

Evidence to support representation from South Street Residents Association

Re: License Application - Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster

**From:** Anna Falcini [mailto: [REDACTED]]

**Sent:** 16 October 2013 10:32

**To:** Customer Resolution Team

**Subject:** Re: The royal oak

Thank you for passing this on.

I would like to inform the Council of another breach of the license. The Royal Oak in Leominster again had recorded music emanating from the building at an unacceptable level on Saturday the 12th October from 9.30 pm onwards. Again the door was open.

We telephoned the police and have an incident number if you require this.

Best wishes  
Anna Falcini

On 16 October 2013 09:20, Customer Resolution Team  
<[CustomerResolutionTeam@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:CustomerResolutionTeam@herefordshire.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Ms Falcini

Thank you for contacting Herefordshire Council.

This has been passed on to our Community Protection Team who will look into and resolve this matter. The case reference number for this is CAS-355344-B4K9K6

This and further information is available on our website.

**Herefordshire Council Customer Services**

**From:** Anna Falcini [mailto: [REDACTED]] **Sent:** 03 October

2013 21:23**To:** Licensing**Cc:** Info (Shared Mbx)**Subject:** The royal oak

Dear Madam / Sir

The Royal Oak Hotel in South Street, Leominster, continues to abuse its license. Since August there have been 3 incidents of noise abuse. These are as follows:

Saturday 24 th August

From 9 pm until closing time of 1 am there was a DJ playing music at the front of the hotel. It was exceptionally loud so we phoned the police who attended the incident and recorded our complaint. The external door and internal door were both open. We were unable to sit in our front room as it was so invasive.

Saturday 7 th September

Again there was a DJ set up in the front part of the building from 9 pm - 1 am.

The noise from the recorded music was at an unacceptable level, clearly violating the license.

Saturday 27th September

From 9 pm - 11.30 pm there was a live music emanating from the premises.

We have noticed an increase in activity from the Royal Oak and other pubs nearby such as The Ducking Stool, since the nightclub Euphoria has ceased trading. This is in the form of loud music and an increase in negative behaviour in the street on weekends. Whilst we appreciate that there is a need for Leominster to have some venues for entertainment, as residents living close by, we feel that it needs to be in the right kind of buildings which are suitably insulated and managed correctly.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely  
Anna Falcini  
16 South Street  
Leominster

**From:** Anna Falcini [REDACTED] **Sent:** 27 October

2013 22:40**To:** Licensing**Cc:** South Street Residents **Subject:** The Royal Oak, Leominster

Dear Madam

I would like to again, register a complaint about the Royal Oak, South street in Leominster following another breach of the license. On Saturday 27th October, music was heard from the premises at 8.30 pm. The license clearly states that music is permitted from 9.00 pm onwards. This is the second week where it has begun at 8.30 pm.

The levels of the music were again loud enough to disturb our evening.

At 10.30 pm, the volume of the music increased. At 11.30 there was another increase in the volume of the music and it became so loud that there were vibrations from the music felt in our house opposite and it was impossible to get any sleep. At this point there were police present in the street attending an incident at The Ducking Stool, further up the street. At 11.55 pm, the police spoke to the security outside the Royal Oak but the issue was not resolved. The music continued until 1.15 am at this level of volume.

To quote from the license conditions - 'Staff shall make regular checks to ensure noise does not emanate from the premises so as to cause a public nuisance.'

'5. noise or vibration shall not emanate from the premises so as to interfere with the use or enjoyment of any neighbouring premises.'

'6. Staff shall check to ensure that noise emanating from the premises does not cause public nuisance at least on an hourly basis whilst recorded music.... Is being played other than background music. If the noise is observed to be at an unacceptable level immediate action must be taken to address the problem.

No staff were witnessed monitoring the volume of music. No action was taken to lower the volume of music so that it was not emanating from the building.

We would be very grateful if can you advise us of the actions that will be taken in regard to the breach of the license agreement and the issues which this is causing us as residents. Thank you.

With kind regards

Anna & Peter Falcini

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## Royal Oak Log

Date and Time	Police incident No	Email EHO	Email Licensing	Phone EHO	Phone Licensing	Other notes
4/4/14 9-1am						Recorded music
6/4/14 8-10pm						Disco
12/4/14 9-12 midnight	572/5/110414 Adam Harris PC6981 phoned and gave advice.	yes	yes	no	no	Live band-Spirit Krek,FB claim they would blow the doors off
13/4/14 1.30-2am	Reported to the police in the morning	yes	yes	no	no	Fight outside
18/4/14 9.30- 12.30	no	yes	yes	no	no	DJ recorded music got louder at 10pm Db-70 outside front door
19/4/14 9- 12.30	no	yes	yes	no	no	DJ recorded music 10.35-74 outside front door, 11.15-inside window sill. 54-60, outside front door 72, outside the royal oak- 74-78, 11.35 inside- 53-60, outside front door 69-74, 12.20, inside 48-60.
4/5/14 21.15- 23.00	688/5/040514	yes	yes	no	no	Live band-Spirit Krek- 21.15-front door-74-90 outside pub 86-96 inside house 53-68
17/05/14 21.00 – 24.00 approx.		no	no	no	no	Karaoke event.
23/05/14 21.00 – 24.00		yes	yes	no	no	Live band Spirit Kreek Playing from 21.00 until 22.30 and from 23.00 – 24.00 Inside house recorded 58 –70 db outside our front door 76-84 Outside pub 85 - 94
25/05/14		yes	yes	no	no	Live band started playing at 9.30pm – 10.30pm and then from 10.45 – 12.06. 59 –65 db inside house, 73 –85 db outside on our front doorstep.
26/05/14		yes	yes	no	no	Recorded music being played on an outdoor speaker above the entrance to the pub. Started at 19.00 and continued until approx. 21.30. Pete went to

						discuss it with the landlady who had no copy of the license and didn't know what the terms and conditions were. She said the speaker was linked to the music inside and could not turn it off.