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Good Afternoon

Please accept this email as an official complaint regarding the application for the Crooked House Event license in August.

I am Lichfield born and bred, am accustomed to and enjoy all of the events and festivities, especially music based ones that are held here each year, except for this one. Never before have I felt the need to object to any of the Lichfield activities until the introduction of the Crooked House.

This is a new event which has been inflicted upon us for the last two years which ruins our entire Bank Holiday weekend. It causes us to have to shut all doors and windows to try to block out the noise. During hot and sunny weather, sitting inside with doors and windows shut, on a lovely Bank Holiday weekend to try to reduce the noise causes us great distress. It has a detrimental effect on our mental health and our dog is also so distressed he tries to escape from the house, causing damage to furniture and fittings.

My objection is based on the following:

1. Noise level - this exceeded 93 decibels at our home last year (I did not have the facility to monitor this for the previous year, which I believe was even louder). Over 80 decibels is damaging to the ear drums so to have to endure this for 12 hours a day over 2 days is an absolute nightmare. In the evening, this even exceeds the sound from our television with all windows and doors shut. The way that the sound travels, it appears even louder at the park end of Christchurch Lane than it does in the park itself. (I have no idea how this can be, but it is the case).
2. Bass level - this vibrates the house and rattles the windows (new, high quality double glazed windows - not old or poorly fitting). This is extremely unpleasant to have to endure.
3. Type of noise - during most music events in Lichfield we are able to hear and enjoy the music but this event is a perfect combination of 3 tracks being played at the same time for 12 hours a day. This is not music - this is just a loud booming sound to all residents living in the vicinity. 12 hours a day for the entire weekend of boom, boom, boom is absolute torture.
4. Last year, as well as for this year we have considered going away for the weekend to avoid this intolerable intrusion on our lives, but we feel aggrieved that we are being forced out of our own home by this. Apart from the cost to do this, to have this inflicted upon us with very little consideration by the local Council who are meant to act on behalf of residents is very concerning. Would Lichfield District Council like to fund this under these circumstances? I think not.
5. The unannounced sound check on the Friday before the event last year terrified our dog, causing him to damage window cills, doors, furniture and ornaments, cutting his feet and causing him to be nervous and anxious for several months afterwards. I have had to book that day off work this year so that I can be with him to minimise the damage to property and injury to him. This is not something that any animal should have to endure or how valuable annual leave should have to be taken.

I understand that many people enjoy and want to attend events such as this, but feel that the location, being in a residential area is totally unsuitable for it. Wanting to attend it and having it forced upon you is a completely different matter. Anyone attending has the option to leave at any point if sound, vibration, or simply having had

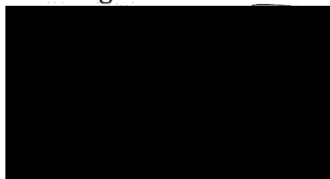
enough is the case. We do not have that option and I feel that this is totally unreasonable and inconsiderate to force this upon us and many other residents in the area. This should be held in an isolated location where it does not cause such offence, distress and upset.

I understand that the bass levels have been considered and are to be reduced this year but feel that this would be insufficient action to ever make this event suitable for a residential location

These comments are from both myself and my husband, so please consider this as 2 objections.

Please kindly acknowledge receipt of this email.

Kind regards



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