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Please see our response to Shaftesbury bowling club information below:



Many thanks for your correspondence. I would like to address each point in turn.

Section 3 1. The applicant has ticked the 'No' box. As you are aware this is not correct. Residents did agree to and have a meeting on the Shaftesbury premises regarding this ongoing issue. A number of outcomes were agreed upon. Namely the club would provide an acoustic report on the suitability of their premises to host certain events. Other outcomes included ensuring windows closed while playing loud music. These outcomes have not been met by the applicant.

Section 3 2. Residents have provided videos showing all windows at rear of property open while loud music playing.

Section 4. All of this representation is irrelevant to the ongoing noise issues. As per Section 13.18 of the BCC Rules of Management for Places of Indoor Entertainment *Music or noise arising from the entertainment provided in the place should not cause unreasonable disturbance or annoyance to the occupiers or other properties in the neighbourhood.*

The age and number of bowling club members is entirely irrelevant. This section is simply obfuscation by the applicant. As always stated the objection of local residents is due to loud music emanating from the premises.

No one is objecting to a Sunday church service, a yoga class or an art class. It is important the council do not confuse the complaints about loud noise with the general activities of the bowling club. However, it remains a fact that loud noise emanates from the premises on Tuesday evenings and occasionally at weekends. For example, despite reassurance to residents previously, on Friday 17th October there was an event held that included a full drum kit. This is approximately 4 meters from people's homes. How can this possibly be showing respect to residents all of whom have children less than 5 years of age who are trying to sleep?

Again in points 6/7 no one is complaining about bowlers.

Furthermore on point 9 many club patrons park on Annadale Avenue and obstruct the view of residents trying to drive out. This is highly dangerous. There have almost been accidents on a number of occasions and indeed has been reported to the PSNI by various residents on more than one occasion.

In the final section of the applicants submission the statement that the club operates on a 'good neighbour' basis is laughable. See information above re drum kit! The fact is the bowling club allows a number of events on its property that emanate noise that disturbs local residents. For every resident that makes a formal complaint there are others who are disturbed by noise but do not wish to put themselves out there with a formal submission to council.

As for the other points regarding locked windows residents have submitted video evidence to the contrary.

Finally residents are complaining about a very small number of specific events in SBC that cause noise disturbance on their premises. We understand these events are separate from the bowlers and other users of the club. However, SBC need to take responsibility for allowing their premises to be used in this manner. To reiterate- As per Section 13.18 of the BCC Rules of Management for Places of Indoor Entertainment *Music or noise arising from the entertainment provided in the place should not cause unreasonable disturbance or annoyance to the occupiers or other properties in the neighbourhood.*