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Subject: Noise disturbances at The Barn, Ledbury

Dear Sir or Madam

Yet again I find myself contacting you to inform you of the continued noise disturbances at The Barn in Ledbury.

As far as I am aware the owners of The Barn have been approached by the Environmental Health Team after my initial complaints and reminded of the terms and conditions of their licence. However, there has been no improvement on their part whatsoever.

On Saturday 21st July, The Barn held an event called 'The Social'. This is a monthly event.

From 7pm to 12-05am I had to endure many people congregating right outside my window making a noise, whilst loud repetitive bass driven dance music was being played. At 11pm the music went up in volume. This continued until 11.30pm.

I have been informed by The Environmental Health Team that a condition of the licence is that music passed 11pm should be no more than low volume background music. A word that has been quoted to me by The Environmental Health Team was a 'murmur'.

The event was supposed to finish as 12pm, yet there was still a large number of people drinking and making a considerable noise right under my window until 12.45am. This is not acceptable!

Last weekend, Saturday 27th July, I was looking forward to a rare weekend free of noise disturbances as there was no event advertised at The Barn. To my dismay on the Saturday I noticed some posters had been hastily put up around the town to advertise a 'Singles Night', inviting people to bring their own records to play.

The event started at 8pm. As always the music was loud enough for me to hear even with my window closed and my television volume turned up in a vain attempt to drown out the music.

By 10pm I had had enough. Yet again I found myself being driven out of my flat. How am I expected to relax and enjoy the comfort of my own home with such disturbances going on every weekend?

I eventually returned to my flat at 1.45am. As I approached my door, to my surprise a woman who was being playfully chased by the man who is the owner of The Barn, nearly ran straight into me. My understanding is that The Barn is not supposed to be occupied at such a late hour. Is this correct? I should not have to put up with such nonsense, especially in the early hours of the morning.

From my observations despite being approached by The Environment Health Team, the owners of The Barn continue to arrogantly ignore the terms and conditions of the licencing agreement.

As invited to do so, I have completed the form to ask for a review of the licence and it is in the post. I would be grateful if you could acknowledge and let me know when you have received it.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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