

To Whom It May Concern

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Licensing Act 2003
Application for a Premises Licence
Premises : Hotel du Vin, York

We represent Hotel du Vin (York) Limited and your recent letter of representation sent to York City Council Licensing Department has been passed to us for attention.

As you may be aware, the Licensing Act 2003 came into force on the 24th of November 2005. The new Act required certain activities such as live and recorded music to be licensed. The application for a Premises Licence to include licensable activities such as live and recorded music, dancing and late night refreshment is necessary for the Hotel to enable them to hold functions such as New Year's Eve, Valentine's Evening etc and to serve hot food and drinks, if required, after 11:00 pm. The Hotel may also hold private functions such as Wedding receptions.

Our clients have the benefit of a Provisional Licence which was granted in August of last year. We confirm that our client has agreed to all of the conditions on the Provisional Licence being imposed upon the new Premises Licence, with the exception of condition 1 which states that "private functions shall cease at midnight Sunday to Thursday."

Whilst it is not the intention of our clients to hold musical events every evening from Monday to Sunday until 1am, our clients must consider the possibility that there may be occasional evenings, such as a private function, when they are requested to carry on to 1 am.

Our clients are first and foremost an Hotel and the comfort of their residents and consideration to the neighbourhood is paramount. The Hotels are managed by experienced and fully trained staff.



With regard to the planning restriction which states that "all external drinking areas, other than the courtyard, shall be vacated, cleared and cleaned by 23:30 hours," we confirm for the avoidance of doubt that this restriction will be strictly adhered to.

We further confirm that the courtyard area, which is within the building envelope, shall be vacated by midnight, at the latest.

We understand your concerns regarding increased traffic flow. Our clients do telephone, free of charge, taxis for patrons in an effort to control the number of people standing outside the Hotel and to encourage guests to attend functions without cars.

Further, notices will be placed at exits requesting patrons to leave the premises quietly and to respect the neighbourhood residents.

We re-iterate it is the intention of our clients to continue to carry on the premises first and foremost as an Hotel. Noise pollution will be kept to a level so as to cause minimum disturbance to the residents either within the Hotel or within the neighbouring surroundings.

We trust we have addressed your concerns satisfactorily and, if so, we should be grateful if you could confirm whether you are prepared to withdraw your representations made to the Council.

Should you require any further information or if you would like to discuss the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Cheryl Oliver
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