and bars all close together and in well lit safe areas
172	Early dinner offers and the abundance of cultural offerings
173	Lots of things to do, in a beautiful and pretty safe location.
174	I don't really use the city after 5pm. Once I have finished work I usually head home.
175	Markets in Parliament St. Festivals. Number of restaurants and bars giving a choice of different experiences.
176	One-off events like Blood and Chocolate Theatre.
177	Choice of beer and pubs
178	Not much
179	Late night shopping at Christmas is good, although the shops still are not open long enough!
180	Good selection of restaurants and bars, cinemas, theatres
181	Variety of activities
182	Theatre, Grand Opera House
183	The other students who make you feel like your among peers in a safe atmosphere
184	Great Bars and Restaurants
185	It's a pleasant surprise when shops stay open.
186	Stonegate area has a nice feel, particularly in the summer when can use outside seating areas.
187	Not much, unless there is a specific thing on I proactively avoid York city centre most evenings and weekends.

188	Generally safe and plenty of people around, generally good natured. Pedestrian streets and riverside is attractive setting especially in summer for wide range of activities. Festivals and artistic offer gives attractive range of activities
189	Good mix of restaurants, pubs, theatres and cinemas.
190	Variety
191	Plenty of variety in a relatively safe setting.
192	Good mix of bars and restaurants.
193	Bars and restaurants.
194	Many restaurants now make it easier to just walk in and get a table on spec.
195	Plenty of pubs and reasonable restaurants. Theatres OK but now difficult to access due to traffic restrictions and adequate parking for larger events
196	The sheer beauty and history.
197	Restaurants are of good quality and events such as illuminate York good for all the family
198	The real ale pubs and some of the restaurants
199	Plenty of choice, friendly.
200	Lots of theatre choice.
201	It is a very attractive place at night, and it is stil comparatively safe and pleasant.
202	Cultural event, Libraries open late so why not Galleries? Good bars and food offer, City Screen wonderful. All your Festivals especially Illuminating York - my kids love that and the atmosphere changes in the city at night time when that is on. Christmas events especially when the retailers open late for it. York is magical at Christmas times.
203	Range of activities.
204	I don't have an opinion as I rarely come
205	Good night life
206	Special events are good quality and very enjoyable, more please!
207	The first late night shopping days just before Xmas were great, nearly everyone open entertainment on the streets - interesting and bubbling its not just the shops that need to be open but there needs to be entertainment places bars and cafes more family friendly

208	Theatres etc.
209	The night life is much more vibrant than other local towns such as Selby and Doncaster and the setting is much more pleasant to enjoy. Plus there is a wider spread of cultured activity around the city than in other local areas.
210	Early evening offers various attractions
211	Currently, the cinema and the theatre.
212	Currently, not enough goes on in the centre after 5pm. It really feels like 5 o'clock rolls round and the city centre just stops.
213	It gives more options for people who are at work till 5 and also for tourists to stay in the city longer and enjoy it.
214	Wide range of bars, restaurants both theatres are good but not having a venue for bigger acts is disappointing
215	There is often something happening, be that a festival by the market or a theatrical performance somewhere. It means that there is often something to do, and somewhere different to meet friends. Having a city like this improves the work-life balance.
216	City Screen
217	Eateries are good, but the centre looks drab because most of the shops are closed...if some of the bigger stores were open there would be less emphasis on drinking and getting drunk, and more focus on getting out and about
218	Not much unless you drink to excess.
219	There is little actually. If it wasn't for the fact that York is so beautiful in the dark, I would not venture in
220	Theatres.
221	Not a lot.
222	There are many good quality bars and restaurants in the city centre which seem to mainly what attracts me and others in the evening.
223	Places to eat and drink and the theatre and cinema
224	York can be vibrant and exciting, such as illuminating York, Ghost walks, and Plays in the Park but it is not viable to have these all the time. Not sure I would use late night shopping personally. Great theatres and plays but buses don't run after 8pm which means driving in or taking a taxi.
225	Pubs, cinema

226	We do have some particularly nice bars and eateries. It is a pleasure to live in such a place which is steeped in history, with amazing buildings and architecture.
227	I HAVE ALWAYS FOUND THE SOCIAL LIFE IN YORK TO BE GOOD ESPECIALLY THE PUBLIC HOUSES
228	Its mainly the nice restaurants and city screen cinema that brings us in. Think about late night shopping on a Thursday like other cities. Xmastime really needs late night opening more
229	The nicer bars and restaurants.
230	Nothing much. All for tourists not residents
231	The city centre is dying, without good shops it has no future except as a tourist place. Without a radical change of plans by the council to encourage business it has no future
232	It's my home city - there's so much on offer, restaurants, entertainment, pubs, bars and cafes
233	I like that York is quite a busy town and that there is a mixture of old and new streets to walk along in the evening. For eating out, I think that York has got a good and growing foodie culture. Also, though there are issues with behaviour and safety in York, I still think it is a comparatively safe place to live and work in, and also to be out in during the evening. I have lived here for three years now and though I have had some not so nice experiences, they have not been too serious.
234	Good selection of pubs/bars/restaurants/theatres
235	Good range of cultural activities and restaurants and pubs, but atmosphere in City centre completely dominated by those drinking excessively.
236	Nothing apart from everything closing
237	Very wide range of pubs open
238	Good pubs and restaurants
239	City screen is excellent but there is no where else to go early evening. Shame bookshops don't even stay open late as Borders used to. Think many people who work in city would spend money in clothes shops etc if they were open til 7 pm as they are in other cities, as Weekends can be very busy.
240	Pubs restaurant's theatre pictures
241	Choice of pubs and restaurants, plus city screen and theatres
242	Plenty of pubs and restaurants, central cinema and theatres

243	Not a lot
244	There is a good range of options to take part in arranged activities, e.g. talks, walks, launch events. I appreciate have a city centre cinema, and the theatre. There is an excellent range of places to eat and to have a drink with friends; I particularly like the variety of venue from traditional pub to cocktail bar.
245	In summer, York is a lovely place to wander about and admire before the sun sets. There are some very good restaurants, regardless of season.
246	Nothing
247	Many different events going on. Lot of choice about where to go. Feels safe.
248	Nothing
249	Good range of pubs and restaurants
250	Some shops are open until 6pm or later. There's a great range of restaurants, bars and pubs to choose from.
251	The Minster looks nice when it's lit up. Stonegate can be quite nice as well.
252	It looks pretty
253	Nice to stroll around but not much to do.
254	City Screen is a great cinema with a good atmosphere & facilities, putting on a good variety of films and events
255	Variety of restaurants and other places to eat/drink three venues for shows/plays etc
256	Good selection of bars and restaurants
257	Mostly activities for adults
258	When it's not dead it's a lively city full of good pubs nice city centre to live in night and day
259	Number and variety of pubs and restaurants.
260	It's really nice to walk through the city centre in the evenings, the lighting is good and looks enchanting on the river and on the Guildhall and Minster. We have good theatres and now that the Barbican is open again we are getting good acts again. Activities that set us apart like The Mystery Plays, The light show at the Castle Museum, Ebor Vox and Blood and Chocolate make events interesting and want to attend. We have some fabulous restaurants and bars which are independent and welcoming.
261	The vibrancy of certain areas

262	Not much
263	Not a great deal, 1 cinema, 1 decent theatre, other than that, its bars and restaurants
264	The lighting on the cobbled streets. The cafe/bars. The trees in Parliament Street. The views from cafe windows. The cinema and theatre.
265	Swinegate area seems to do well, but the rest of the city is a bit bleak after 5.
266	York's pubs are excellent but shops should stay open till 8 or so
267	I actually love York between about 6pm and 8pm because it's at its quietest in the centre, it's really beautiful and you can walk around with plenty of space and few people about, it's nice to go sit by the river or have a drink at that time especially in spring/summer. It's that time where most people go home, leave college or go back to their hotels so it's really lovely, everyone comes out again after 8. I love a good night out but it's nice for a small city centre like York to have a couple of hours where there is a bit of space and quiet! I think it would be a bad idea to extend opening hours, shops are open 7 days a week, do we need anymore? Has anyone actually got any money to spend?
268	Vast array of eateries
269	City centre shops are shut more seating is available in parliament street.
270	Beautiful city with many nice places to go. It's the visitors that often cause the issues.
271	I think there is a good tea time bar scene, with major offices and in the city centre, these workers use the bars and restaurants after work and the bars actively advertise things such as 241 cocktails and dinner offers to them to pull them in.
272	The theatres. Restaurants are good, but if the children are with us, we would rather go out of town.
273	It can be quieter, and easier to move around.
274	Good variety of bars with quiz's and events. Excellent city centre cinema. Nice restaurants. Generally good touring productions/comedians at the theatre.
275	Theatres, cinema, restaurants
276	its fine, just let businesses do their thing....
277	The range of pubs and restaurants.
278	Good pubs

279	York is such an accessible city - small enough to traverse in a few minutes, small enough to care. It has some lovely, interesting, independent restaurants and bars.
280	Cultural, tradition and historical nature
281	York has excellent restaurants, and excellent pubs. I just wish we could use the pubs more at the weekend.
282	Plenty of theatre and cinema, and some good restaurants
283	Caters for all tastes, some fantastic bars and pubs with great character and personality
284	Its compact, don't have far to walk to get around. Lots of nice restaurants & bars