

Copy of Letter to residents and to people who have registered a complaint following the Aldham letters.

8th December 2010

Dear Neighbour,

Re-Recent Letters from a Mr. M. Aldham of _____, Trowbridge.

My Name is Brian Scrine and I am the Chairman of Trowbridge Cricket Club.

Two days ago I was handed two letters that purport to have come from Mr Aldam, the person handing them to me was extremely upset and questioned specific parts of the letters. I was asked why was the club asking for permission to play live music every Friday and Saturday night until 2.00am the following morning, EACH week. **Or, has he put it some 8 to 10 times per month.**

I told him that was **NOT the case**, we had asked for **2 (TWO) nights per month only, and would only be granted two nights per month.**

I was then shown the letter from Mr Aldham that said quite the opposite and had mislead him. And it did state:

"And I quote.

Friday until 1.30am (On the next page he STATES)
(EVERY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY)
Saturday until 2.00am "

Mr Aldham has not been completely open with you, has he for instance disclosed that he is a **Senior Wiltshire County Council officer in charge of road and highways** (part of the Environmental Dept). This explains his knowledge of this application and events surrounding it. We also know that he is the original complainant to the cricket clubs playing of live music, which resulted in the Noise Abatement Order being imposed in the first instance.

Mr Aldham knows full well that the environmental department public protection service have the final say on this licence and they have agreed the following subject to confirmation and final parameters. All of which has been known by Mr Aldham for some weeks now.

1. Live music to be allowed TWICE per month until 11.30pm (NOT EVERY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY)
2. Music to be monitored by special equipment.
3. Monitoring to take place at SPECIFIC points (including close to Mr Aldham's house) before and during the performance taking place.
4. Sound parameters INSIDE the building likely to be restricted to 90db's

The licensing authorities have suggested that we write you the known complainants and also any other interested parties, which is of course what we are doing.

We believe that Mr Aldham is using his considerable ability as a "report writer" to mislead and Mis-inform you as to the true issues in this instance.

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If we are to believe him every person on the streets after 11.00pm is a potential thug and hooligan, I must remember to be in before 11.00pm in future otherwise I too could be re-categorised. We are led to believe they will all be stampeding through our hedges, tearing down our fences, damaging property of all types. We will only be safe in our beds, perhaps??

On a more serious note, you may say where the 1.30am does and 2.30am come from, specifically these hours were suggested by the Wiltshire County Council Licensing Department for our application for a new licence one which is seen by THEM to be more in keeping.

The licence is only the same as that of the majority of other licence public house/hotels in Wiltshire. Some do indeed have **longer hours**. It IS **NOT**, and **NEVER** has been our intention to play live music until these hours. And Mr Aldham knows it.

For instance we have been monitoring all the 'Live Music' events under scrutiny since August 2010 with full documentation against agreed levels. Our monitoring equipment is as the councils,

And in fact on the evening of 23rd October 2010 together with my Graham Steady the senior officer in charge of the environmental department public protection service we carried out sound recordings at the agreed points during a 'Live' performance. This included taking levels OUTSIDE Mr Aldham's property. Following this exercise Mr Steady said to me personally and Mrs Christine Davies and I quote, "**there is not a problem**", obviously he was referring to **that particular evening**. BUT the records show that evening to be as others recorded, NOT different to the 23rd October.

We are in very close touch with Mr Guy Sharp of Wiltshire County Council Environmental Department Public Protection department who is the officer dealing with this. I invite you to check out with him anything that I have said in this letter.

You should also be aware that we have written to both Wiltshire County Councils Chief Executive, and the Councils legal director, expressing our concerns about the way/manner in which Mr Aldham is objecting to this application.

There are many points within Mr Aldham's letters that you may wish to have clarification on, that being the case we intend to hold a meeting at the club for all interested parties, and we are suggesting a date of Friday 17th December at 7.00pm.

The meeting will take place in the downstairs function room of the club and will commence at 7.15pm sharp. Please do try to attend if you have any concerns whatsoever, or you may write to me at the cricket club, leave me a telephone number and I will call you back.

On behalf of the cricket club I thank you for your time, and do assure you that we will continue have great consideration for our neighbours as we always have.

Please also note that Wiltshire Police and Fire Brigade, and the environmental department ITSELF have NO objection to this application. It is merely Mr Aldam and now a few others following his two inflammatory letters. Finally, you might wonder how common is the use of **noise limiting equipment** in Wiltshire that we will be required to install. **THERE IS ONLY one other such unit in place in Wiltshire and that is at Broughton Gifford.**

Kindest Regards

Brian Scrine Copies Mr Terry Bishop, Bishop Longbotham & Bagnall, Trowbridge.
Chairman