

14th November 2024

Witness Statement of Ms. Elisabeth Norrington.

I have been asked by Arun District Council's Environmental Health team to provide a follow up statement.

Very little has changed since the prosecution in June of this year. To date, I am still being blasted with extreme levels of noise in the form of very heavy bass loud music, as well as shouting and screaming from the pub's event marquee which continues to be sited without permission just a matter of metres from my home. I am unable on the majority of occasions to remain comfortably in my home, having to vacate to the horse box at the far end of my property for any kind of respite. It is impossible to entertain friends who have spent their day helping me with my chores, or when family visit me in my home, to either share a meal or to watch a film. Even holding a conversation without having to shout is impossible during one of these events.

We have had to vacate to the horse box to have any kind of quality or enjoyment of our time together.

My sleep and my mental health continues to be severely affected by having to upheave my life, changing home most weekends, especially when I should be resting because of my physical health issues.

I have been on the waiting list for major surgery for over 2 years, from which there is a long recovery period requiring at least a month's bed rest. The surgery has been postponed on several occasions because the chance of bed rest for any period of time has been impossible because of the ongoing situation. I have been notified by the hospital this week to be on standby as there are further complications with my symptoms and the surgery is now urgent.

On a few occasions the music has been a bit quieter, but still at a level which causes significant disturbance in my home. The bass levels have been a lot worse, vibrating the walls and floor of my home. Many of my CCTV recordings from the cameras on my property show the noise levels from different areas including out in Selden Lane. The music mostly stops around 10:00 pm but there is usually a lot of loud voices, shouting and often screaming sometimes as late as midnight. No attempt to mitigate the noise from the marquee has been made whatsoever, and the marquee remains in situ, which shows the license holder is not meeting the objectives of preventing public nuisance.

There have also been occasions, often afternoons or early evenings, where no event is going on but I have still been blasted with excessively loud and random music, which decreases after an hour or so. These are all logged on my diary sheets, along with CCTV recordings, which are logged with the council.

I have been keeping diary sheets and making recordings for nearly three years now at the council's request, along with the council's own noise recording equipment being stationed in my home on multiple occasions over that time.

The above statement is true and correct.

Yours sincerely,

MS. ELISABETH NORRINGTON