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12 February 2015

Mr Fred Spriggs
Herefordshire Planning Department
Herefordshire Council

DELIVERED BY HAND

Dear Sirs

RE: COMPLAINT
THE DUCKING STOOL, SOUTH STREET, LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE

[REDACTED]

We cannot live in our front rooms because of the noise at night from the Ducking Stool and people spilling onto the Street causing a volume of noise which is, quite frankly, disruptive of sleep and disruptive of social life.

[REDACTED]

I have noted that, in the past, Complaints have gone unheeded and now matters have come to a head because of a particularly vicious incident involving violence at the Ducking Stool. To say that I am not surprised is an under statement. I have heard fights, criminal damage, screaming and shouting on a regular basis until the early hours of the morning and, quite frankly, enough is enough. A lot of people live in the centre of Leominster now especially as the Retail Trade is going downhill. More people are moving into apartments etc which are being let above and indeed in place of Retail Premises. This is bringing new life into the Town. But lack of control and lack of restraint shown by premises such as the Ducking Stool, make life for us Town Dwellers virtually unendurable.

At the very least, the hours of opening should be restricted and not extended. Not just for myself but for other people that I have spoken to and visitors who come to our Town to see its historical pleasures.

I am not the sort of person who writes letters all the time. I do not pester you with Complaints. I make this Complaint at the end of a long period of time when ~~we~~ have endured noise etc which is, quite frankly, unendurable.





Friday, 18 October 2013.

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Hereford
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Dear Sirs,

RE: SOUTH STREET, LEOMINSTER – THE DUCKING STOOL AND ROYAL OAK HOTEL.

This complaint relates mainly to the Ducking Stool but there is one incident regarding the Royal Oak which I draw to your attention – Sunday 13th October 2013 a party was going on at the Royal Oak until after 6am. The noise could be heard along South Street at the junction with Etnam Street and was clearly audible from the front rooms of my premises [REDACTED]. There was no attempt to lower the noise even at that time of the morning.

The Ducking Stool has been a continuous problem on Friday and Saturday nights. Music on occasions but usually rowdiness from people drinking in the beer garden.

