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Notes on conversation with Peter Lawson and Stacey Walsham on 30th May 2022 TEN (on the day):

As I (Shamsher Sachota) was about to leave the premises after taking another set of decibel readings and sound checks towards the end of the event (10pm), I noticed Peter Lawson and who I assumed and later confirmed to be Stacey Walsham.

Having personally monitored the event with the other owner (Sukhray Heer), with strong video evidence, pictures and all aspects of common sense indicating that the event was extremely reasonable and anything but disruptive or intrusive, I happily approached both officers for a discussion.

I knew from a previous lengthy meeting with Peter Lawson that the emphasis was on noise not being "intrusive" to neighbours, and a particular focus on events being over by 11pm. We were 100% confident that this was the case.

As talking to Peter, he strangely asserted that the TENS stated the event was to be over by 10pm (the time currently being 10pm). I asked him to check his information as the TENS clearly stated a finish time of 10.30pm. I re-checked this information on my phone at the time and was shown to be correct. I thought it was strange that Peter had come for a personal

visit along with a colleague with the wrong information but continued our conversation.

With the event going on, Sulch came out from the restaurant and joined the conversation. With the event in "full swing" in-front of us, with us standing at the perimeter of the car park at the front fence, we could hear nothing but a very slight murmur from the event in front of us. Decibel readings of this murmur throughout the night were shown on footage and pictures to never exceed the low 50s on our decibel meter, most of the time being in the 40s.

Indeed, even our own breathing and footsteps when walking and recording these readings, and not least if the wind blew or a bird tweeted in the trees, would make the reading go higher than what was being obtained from the event itself.

With the above knowledge, we proceeded to ask Peter Lawson to confirm that the event in-front of us was not "intrusive". He stated only that it was "audible".

Pointing out that there is a big difference between audibility and intrusiveness, we again probed both officers whether the event we could barely hear in-front of us was intrusive to anyone, as we could barely hear it out in the open in our own car park. Stacey remained quiet, keen only to follow Peter's lead - who again stated only that it was "audible".

We explained our readings for the night and the fact that we monitored the noise vigorously all night. Indeed internal readings of the event from inside the marquee itself, situated a long way from the boundary of the premises, never exceeded the mid to late 70s. Mainly the noise of kids playing and tapping on a small drum and ladies enjoying themselves with light-hearted singing and clapping. Again Peter Lawson offered no more comment than it was "audible", never going on to confirm "intrusiveness" despite repeated probing. He also stated that it was audible from gardens and houses, which we found itself surprising, however we remained extremely confident that this "audibility" (if present at all), stopped far short of the previously agreed standard of "intrusiveness".

We both stated to the officers that if such noise was even audible at all from nearby properties, you'd have to be really listening out for it and trying to distinguish between whether it was noise from the event, or any other ambient background noise from the wind, cars, goats steps in the car park, distant conversation etc. Shan and Sulik also pointed out that any live music and rock bands etc inside the pub would be much louder than the event taking place in gran of them - and would also go up to the licensed times of 12:30am and 01:30am depending on the day.

During this conversation, the event ended right in

Grant us at 10:10pm, well within the time stated on the TENS application.

The conversation ended, with Sham and Sulh happy with their running of the event and confident that they had caused no issues to anyone. They were also pleased that Peter Lawson never mentioned the word "intrusive" once in the conversation despite being probed on several occasions.

All parties shook hands and parted company.

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