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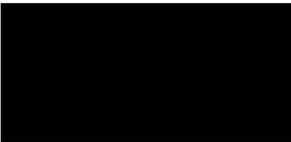
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Premises licence application, Gosford Street Car Park, by 'Sound Bound Events Ltd.' for live/recorded music etc., 12.00 - 22.00, to take place on September 19th, 2021.

I must protest at the use of the Gosford Street Car Park for events involving live/recorded music, as this inevitably causes problems for me, and, I am sure, other nearby residents. This was demonstrated at the hip-hop festival in the Grove Street and Gosford Street Car Parks over the weekend of 14th/15th August.. Even with my windows closed - and I have double-glazing - the music totally intruded on my listening to the Saturday evening Prom Concert on the radio, and I had to go to a friend's house to hear it. That is an outrageous infringement of my rights in my property. And on Sunday afternoon, when the Djs seemed to be more in Gosford St. than Grove St. Car Park the noise nuisance was even worse. Fortunately I was not around that evening. The city centre is an increasingly noisy place, with Sunday a day of some respite, so this application is particularly unwelcome.

I must ask, at the very least, that the music sources are situated as far away from the nearby residences as possible, and speakers aligned to project sound not in the direction of those residences. Ideally, of course, the event should be relocated.




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Dear Mrs Rawlings,

Further to my letter of Aug. 26th, and our phone conversation today. I just wish to emphasize in a bit more detail my objection, especially as I now learn it is an event with DJs, which means not only very loud, but also very bass-heavy broadcast music, which is particularly intrusive and penetrating.

Residences also in the front line of this event are the tower blocks, Arundel House, and the 10 studio flats recently constructed at 113A Gosford Street. These buildings are directly adjacent to the Car Park - even closer than I am. Coventry University officially re-opens on Sept. 15th, so they are likely to be fully occupied.

The city centre is a noisy environment for its residents. In this area that includes years of heavy construction work by day - still ongoing with a major university building under construction just over the road; and the so-called 'hospitality industry' by night. On a Sunday there is some respite from all this, so the application is particularly unwelcome. There may be sites in the city centre sufficiently far from residences to safely stage such an event - the Cathedral Ruins seems a favourite - but Gosford Street Car Park is not one of them, and I submit that this event should be relocated.

Again further to today's phone conversation, I confirm that I will not be available to attend a Licensing Sub-Committee hearing. You may recall that two years ago, I objected to an application for a very late licence from my immediate neighbour. The Licensing Committee meeting date coincided with my annual holiday, and I was refused a postponement on the grounds that as they had my letter my presence was not required. However, my neighbour and his adviser were able to attend. I get the message!

Yours sincerely,

