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A Wetherspoon's customer who had a banana sent to his table in an act of racial abuse is boycotting the pub.

Mark D'arcy-Smith was drinking with a friend at The Richmal Crompton in Bromley, south-east London, on 8 November, when the fruit arrived on a plate with a receipt.

The 24-year-old said he "froze" when staff gave it to him and was left feeling "upset, shocked and scared".

Wetherspoon said it had apologised to Mr D'arcy-Smith.

The pub chain has an app that allows customers to order food and drink and have it delivered to a table.

The Met Police said it was investigating the "racially aggravated public order offence". No arrests have been made.

Mr D'arcy Smith said: "I looked at my friend and he knew straight away. We both thought this is wrong.

"I had this rush of emotions – I was upset, a little bit angry, shocked and scared. I just froze in place.

"I don't think a lot of people understand what racial abuse is like.

"You are essentially saying a black person is not human and they are an animal."

In a statement, Wetherspoon said it had apologised to Mr D'arcy Smith for any distress caused.

"This is now a police matter," a spokesman added.

"We have responded to the customer and pointed out that the pub cannot be held responsible for app orders."

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