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Lickey End Working Mens Club, Alcester Road, Lickey End.

This report will only deal with noise caused by events within the structure of the club and not alleged nuisance from people arriving or leaving the premises or using the car park at the rear of the premises. Legislation enforced by this Section does not relate to these activities.

As the committee are aware a statutory notice to abate noise nuisance was served on the club in October 2007 and significant work was carried out by the club following this.

After completion of the work further monitoring was carried out and it was found that there was still a statutory noise nuisance during live performances, although there had been an improvement following the remedial works.

Intermittent complains have continued to be received from a local resident about the loud music from the function room at the rear of this club and monitoring has recently been undertaken by an officer from Environmental Services. This monitoring was from outside the complainant property. Monitoring was carried out between 9pm and 10pm on Friday 13th March 2009.


The officer stated that the bass beat of the music could be heard but the lyrics were not audible. On occasions the people attending the event could be heard singing to the music. In the opinion of the officer at the time of the monitoring the noise was not a statutory nuisance. However the volume may become a problem later at night and to assess the impact of this further monitoring from within the complainants property would be required. The committee should note that monitoring was undertaken with a recorded music event not a live band.

Live bands often involve drums the volume from which are not easily limited and result in the other members of the band having to play at a higher level. This type of event is more likely to lead to statutory noise nuisance to local residents

If the hours for permitted entertainment are extended this may exacerbate the problem and it may be necessary for the club to carry out further insulation works at the premises or fit a suitable noise limiting device to ensure any noise escaping from the function room.

I am concerned about the change to the type of licence for the function room so allowing any person to hire the facility without needing to be a member of the club. I am concerned that this may lead to an increase in the number of events incorporating live music the volume of which is much harder to control than from recorded music (i.e. disco)

I would recommend that should the premises licence be granted the regulated entertainment element of the application does not come into effect until verification of adequate insulation and / or the installation and setting of a noise limiting device is obtained to ensure that a statutory noise nuisance will not arise from the use of these premises.



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