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4 September 2023

Dear Mr Evans

**Re: Environmental Protection Act 1990**  
**Address: Cutts Close Park, Church Street, Oakham, LE15 6AA**  
**Alleged noise nuisance from loud music**

We have received multiple complaints regarding the level of noise from the live music at the Band Stand located in Cutts Close Park.

By law we have a duty to investigate all complaints that we receive, however we are aware that there are no further events proposed this summer in Cutts Close. As events at Cutts Close, including live music, are regular occurrences in the summer months we would like to advise the Town Council of the Code of Practice on Noise Control at Concerts by The Noise Council.

The Code of Practice determines that for venues where 4 to 12 events are proposed in a calendar year the Music Noise Level should not exceed the background noise level by more than 15db(A) over a 15 minute period at 1 metre from the façade of any noise sensitive premises for events held between 9am and 11pm. The Code of Practice states that the music noise level should be determined by using a type 2 sound level meter or better.

It is advised that the Town Council makes adequate arrangements ahead of next year to ensure that the music from future events will be within the above limits and there are means to ensure that the music level can be controlled during events to prevent nuisance from occurring. If we do not have assurances that the music at the events will be managed effectively, we will be forced to object to future Temporary Event Notices received by Rutland County Council.

We will be investigating the events as a potential statutory nuisance, which will include monitoring or witnessing the music and assessing the impact on the complainants at their properties.



If you would like to discuss this issue please telephone the case officer using the telephone number at the top of this letter

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hand', written in a cursive style.

Jessica Hand  
Pollution Control Officer