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# Taxi rapist Worboys moved to jail outside London

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The rapist John Worboys has been moved to a prison outside London as victims fight to keep him in jail for a longer term.

Worboys served his sentence after his 2009 conviction in HMP Wakefield. But he was moved to the high security prison Belmarsh in London after the parole board announced they had approved his release, having decided he posed a low risk to the public.

Victims of Worboys, who drugged, sexually assaulted and raped women in the back of his black cab, were angered by his move to a prison in London - where he carried out his crimes. The 60-year-old has been moved back to Wakefield following the outcry, the Press Association reported.

He will remain in the category A prison, which houses some of the country's most serious sex offenders, while victims take legal proceedings over his release.

Worboys' return to HMP Wakefield emerged as a lawyer said she

had passed details of fresh allegations made by five women to police. Harriet Wistrich told the Sunday Mirror that two further women, whose cases were reported to police but not prosecuted as part of his trial, have asked for their allegations to be reconsidered.

Worboys was jailed indefinitely in 2009, with a minimum term of eight years, for drugging and sexually assaulting women passengers. He was convicted of 19 offences against 12 victims, but has been linked to more than 100 complaints.

The decision by the Parole Board

to release him on licence after spending less than a decade behind bars emerged last month. A high court judge later ordered a temporary bar on Worboys' release after considering an urgent application by two of his victims.

The women, supported by the London Mayor, Sadiq Khan, applied for a "stay" on his release "pending determination of the claim for judicial review or further order".

A hearing at the high court in London is now expected between 6 and 8 February.

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