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**Environmental Protection Act 1990  
Licensing Act 2003**

**Application for the review of premises licence  
Oakwood Hall Hotel, Lady Lane, Bingley, BD16 4AW.**

The Environmental Health Department have received seasonal complaints from local residents regarding the above premises since 2015. The complaints relate to noise and disturbance generated at wedding receptions held at the premises.

The issue is the general noise from wedding parties held at the premises and particularly within the premises grounds on an almost weekly basis throughout the summer months, such that complainants are unable to enjoy the use of their gardens and properties for prolonged periods at weekends. The use of the garden at Oakwood Hall has been identified as the key source of the problem.

This matter has been brought to the attention of the proprietor of the business in previous years and, more recently, during my visit to Oakwood Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

I visited a local resident's home on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and note that a large hedge is all that separates resident's gardens from that of Oakwood Hall. This hedge, which offers negligible acoustic attenuation, serves only to make a customer unaware that there are residential dwellings in close proximity.

The resident has audio files from Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017, demonstrating a typical wedding party. It was general noise from customers, as expected from such an event, but was nevertheless, intrusive and disturbing. In my opinion this noise would become intolerable after a prolonged period of time.

As there is a different group of clientele every weekend for these events, and given the inherent problems of 'policing' individuals, I would suggest that the most practical way of addressing the matter is to restrict the nuisance by limiting the permitted use of the garden area, along the lines proposed by the complainant/applicant.

Regards

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