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On the 1st of January The Lodge without a licence played music until 1am, the decibel level of this music was 80 decibels recorded at the external door of the house as it faces onto the property of The Lodge. The windows vibrated with the music.

On the weekend of the 30th January both on the Friday and Saturday as advertised as a regular occurrence from the beginning of December 2021 there is music playing until 10pm this music has been recorded at 65 decibels and is clearly heard from the inside of my property alongside drinking, voices and conversations.

I note that no person of the property has ever monitored the noise levels from beyond their boundaries and the music and noise is amplified by the wall of the hotel and potentially the flooring which is stone. I am not aware of any sound modification to reduce the impact on neighbouring buildings. - Please see attached for further information.

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On every occasion that the hotel operates as a de facto night club with music it is not possible to open the windows or use the garden throughout any time during the year when they are holding an event. Decibel levels are recorded between 65 and 75 decibels from the music. Also not in accordance with the current licence.

Noise levels include both the music and patrons voices are clearly audible voices and conversations can be heard from the back door of my property, I would therefore suggest that opening the outdoors to use until 12pm will also adversely impact the peaceful enjoyment of 19 Markby Close.

Because of the nature of the building and the reflection of the noise it is possible that 19 Markby Close is more impacted than other properties, however I have had discussions with the previous owners of no. 15 Markby Close and they also experienced the same noise effect from the opposite building of a reflection and amplification of noise causing them also to have to close windows. I offer this information as confirmation that the noise carries beyond my boundaries.

It is expected a degree of noise from the hotel as they were licenced to hold weddings and as such weekend events would be normal, I have no objection to music up to the neighbourhood limit of 11pm on weekends, however a regular daily occurrence would be unsuitable and unacceptable on the basis of peaceful enjoyment of my garden and house.

We note the music starts around 6 to 7pm and has been ongoing during times when gatherings were permitted on weekends through December and now January and it is expected that this will be a normal occurrence every weekend, up to 10pm which is also against the current licence and not as agreed with the previous alteration of the licence.

As such I represent that opening the licence to music and patrons voices every day up to 12 am and every weekend up to 12:30am is not in keeping with the residential area that the hotel resides in, it adversely impacts our right to peaceful enjoyment of our house and garden as neighbours that live in close proximity to the hotel.

Signed – 08/02/2022

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