

28 September 2023

**For the Attention of Benn Watkinson**

Solihull MBC

*By email only*

Dear Benn

**PL/2023/01031/PPFL | Erection of a triple combined Tepee tent for use by adults with learning disabilities and for weddings and hospitality events, as part of the small business work stream at Newlands Bishop Farm | Newlands Bishop Farm Berry Hall Lane Catherine De Barnes Solihull B91 2RY**

The Parish Council wish to make a further response to the above application because of receiving several complaints from residents concerning an event held at NBF on the 9 September.

On the 19 July representatives of the Parish Council and the Catherine de Barnes Residents Association met with two representatives of Newlands Bishop and the Planning Agent to view the noise mitigating facilities and were assured that no musical events would take place without the music being put through the limiter and no speakers would be placed outside the tepee.

On the evening of the 9 September, we received complaints about noise emanating from an event being held at NBF. Residents had also taken recordings and some video of the events. We subsequently learned that on that occasion the music, up until appx 8.45pm when a resident visited the site and met with the supervising NB manager, was not being played through the limiter. We understand representatives of SMBC Environmental and Planning Departments visited the site around 10pm and reported that there was no noise issue- which was because of the earlier visit made by the residents.

After the reassurances we were given on the 19 July and having been shown the terms and conditions document which clearly states that all hirers must agree that all music will be played through the limiter our confidence in their ability to adhere to their own terms and conditions on an ongoing basis is in some doubt. The terms of the temporary event notice dated 9<sup>th</sup> August which seems to have been taken out for this event, is quite specific how the music was to be played to mitigate the nuisance- it was not adhered to.

Playing amplified music and d-jaying through the limiter is fundamental in avoiding residents having their Amenity impacted.

There is no doubt in our mind, that the main purpose of the tepee is to house music, weddings, and similar events of that nature to raise funds for the organisation you only must look at the website to see how it is being promoted for this purpose. This is all well and good if the "Amenity" of residents isn't compromised which it was again on the 9 September contrary to all the reassurances that had been given.

Yours sincerely



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