

1. **From:** [REDACTED]
Date: 28 January 2023 at 13:23 GMT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: noise Complaint at the white lion

To whom it may concern

Hello my name is [REDACTED] and I'm a local at The White Lion,

I have seen about the noise complaint that has been made and writing to you about this concern, The White Lion host some outstanding outdoor performances and they are brilliant. For those that can't afford the typical "festival" having the outdoor stage with live bands is what helps those to feel like their at a festival at a very cheaper rate. I've been there before set up of a band/ act and you can see how much time and effort goes into making sure everything is all good to go. The White Lion is the best pub we have here in Melton Mowbray and it would be a real shame to myself and many other residents of the town If there was to be any consequences due to the complaint made.

I've been to other places around town that have had live music before and those places were far to loud to enjoy whereas at The White Lion it's the perfect sound to be able to enjoy your night

The team at The White Lion are amazing, security do a brilliant job, bar staff are lovely and polite, If anyone has any concerns about anything they handle it appropriately and very easy to approach about anything. I understand you have a duty of care to take these complaints seriously.

Thank you for taking your time to read this
Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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2. **From:** [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2023 11:52
To: Licensing for External [REDACTED]
Subject: Re White Lion

With regard to any issues with the operation of the White Lion, I would suggest that you consider the contribution it makes to the night time economy of Melton and to the wellbeing of our community in these stressful times. Music is a vital part of enriching our lives. The White Lion and all the other venues in town play such an important part in our lives that it would be a tragedy if that is lost!

[REDACTED] (Melton resident and presenter on 103 FM The Eye)

3. **From:** [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2023 12:24
To: Licensing for External [REDACTED]
Subject: Live music at the White Lion, Melton Mowbray

Dear sir, Madam,

My name is [REDACTED], I am a soloist semi-professional live music performer. My genre is acoustic based easy listening which can evolve into folk rock when the need arises. Essentially, the music I play is covers by the likes of Paul Simon, Beatles, Cat Stevens, Seth Lakeman, Gerry Rafferty, and when the need arises to more up-tempo songs by the likes of Stereophonics, Waterboys, Levellers, Bryan Adams etc. I also play my own originals. I have spent many years honing my craft, buying instruments (six and twelve stringed guitars), amplifiers and microphones.

To put a ban on live music at pubs such as the White Lion at Melton Mowbray would affect me in the same way as it would any full band with drums and electric guitars and yet, the music I play is very different. I have played live music in many pubs and this is the only way I can get my own material heard. My music brings pleasure to people wherever I go and to place a live music ban would deny these people and myself the pleasure that comes with live music.

I would hope that any person who buys a house in close proximity to a pub, a school, a factory, a farm, a football ground etc. would understand that there are compromises that come with buying in close proximity to these places. Any complaints about the impacts of such proximities should be met with a level of sympathy but not a decision that ruins the enjoyment of the many in favour of the short-sighted few.

I sincerely hope you will allow live music to thrive as it has done for so many years. The UK has a long established tradition as world leaders of great music. This is can only continue if musicians have a place to play, and an audience to perform to.

I would finally point out the effect on the UK economy. Musicians need instruments and PA equipment, all bought from shops, all of whom pay tax. Musicians like me are income tax registered, and we pay tax on our earnings. Musicians like me, go to hear other musicians play and we pay to do so. Any decisions that curtail these activities will have a negative impact on the hospitality trade and the entertainment industry alike.

Kind regards

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4. From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2023 09:08
To: Licensing for External [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: The White Lion

Dear Sir, Madame.

Allow me to introduce myself.

I am [REDACTED] "Gig Guide Pete", I wrote the Melton times Gig Guide for seven years for free, I also provide the Melton Gig Guide Facebook group and publish material on my YouTube channel Melton Gig Guide TV.

I am writing to you with regards to the important work that Simon Brooks, and his team at The White Lion do providing a much needed performance space in Melton Mowbray. Live music pubs are struggling, all businesses are struggling in this cost-of-living crisis and recession that we find ourselves in. It's important that venues like The White Lion carry on, providing live music and light

relief to the hard-working people of Melton Mowbray. Without places like The White Lion the Grapes, The Black Swan, the White Heart Meltons night life would be pretty much dead. Meltons iconic Noels Arms is long gone so it's important that people like Simon can keep carrying the torch and provide live music in Melton Mowbray. The outside stage area that Simon and his team built will be an absolute godsend in helping the tourist trade and selling the idea of café culture in Melton Mowbray, especially with events like the summer, Folk Festival, and Saturday nights in general. We need places like The White Lion. Without the 'Northwood Hills' Sir Elton John would probably just be Reg, without the 'Dublin Castle' there would have been no Madness, The Grapes in Sheffield, where the 'Arctic Monkeys' played their first gig has closed. We don't want this to happen to The White Lion. The young people of Melton need somewhere to let off steam a Proper pub that's not just a Wetherspoons please let the White Lion carry-on, it's business of putting on live music inside and outside of its venue.

Regards.

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Sound engineer Melton Folk Festival
YouTube Blogger for Melton Mowbray.

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5. **From:** ██████████ ██████████
Sent: 08 February 2023 06:49
To: Licensing for External ██████████
Cc: ██████████
Subject: Outdoor Stage - The White Lion, Melton Mowbray

Dear Sir / Madame

Reference: Outside Sound Stage - The White Lion, Melton Mowbray

I write as a local resident to give my feedback regarding the 'Outside Sound Stage at The White Lion in Melton Mowbray'

Having visited this venue over the summer months last year, I was thoroughly impressed with the outdoor space including the sound stage. This outdoor stage is a wonderful addition to the town and encourages both locals and people from out of town to come and support live music in Melton Mowbray. The sound stage and outdoor space on a warm summer evening gives the feeling of being on holiday abroad and offers something different that no other venue in Melton Mowbray can.

I have been very impressed by the quality of the live music acts and the excellent sound bearing in mind so many factors can influence music outdoors (particularly wind) the team at The White Lion appear to have done a magnificent with the sound and appear to be conscious of sound levels. The team at The White Lion need congratulating for creating and putting on events that can be enjoyed outdoors keeping people socially distanced in the warm summer evenings, long may this continue.

Kind regards

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