

ITEM 4 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM OTHER PERSON

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From: J Jones
Sent: 15 June 2023 15:27
To: Yvonne Raine <
Subject: [EXTERNAL]:Re: Licensing Committee Reports - Hardwick Hotel & Hardwick Festival - 9.30
Thur, 22nd June 2023

Good afternoon,

Thank you for the information regarding the licensing meeting to be held on Thursday 22nd June. Unfortunately, we are both unable to attend so send our apologies. I would be very grateful if you could relay this message to the committee from ourselves:

We would like it made known to the committee our objection to the 9 outdoor events to be held at Hardwick Hall every year.

We have lived in , Sedgefield, since April 1989. Hardwick Hall was never an issue for us until recently. In the last 10 years, Hardwick Hall has become a problem, causing what we believe to be a nuisance in the volume of music that is played outdoors and in marquees until late at night. Hardwick Live outdoor live music finishes at 11, but the last few years has seen the DJs play recorded music until midnight at volumes that can be clearly heard inside my house. It is not possible to sleep with such volume.

The Oyster and Lobster festivals have also proved to be of considerable sound nuisance. Marquees do not provide sufficient insulation from loud recorded music that plays late into the night.

While I understand that like any business Hardwick Hall needs to generate income, it is doing so at the expense of quality of life to its neighbouring residents that border Sedgefield. Put simply, Hardwick Hall is too close to a highly populated area to host numerous outdoor events that play music at high volumes. During some of these events there is considerable sound intrusion into houses, mostly being a constant bass beat that penetrates double glazing and can be heard over loud televisions! This is a nuisance! This has only become a problem over the last few years as Hardwick Hall has organised an increasing number of outdoor and marquee events.

They are also incapable of self-regulation. On making complaints to the hotel on these evenings, I am often informed that lowering the volume would spoil the experience for attendees.

Tolerating Hardwick Live as a one-off event a year is one thing, but 9 further outdoor events in the application (with no time limit on how many days each event can last) is simply not acceptable.

Kind Regards,
Dr AG and Mrs JFS Jones

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