

## Neil Chapple

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Dear Neil

Thank you for the information. I would like to make the following comments:

1. I query if the premises is suitable for events, it is a former British Legion Club, in very close proximity to many residential premises.
2. The use has evolved and intensified into providing live music, three times per week: Friday, Saturday, Sunday.
3. In line with the guidance referred to it is suggested that events will be restricted to 12 per year. This would still mean that 12 times per year residents who wish to relax and enjoy the peace of their homes are not able to do this once per month
4. The Noise Assessment Report demonstrates that a significant amount of work must be carried out in order to reduce the sound to an acceptable level; to prevent Public Nuisance.
5. The premises is classed as a Public House. More relevant guidance to refer to would be the Guidance for the Control of Noise from Pubs and Clubs Guidance Institute of Acoustics 2003: For premises where entertainment takes place on a regular basis music and associated sources should not be audible inside noise sensitive property at any time.
6. Clarification is required regarding the status of the relevant Planning Permission. The planning history indicates that there is a consent in 2006 to take in additional lands into the car park and a porch. However it was still a British Legion in 2001, and so it may not have hours/use conditions for the activities that it has been performing. The Planning Department are checking their archives.
7. The petition has a large number of names, but there are only a minority who have given a local postcode; most are outside the area and would not be affected by the noise in their homes, many are regional some national, and a few international. The Environmental Health Department does not intend to prevent live music in Pontardawe pubs; it only requires that residents are not disturbed, many people seem to be under the impression that we are trying to stop music, which we are not.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Matthews  
Environmental Health Officer

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