

From: [Aliza Kofman](#)
To: [Licensing Central](#)
Subject: Re: Subject: Re: No. 1 representation - The Drunken Piglet, Harrogate - CX144069 response from applicant
Date: 28 January 2026 03:02:41

Under noise management point no. 6, as the photo of the owner in the outside crowd is unclear I deleted the statement. Please use the revised below letter instead.

Dear Paula,

Please use this letter instead of that sent Jan. 27th at 21:30:49

Thank you so much for the email. Somehow it got lost in my mailbox and so now I am responding, apologies for the delay. There will also be a hearing with the Drunken Piglet on Friday regarding the request to extend their license, I do hope you will attend.

Attached are

1. Two social media posts showing the venue advertising serving alcohol until 11PM - this signifies a possible breach of the current alcohol license.
2. Two photos showing the Drunken Piglet operating until 11PM and the owners leaving after 2am
3. Two photos of noisy crowds outside - one taken [REDACTED] [REDACTED] evidencing a group obstructing [REDACTED], drinking and unmanaged outdoor congregation.
4. Photo of cigarettes [REDACTED] - and view of the proximity of the patio and it's ledge where patrons sit [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
5. Attached is an audio clip [REDACTED] of voices and music - evidence of the nuisance and need for mitigation - the recording is time stamped on my phone.

I have other recordings and photos that can be provided if requested.

Please note, I am not opposed to a business operating and am not preventing reasonable commercial activity. **However, the evidence seems to demonstrate that this applicant cannot be trusted with extended hours and has not effectively responded**

to my expressed concerns to date.

I live [REDACTED] the Drunken Piglet and experience almost daily distress.

In response to the Drunken Piglets letter:

I don't believe that the Drunken Piglet is food-led, though they do offer a wonderful food menu.

1. Bookings are only permissible for parties more than 6 - per their website - not characteristic of a food led environment
2. There is vertical drinking both inside and outside of the venue.
3. Patrons move fluidly between the inside and outside for extended socialization throughout the night to drink and smoke, which is conduct incongruous with a restaurant.
4. Since the opening in November, patrons sit smoke and talk on the patio ledge, [REDACTED]. When the patio is full, they move to the street [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I am worried about the greater disruption in the warmer months
5. The Drunken Piglet promotes themselves online as a wine bar with small bites and your "new favorite bar in Harrogate".
6. The music played is not background music as it would be for a restaurant; we regularly hear the crowds' voices and loud music - particularly the bass throughout the nights.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
7. The venue promotes a game booth where patrons can just come in to play games and drink
8. They have promoted happy hour and microphoned quiz-nights where I can hear the audience and miked event clearly [REDACTED] Quiz nights are advertised to take place now once a month.
9. The venue erected a handrail on the patio ledge [REDACTED] [REDACTED] since a client became rowdy, was inebriated, and fell off the ledge [REDACTED]
10. Social media reviews describe the venue as a "boozier", and the bar as being huge with a large standing area. (I can provide the reviews if needed)
11. Videos from their site show videos of a healthy bar environment, with customers mingling. Seating is not required.

12. The Venue books private parties with loud music. (photos and social media available)
13. Initially the venue requested an extension for every day until midnight.

All of these are indicative of a bar that serves food and not just a food-led venue. I expect if you looked at the finances the majority of their income is from alcohol.

Noise Management - inside and outside

1. The music is loud and can be heard regularly [REDACTED] [REDACTED] There are also reverberations [REDACTED] [REDACTED] when the sound is turned up. On several occasions we needed to leave [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and then turn on the radio fit block out the sound. I am happy to supply some audio recordings [REDACTED]
2. The live music - on burns night we heard the live bagpipes clearly [REDACTED]
3. A decibel app recorded a 10 decibel increase from normal when the venue is active.
3. A soundproof engineer visited both the establishment and my flat in early November and assessed that unless professionally sound proofed I would experience this noise nuisance.
4. I have emails showing that the Drunken Piglet acknowledged the noise issue and that they would soundproof. On December 31st I was informed by Max, the owner, that sound proofing was too costly.
5. There is vertical drinking outside so loud and inebriated patrons regularly through the patio, streets and doorways.
6. No evidenced crowd dispersal is implemented.
7. I have video from [REDACTED] documenting the noise and congregation of the crowd [REDACTED]

Capacity

1. I am pleased to hear that the venue is now willing to discuss capacity. I have documented in my diary that Olsi, an owner, said that they would not turn away customers, and that if even 60 more people showed up they wouldn't turn them away.

Landlord Support

1. Respectfully, the landlord and his wife are regular patrons of the bar; if they [REDACTED] they would work to resolve the nuisances.
2. The Drunken Piglets owners encouraged me to speak with the landlord about my concerns and to not contact the council.

Outside Management - which will be intolerable in the warmer months.

1. Customers congregate [REDACTED] sitting on the patio ledge [REDACTED] smoking, and drinking. I have had to ask patrons to move [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
2. Regularly there are cigarette butts littered [REDACTED] [REDACTED] all around the venue. This was discussed informally with the venue the day after their opening, but the issue was not managed and persists. It is a health hazard and environmental nuisance directly attributable to the premises' lack of smoking area management.
3. Uncontrolled noise from vertical drinking and smoking. My sound recordings include outdoor voices demonstrating the noise impact. Standing customers and those perched informally on the ledge generate significantly more noise than seated diners - more movement, louder conversations, less controlled behavior.
4. There seems to be no outdoor customer management

Suspected Current Breaches

1. Although The Drunken Piglet has a 10:00 alcohol license In November they advertised serving alcohol until 11:00PM (see attached)
2. This Sunday evening the Drunken Piglet was still active past 10:30 at night and the owners left the establishment around 2AM. I heard the noise [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and took a photo.(see attached)

If the premises are already violating their terms, why would I feel confident they will make the needed accommodations without your intervention? Although I have had numerous conversations concerning noise, soundproofing, obstruction and litter, there have been no recognizable adjustments on their part. I have lived here for five years and am most concerned.

Please recognize, these are not theoretical issues and will only

worsen in the summer. I am already experiencing public nuisance from their current operations: The licensing objective requires preventing public nuisance at all hours, not just after 11pm. I regularly hear music and bass during the venues operating hours [REDACTED] - this demonstrates inadequate noise control now, before any extension. Extended hours of licensable activity during increasingly noise-sensitive evening hours without any mitigation, and the venues lack of response to my concerns makes me fear for my ability to live peacefully in my home.

I am not opposed to this business operating. I am not preventing reasonable commercial activity.

However, the evidence demonstrates that this applicant cannot be trusted with extended hours. They have:

- Breached current licence conditions
- Refused necessary acoustic mitigation despite acknowledging the problem
- Provided inadequate operating schedule with no meaningful safeguards
- Created existing documented nuisance that will worsen

Kindly help me resolve these issues and do not extend their license.

Thank you so much,
Marlene Kofman

From: Marlene Kofman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 5:55 PM
To: Aliza Kofman [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: No. 1 representation - The Drunken Piglet, Harrogate - CX144069 response from applicant

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Licensing Central
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Date: 5 January 2026 at 12:37:13 GMT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: No. 1 representation - The Drunken Piglet, Harrogate - CX144069 response from

applicant

Good Morning,

THE DRUNKEN PIGLET, 38 COLD BATH ROAD,
HARROGATE, HG2 0NA
PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION
LICENSING ACT 2003

Please see below the response from the applicant, in relation to your written representation:

Thank you for forwarding the representation submitted in relation to our application to vary the premises licence at The Drunken Piglet, 38 Cold Bath Road.

We would like to begin by confirming that we take the concerns raised by the neighbouring residents seriously and have already made a number of changes to our operation following informal discussions with them. We remain committed to operating in a way that respects the residential nature of the area and supports the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of public nuisance.

Nature of the Premises

The Drunken Piglet is a small, food-led venue. It is not a late-night bar or party venue. The proposed extension from 10:00pm to 11:00pm is intended to allow a controlled, gradual wind-down rather than a sudden closure, which we believe helps reduce noise associated with abrupt customer dispersal.

We would also note that a number of other licensed premises along Cold Bath Road operate with licensed hours until 11:00pm, and our application seeks parity with the established character of the area rather than an exception to it.

Noise Management Inside the Premises

- *There is no live music, DJs, or amplified entertainment.*
- *Background music only, kept at a controlled and monitored level.*

- *Music volume has already been reduced following discussions with the neighbour.*
- *Doors and windows are kept closed in the evenings, except for access and egress.*
- *Hand dryers and equipment are standard commercial fittings and not amplified.*

External Areas & Customer Behaviour

- *Customers are not permitted to congregate outside after the evening period.*
- *We are happy to formalise a condition that no use of the front patio/porch area is permitted after 9:00pm, except for brief smoking with staff supervision.*
- *Clear signage is in place requesting customers to leave quietly.*
- *Staff actively manage dispersal at closing time.*

Capacity & Control

- *The premises operates with a defined internal capacity, which is managed by staff at all times.*
- *We do not accept unlimited numbers of customers, and entry is controlled, particularly during busier periods.*
- *We are open to discussing an agreed capacity condition if the council feels it would assist.*

Soundproofing

- *We acknowledge the age and construction of the building.*
- *We are actively exploring additional sound-attenuation measures, particularly to reduce voice transmission, and are willing to engage further with Environmental Health if required.*

Landlord Support

We would also like to confirm that the landlord of the

building, Mr John Catton, is fully aware of and supportive of our application to extend the licensed hours to 11:00pm.

Seasonal Considerations

- *The premises does not operate as an open-air venue.*
- *Windows and doors will remain closed during warmer months in the evenings.*
- *External noise management will continue to be enforced consistently year-round.*

Conclusion

We believe the requested extension to 11:00pm can be granted without undermining the prevention of public nuisance, particularly when considered alongside similar premises on Cold Bath Road, the measures already in place, and the additional conditions we are willing to formalise.

We remain open to ongoing dialogue with both the council and neighbouring residents and are keen to work collaboratively to ensure a balanced and respectful outcome for all parties.

If resolution cannot be reached and the representation is not withdrawn the application will be dealt with by a Licensing Sub-Committee hearing which will be arranged within 20 working days of the end of the consultation period. Please be aware that the Licensing Authority has a maximum of two months from the original submission of the application to make a final determination, so it is important that any negotiation is swiftly conducted.

If you and the applicant cannot reach an agreement and you choose not to withdraw your representation—the application will be referred to the Licensing Sub-Committee. A hearing will be scheduled within 20 working days after the consultation period ends. Please note that the Licensing Authority must make a final decision within two months of the original application being submitted, so any negotiations

should take place promptly.

If the application goes to a committee hearing and the licence is granted (either as submitted or with changes), you are not without options in the future. All licence holders must comply with the licensing objectives. If you later experience problems and can provide evidence that the licence holder is not meeting those objectives, you or any Responsible Authority can request a review of the premises licence.

Please confirm by midnight tonight, if you wish to proceed with your representation or withdraw your representation.

Should you have any questions or require clarification on any particular point please do not hesitate to contact the Licensing Team.

Kind regards,
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