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Subject: Continual disturbances at The Barn

Dear Sir or Madam

I am emailing to report numerous disturbances that have occurred at events held at The Barn in Ledbury recently. I would be grateful if the following could be kept on file.

On Saturday 28th September a live music event was planned to be held at The Barn. I was looking forward to some peace and quiet at my home on the Friday, the night before.

However, at short notice the event was re-scheduled to the Friday, the night before. So I was then looking forward to some peace and quiet the following night, the Saturday.

However, there was to be no peace and quiet for me during this weekend as the owners decided to repeat the very same live music event - on the Saturday.

On both nights the live music was played until 12.00am - one hour after the so called cut off time, thus not adhering to the licensing agreement.

However I would like to express my confusion with regards to this licensing agreement. For months I have referred to the licensing agreement but it has come to my attention recently that The Barn may not even have a licence to play live music in the first place. If this is the case then there aren't any conditions to adhere to anyway. Please can somebody get back to me to clarify this?

At a planning committee meeting at Ledbury Town Council on 12th September, Mr Oakey the owner of The Barn stated that he had been told by an Environmental Health Officer, that he was allowed to play live music whilst awaiting planning permission for The Barn. Please can somebody also clarify if this is true?

On Thursday, October 3rd The Barn held the monthly Farmer's Market. By the time that everybody had left the vicinity it was 9.30pm.

Furthermore, The Barn held live music events on both Friday, October 4th and Saturday, October 5th.

In the space of ten days I have had the 'pleasure' of five nights of events and all that comes with them - noisy customers throughout the night right outside my window, loud live music, the usual disturbances of customers leaving the premises, the usual disturbances of the owners leaving the premises - and on Friday 4th October I had the added 'joy' of a customer's dog barking continually - right outside my window.

Yet again I was unable to relax in my own home or concentrate on whatever I was doing at the time. As per usual I could not even hear my television or listen to my own music. Like so many other occasions I was forced to leave my home to escape the noise.

Most people look forward to going home on a Friday to enjoy their weekend. I do not.

All of the above is not acceptable at all.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

David Thomas
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