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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 4:51:46 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject:

Hello,

The music at the Royal Oak is on a Sunday afternoon for two hours. I find it enjoyable and a good social outing. There is nothing wrong with a bit of music and entertainment. I personally find the bands very enjoyable.

Thank you

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 4:58:55 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: The Royal Oak music

Hi,

Full support to the royal oak. Everything is kept within limits and a lovely way to listen to local music talent. We need to keep live venues in Weymouth as priority.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 5:02:34 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: Royal Weymouth [REDACTED]
Subject: Royal Oak music

The music at the royal oak is very enjoyable and as it's only for 2 hours in the middle of the day, I can't see what the problem is, it's also nice to catch up with friends and family as well as supporting local bands.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 5:31:23 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Live Music

To whom it may concern,

The live music at the Royal Oak on the weekends is always a good get together for locals and holiday makers alike, helping both the pub and the local economy when pub goers wander off elsewhere to explore our town after a good afternoon in the Oak garden. The music ends at a respectable time, so as not to disturb the neighbours, whilst at the same time providing a wonderful afternoon of live music in a friendly social setting. I live about a 2 minute walk from the Oak and have never seen any drama unfold due to the music nor have I heard any issues or complaints. The events held at the Oak are always friendly and welcoming, exactly the kind of environment a tourist town should hold in an effort to welcome them back should they wish to return to Weymouth. And if they've ever gone to the Oak for an event, I no doubt believe that that is exactly what they would desire to do. Keep local pubs in business, don't shut their events and socializing down. With all the things going on in our world, is it not a respite for many to be able to enjoy a pint and a bit of live music on a Sunday afternoon? Think of the people. For many it is the only opportunity they get to socialise and enjoy themselves, why take that away?

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 5:56:15 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Complaint regarding noise at The Royal Oak

Good evening,

I was dismayed to hear that an unnamed person has lodged a complaint regarding noise from live music being played at The Royal Oak Public House, Dorchester Road, Weymouth.

The events are well organised and greatly enjoyed by many including myself. The outdoor music is almost always on in the afternoons between approximately 2pm and 4pm, so it defies logic to understand how this could be causing a problem.

There is considerably more noise made by traffic, the tannoy at Lodmoor Country Park, and the new development at the former New Look Site, and yet these are all deemed to be within acceptable ranges.

I would like to extend my support to Mr Swindle and the team at the Royal Oak for providing a much appreciated and almost universally liked entertainment service for the local community and visitors alike.

I hope that Dorset Council do not take the view of (as I understand it) a single complainant as a reason to cease what has been a great asset for a huge part of the local community.

Yours faithfully [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent on: Thursday, August 17, 2023 11:33:47 AM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

Subject: The Royal Oak Beer Garde Licensing Objection

I wish to strongly support the Royal Oak in the continuation of their Sunday afternoon entertainment. I live near the pub in [REDACTED] and have never found the music to be objectionable or intrusive. My friend lives [REDACTED] pub and she has no objections to the music at all.

The Royal Oak is a very well run Community pub and offers entertainment for the local Community. It is a shame that an individual wishes to spoil the enjoyment for a large group of people who regularly attend the Sunday afternoon sessions in the beer garden. It makes me think what else can people object to. All the musical and other events held at Lodmoor Country Park, or the music at Greenhill gardens also on a Sunday afternoon? I hope you will reject the application for discontinuing the music at the Royal Oak. Thank you. [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent on: Thursday, August 17, 2023 11:53:37 AM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Subject: The Royal Oak Music

I live near the pub and have never been disturbed by music or any other noise or bad behaviour.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Thursday, August 17, 2023 2:20:40 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Royal Oak, 52, Dorchester Road, Weymouth

FAO Licensing committee

I am concerned that a complaint has been made about live music entertainment during the afternoon in the pub beer garden. This is occasionally only at weekends. I have attended and yes, you are likely to hear it in nearby properties but it is not too loud, no more than some passing traffic. This is a community public house and caters for all so there needs to be a bit of give and take from both sides. As the pub has been in this location since the 19th century people renting or buying property close to these premises should accept that there will be some noise up to certain hours – similar to moving near a church that has bell ringing practice.

I ask that these live performances be allowed to continue and naturally a limit on the amount of decibels allowed.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Thursday, August 17, 2023 5:58:26 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Royal Oak noise complaint

To whom it may concern

I would like to express my heartfelt sadness that a noise complaint has been made about my local public house- the Royal Oak.

As a local resident, not only do I live across the road from the pub on Dorchester road but I am also a shift worker and I feel that this complaint should be taken as malicious in its content.

Live music is only on in the summer months outside.

It is on throughout the middle of the afternoon (predominantly a Sunday)

The pub never has live music on late at night- even in winter months it finishes at 21:00hrs

As stated I am a shift worker including nights so have to sleep through the day. I have never had my sleep impacted on by the live music at the Royal Oak. There is, in fact, more noise created by the

traffic, ambulance sirens (due to the minor injury unit further down the road) and the high volume of pedestrians throughout the day and night that disturb more than the weekly live music.

When I purchased my property 18 months ago I did this in the knowledge that I lived near a local and busy pub that had regular live music. This was a positive selling point after the pandemic rather than a negative.

Please consider the enormous impact on the local community by ceasing this type of entertainment for ALL locals who frequent this brilliant establishment rather than potentially one individual unhappy with 2 hours live music per week

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From: ██████████
Sent on: Friday, August 18, 2023 8:35:36 AM
To: Licensing ██████████
CC: Royal Weymouth ██████████ >
Subject: (no subject)

Please keep our local pubs alive is what it's all about now, having listened to a few of my customers about the music licence which is appalling as the bands only play from 2 til 4 pm on a Sunday afternoon, I myself have been here on many occasions and everyone is happy, bouncing around to the music, the care home nursing home behind the wheel over their residents with their cuppas and sandwiches and enjoy a bit of live music, this complaint has upset quite a few not only local people but also returning residents to the pub(holiday makers that return every year) so please don't take this away from them

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From: ██████████
Sent on: Friday, August 18, 2023 4:54:18 PM
To: Licensing ██████████ >
CC: Royal Oak Weymouth ██████████
Subject: Royal Oak Weymouth live music in the garden

I live in close proximity to the Royal Oak and have never had a problem with them playing live music. It's only 2-4pm on a Sunday afternoon, everyone always has a good time and it's not hurting anyone. There is never any trouble and it's never loud.

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent on: Friday, August 18, 2023 5:07:21 PM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Subject: Royal Oak Weymouth live music

I'm writing to you to express my deep sadness about recent complaints about my local pub, The Royal Oak on Dorchester Road, Weymouth.

The pub has been turned around massively in the past 2 years and has really brought the life back in to the neighbourhood. Best thing to ever happen around here is to have live music out in one of the most beautiful, spacious and accommodating pub gardens in the area.

I live at [REDACTED] The Royal Oak, not once have i ever had any issue with the music playing, if anything, it makes my Sunday's better because of so enjoyable entertainment going on so close to home.

Stopping The Royal Oak from letting local, talented musicians would not just be a hit to the local pub, but also a hit to the local talent and community.

I hope you'll carefully consider the complaint from one individual and weigh your decision in favour of the majority of local people who enjoy such an amazing entertainment on their doorstep.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] proud neighbour of the Royal Oak.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent on: Friday, August 18, 2023 6:06:00 PM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Subject: The Royal Oak, Lodmoor, Weymouth.

Dear Licensing Team,

I write in support of the Royal Oak pub, and its live music on Sundays. I understand a complaint about noise has been made.

This pub, like all pubs, has encountered difficult trading conditions recently, through no fault of its own. It is providing a variety of entertainment to attract, and retain, loyal customers. Live music on a Sunday afternoon is part of the package, and is much appreciated by locals.

Live music at pubs and public spaces in the afternoon is very much part of the Weymouth vibe in summer, and very much to be encouraged.

It's not overly loud, not late, and attracts a mixed age group audience. I'm not aware of heightened crime levels, disorderly behaviour, or any other viable reason why it should be stopped.

Any recent arrival in the immediate area should have done their due diligence before moving in near a pub.

I trust this complaint will be dismissed in due course.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

Weymouth resident [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Friday, August 18, 2023 6:34:48 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Live music

I think it's an incredibly stupid idea to even think about stopping the music at the Royal Oak. It doesn't do anyone any harm, and it's not even played in unsociable hours. It brings together a community who live around the area, which I do (about 2 minutes down the road) and also those who may just be passing by.

It's happening too much in this town, people just trying to stop people enjoying themselves and destroy anything fun and enjoyable in the area. The Royal Oak is also very charitable to the point they raised money for a band members ill son, so tell us why you would even consider it.

The only reason I see fit to consider the ban, is if the music was on during unsociable hours, which it rarely to never is. It's often been and gone by 4pm.

Thanks for considering,
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Saturday, August 19, 2023 8:18:47 AM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Complaint against Royal Oak, Dorchester Rd

To whom it may concern re above

It was with utter dismay when I walked past the above pub the other day and saw there was a complaint made against said pub.

I have lived in the nearby area for 14 years and recently moved to [REDACTED]. A stone's throw from the Royal Oak.

Since Joe Swindell and his family took over the pub, they have transformed it. The garden has been an absolute triumph. Through hard work, dedication and having a vision of what was possible, they have made it into a welcoming space for EVERYONE! No one feels excluded by age or gender, including dogs! This is vital in an age of increasing individuality, selfishness and poor community values.

Being near the Royal Oak has made it a pleasure to live in the area. At the Queen's Jubilee, the event was televised and sandwiches were offered for free as a gesture of goodwill, likewise the Queen's funeral. It helped bring the local community together.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 19, 2023 7:44 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Live music

Please do not stop live music at the Royal Oak, Weymouth! I live nearby and love to hear the music on a Sunday afternoon! It's only a few hours within a reasonable time! Not hurting anybody!

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, August 20, 2023 11:07:33 AM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Music in the garden of The Royal Oak

I am a resident of Weymouth and am delighted by the music scene here. I live [REDACTED] The Royal Oak and the landlord has made an enormous effort to perpetuate this. I have attended many of the fantastic music events held in the summer months, the events are in the afternoon and only last two hours. Occasionally the appreciative audience calls for more!

If I am not attending the event the 'noise' is not a problem and none of my immediate neighbours seem to have a problem either.

As I have previously said the events are in the afternoon and only in the summer months, a very short period.

I fully support The Royal Oak team and Weymouth needs this live music to continue,

Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, August 20, 2023 11:35:18 AM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support Royal oak music

Dear Sir,

I would like to register my support of the Royal Oak Public House, Dorchester Road, in respect of the live music played in the garden. These events are well supported and enjoyed by a large number of local residents. I would urge you not to stop the enjoyment of many local people, simply because, an individual has complained.

I myself live on Dorchester Road and enjoy the live music events very much.

Please accept this email in support of keeping these events going.

Yours sincerely [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, August 20, 2023 11:40:17 AM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support for live music at the Royal Oak

To whom it may concern

I am writing to express my passionate wish for continued live music in the beer gardens at the Royal Oak. I live **very** near by and it is a great community activity that we all enjoy.

I hope the licensing body will continue to support this on behalf of residents for years to come; as it something all ages, families, friends, friends we haven't yet made, to cherish.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, August 20, 2023 12:34:11 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Oak beer garden stay open!

Hi, I think we should keep the music going in the garden. Once a week me and my family meet up and have the best time - without this we probably wouldn't see each other. I am also hard of hearing and wear a hearing aid and listening to the music brings me so much joy. My sister also has learning difficulties and seeing her smile and dance to the music is the most heartwarming thing. Please please keep it going!!

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, August 20, 2023 1:24:11 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]

Hi, I really believe we should keep the beer garden alive! It brings so many family and friends together, isn't that what you want? All it is is a bit of music for 2 hours every Sunday... hardly going to kill anyone. Where else can we get this? I see my family every Sunday and we sing and dance having the best time and most of all it's free! Keep it going!!

Thanks [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, August 20, 2023 2:46:22 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: The Royal Oak 52-54 Dorchester Road

Good afternoon.

Kevin Miles has distributed a letter to residents living near The Royal Oak pub informing them of his request that you review their music licence.

As a homeowner living near The Royal Oak pub I would like to give my support to their outdoor music events. He is right that the music can be heard, what a bonus, free entertainment on a Sunday afternoon! I've not heard music on any other days, and on a Sunday it is certainly not intrusive.

Also, the new stage was not purchased by the pub management but gifted by a regular customer who wanted to hold his 60th birthday celebration there meaning that Mr Miles' worry about that pub increasing the number of performances to make use of their investment is unfounded.

I don't often attend the Sunday afternoon events, maybe once every six weeks, but am always happy to hear the music even if I'm not there.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, August 20, 2023 2:56:16 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: The Royal Oak 52-54 Dorchester rd

Good afternoon, I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to inform you that Kevin Miles has recently shared a letter with residents in the vicinity of The Royal Oak pub. In the letter, he kindly asks for your consideration in reviewing the establishment's music license.

Speaking as a homeowner residing near The Royal Oak pub, I'd like to express my wholehearted support for their outdoor music gatherings. Kevin is absolutely correct in noting that the music can

indeed be heard, which I consider to be a delightful bonus—a splendid form of complimentary entertainment on lazy Sunday afternoons!

I've personally noticed that music isn't played on other days, and when it does grace the airwaves on Sundays, it certainly doesn't intrude upon the peaceful atmosphere. Furthermore, I'd like to clarify that the new stage wasn't procured by the pub's management; rather, it was a generous gift from a loyal patron who intended to celebrate his 60th birthday there. This fact negates Mr. Miles' concerns that the pub might amplify its performances in an effort to capitalize on this investment.

While I may not be a frequent attendee of these Sunday afternoon events—perhaps once every couple of weeks—I can confidently say that the music never fails to brighten my day, even when I'm not present in person.

I might also like to add that it is amazing to see a local business thriving the way it is after the last couple of years of uncertainty. Due to the pandemic of course!

Warm regards, [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, August 20, 2023 3:09:33 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Live Music In Beer Garden

Hello Dorset Council Licensing We live in [REDACTED] which is very close to the Royal Oak pub on Dorchester Road, we have only recently moved here and have made the Royal Oak our local. It is a great pub with really friendly staff who always make us feel welcome. I totally disagree with any objection to live music in the beer garden as this is a vital attraction and brings punters into the pub to enjoy the music and social time together. We can hear the music from our flat but do not find it at all annoying, in fact we enjoy it immensely from our living room and sing along if we can't be in the pub enjoying it in person! Live music is crucial to the venue and we would like to see this continue!
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent on: Monday, August 21, 2023 10:05:20 AM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Subject: Music License

Dear Licensing,

I am a resident of [REDACTED] Dorchester Road, Weymouth. My apartment is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The Royal Oak pub. This is a heritage pub and I consider myself lucky to live so close. Our apartment is [REDACTED] pub gardens, where the landlord sometimes has music events. If we open our windows we can hear the music, but with windows closed the sound is very quiet and does not interfere with our talking, listening to TV or radio or sleeping. We are in our 70s, so whilst we don't often attend these events we enjoy the happy sounds and often deliberately open all our windows to let the sounds in. The music is always at weekends and does not go on until late into the night. We appreciate that the landlord is very considerate in this respect. The Royal Oak is a real 'old fashioned' community hub and we would be every disappointed if it's efforts to engage the local community in pleasant, friendly and free entertainment were to be inhibited. The noise from traffic on Dorchester Road and the often noisy comings and goings of holiday makers as they walk home late at night is significantly more disruptive than music from the pub. Weymouth is a holiday resort, when deciding to live so close to the beach one has to accept that there will be some peripheral noise from traffic and entertainment venues. We do not agree that this music should be curtailed and would hope that Dorchester Council would encourage such initiatives.

Many thanks for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dorchester Road
Weymouth

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent on: Monday, August 21, 2023 12:33:44 PM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

Subject: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern

I would like the music at the Royal Oak to continue. It's part of our community and it's never late late and not every night

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Monday, August 21, 2023 12:43:03 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Royal Oak Weymouth

To whom it may concern.

I have noticed a complaint has been lodged with DCC Licensing about the sound levels emanating from the public house Royal Oak on Dorchester Road Weymouth, during live music events.

I understand this has been checked by Environmental Health and found to be OK.

I live in the area of this venue, [REDACTED] and while I have been aware of the music it has never been obtrusive.

I would suggest this complaint is entirely without merit.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Monday, August 21, 2023 1:15:40 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support for The Royal Oak Music Events

Good Afternoon

I would to express how shocked and saddened I am to find out that someone has made a complaint regarding The Royal Oak and it's **weekly** music events.

The Royal Oak have been providing music entertainment for the local & wider communities for what could be at least 2 years. It has never raised the issue of being a problem before, and especially given it is only **once a week**, it is hardly an impact to be a problem. Sunday especially, is a very popular afternoon and for a two hour window of music in the middle of the day, I am baffled at how this can create such a complaint. None of the music events, given it being during the afternoon in the summer or in the evening in the winter, do not break any antisocial rules whatsoever if that is the complaint. The music is also only on for 2 hours and this in itself is considerate and respectably, it never goes past this time window.

Surely, this complaint should not even be questionable? Considering music events have been going on there for as long as they have, why has it suddenly become an issue now?

These events bring a lot of people together socially, they produce a good source of income for a local pub and are very very popular. There is NEVER any antisocial behaviour from it, just people having a good time. I am very disappointed that someone feels that they want to ruin something that people clearly enjoy doing.

I sincerely hope that my email helps support The Royal Oak, as I and many others would feel, this complainant is potentially trying to ruin the enjoyment for the local community in the least.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

Regular attender of The Royal Oak music events

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Monday, August 21, 2023 1:31:02 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: FAO Licensing Dorset Council

Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing as we are shocked and surprised that someone has complained to you regarding live music in the beer garden at The Royal Oak. We are local residents living in Lodmoor Hill, which is in the close vicinity. As such we cannot understand why music for 2 hours on a Sunday afternoon in the summer months, or the occasional charity event, could possibly be considered as a nuisance. We have nothing but admiration for the current landlord Mr Swindell, who has created a welcoming family friendly atmosphere and venue which provides free entertainment for both visitors and us locals. He has worked hard and in our opinion has greatly improved The Royal Oak, not only making it a pleasant place to be, but somewhere we recommend to anyone visiting Weymouth and who enjoys live music. In fact one of the reasons we chose to move to Weymouth is the quality of live music here. We are also impressed that in spite of the pandemic, Mr Swindell has managed to keep The Royal Oak going to such a high standard not only providing employment to his excellent staff, but giving this part of the Dorchester Road more of a community feel.

Surely we should be supporting a local hospitality business which has put on easily accessible musical entertainment that is enjoyed by the majority, rather than listening to the probably malicious complaint of a selfish killjoy.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Monday, August 21, 2023 3:38:33 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED] >
Subject: Royal Oak, Dorchester Road, Weymouth

Dear team

We understand that a complaint has been made regarding the live music afternoons held at the Royal Oak garden and we are writing to voice our support for the pub and the music sessions, in the hope that these will be able to continue.

We regularly visit the pub as we live a short walk away, and have attended the Sunday afternoon music sessions most weeks for more than a year. We meet with a small group of friends and family and we are happy to be able to support a local business while also enjoying entertainment at a location close to our home. The afternoons always have a good atmosphere and we have noticed a wide number of other people also returning regularly to enjoy both the pub garden and entertainment from talented local bands, and in all the times we have attended we have never witnessed any trouble or problems as the afternoons are always well organised.

The landlord and staff work hard to provide a pleasant environment which is enjoyed by many people from the local community and it would be disappointing if a complaint put a stop to the outdoor music sessions during the summer months.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Weymouth

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From: [REDACTED] m>
Sent on: Monday, August 21, 2023 3:35:10 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: Royal Oak Weymouth [REDACTED]
Subject: Royal Oak Lodmoor hill Weymouth

Dear Sirs

RE Live Music

We have lived in the lodmoor area for over 30 years.

We never used the Royal Oak over the years because it was a bit rough and ready, However; Since new people took the place over, somewhere around the pandemic time, the place has been cleaned up and has come on leaps and bounds.

The pub is clean with friendly staff and clientele, we now enjoy using the pub a couple times a week. We note that someone has complained about noise?

Well with just one person that may not like it, there are hundreds that do, so please do not put restrictions onto our communal pub just because one person is complaining!

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Friday, August 25, 2023 7:09:16 AM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: music

i do not see what all the fuss is about regarding nice pub music a couple of nights of the week may it long carry on [REDACTED] Lodmoor Hill

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Friday, August 25, 2023 6:57:48 AM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: ROYAL OAK LIVE MUSIC

To Whom it may concern,
I send this e-mail in full support of the Joe and his team at the Royal Oak. As a fellow business owner of the Post Office I am aware that it is important for us all to have a thriving set of businesses not just for us as owners but for the locals to enjoy. Joe took over the Royal Oak in the depths of Covid, and since then many businesses have now disappeared from our streets and many more struggling. However the Royal Oak has gone from strength to strength by supplying to their customers needs live sports, barbecues, themed events and live music. Although I do not live locally, we work opposite and have never found an issue with the live music on a Sunday afternoon. In fact I have often found myself tapping my feet along to the music and feel it adds a lovely atmosphere to the area for a very short time on a Sunday Afternoon. May I just say I wish Joe and his team continued success.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Thursday, August 24, 2023 3:57:44 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Music

I have lived near this pub for many year and the music does not disturb or infringe myself in any way

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 12:21:17 AM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: r [REDACTED]
Subject: Music in the garden

After the last few years of hell and uncertainty, the world and Weymouth has had its share of ups and downs. So for a couple of weekends a year in the summer to have some entertainment for 2 or 3 hours in the afternoon is a lovely thing, and it's also only for about 6/8 weekends as the weather in England is so unpredictable ,(Especially now with these economically challenged times.)

Over the last couple of years Joe and his family and his fantastic team of staff, have done a fantastic job in making people ,not only into his pub but to what people feel like is his home and garden too.

My Son and I totally support Joe and his wife Jacqueline and the team in having music in the pub and in the garden. And so do a lot of other people I speak to too.

It's a shame that 1 or 2 people don't and want to spoil it for the majority.

Thanks
[REDACTED]

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rom: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 6:13:03 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support for Royal Oak pub - Dorchester Road, Weymouth

I write to express my support for my local pub, the Royal Oak on Dorchester Road and would urge you to please disregard the complaint received against them in relation to bands playing in the garden. I live less than [REDACTED] from the pub and regularly pop in with friends for a few pints. It is very well run by Landlord Joe and we greatly enjoy the music in the garden. The Landlord & Landlady have turned it into a thriving business which should be supported, and not left to struggle just because a neighbour feels it is an inconvenience to hear the bands playing from their windows/balcony.

I believe pubs are hubs of the community & should be supported by the Council, not legislated out of business. These music afternoons attract many locals and visitors to weymouth, as well as supporting Weymouth's great music scene and local musicians. The pub's hotel accommodation is an asset for the area and for other businesses nearby.

The Royal Oak has been established since 1800's and was a pub well before the neighbours decided to buy their properties. If you decide to move near a pub, you should know what to expect. Buying next door to a pub, shouldn't give you the right to complain. Same if you decide to buy a property near a school and then write in complaining that children are too noisy while playing in the school playground.

I hope this is sufficient counter argument against the noise complaint submitted. Please disregard this complaint and let us continue to enjoy bands playing in the garden. Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 4:48:06 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Live Music

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my disappointment that there may be no more live music at The Royal Oak. I live near the pub also and I don't see the problem, you can hardly hear it from home. It would be such a shame to stop something which both locals and holidaymakers enjoy.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 1:32:01 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: support for The Royal Oak music events

Good afternoon,

I am writing in support of the weekly Sunday afternoon music sessions that the Royal Oak has been providing for nearly the last 2 years. I am both saddened and a bit confused why someone would complain about this as it provides a welcome distraction from our very busy lives, but offering the chance to listen to live music and a chance to catch up with friends. Since The Royal Oak has started providing live music this has become very popular with both the locals and wider community, there has never been any anti social behaviour or any problems of any sort.

From a personal point of view I have a very demanding and sometimes stressful job and I look forward to listening to some live music, in a very welcoming pub and I would hate to think that one complaint could spoil this for the locals and general wider community.

Kind regards

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From: J [REDACTED]
Sent on: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 10:53:51 AM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: The Royal Oak Weymouth

In an era when our small town, like so many others, is dying it is so refreshing to see meeting places to congratulate and share time.

The local to me, The Royal Oak pub has taken the initiative to offer live music for its clientele. In broad daylight once on twice a week in the garden,

I understand that complaints have been made!!! Well of course they have? Inevitably? Always there will be reliable 'nimbys'

C'mon now..... lets live and let live? Hardly keeping anyone awake? Or is it!!!

Please allow the Sunday afternoon live music continue.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Local resident who doesn't use the pub at all!

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 9:17:27 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: License Review Of The Royal Oak, 52-54 Dorchester Road, Weymouth, DT4 7FB
Attachments: 367681303_681856056672311_6299242927822830095_n.jpg (229.31 KB)

I am writing to support the continuation of the music at The Royal Oak, 52-54 Dorchester Road, Weymouth, DT4 7FB.

I am also disappointed that Mr Miles who has brought about this review felt it necessary [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to enable him to push information, which is not actually completely correct in my opinion and my experience of The Royal Oak, through my door at home and highlight something that is not an issue for myself.

I will firstly address why I support The Royal Oak, I live alone, and I know that I will always get a welcome on any day of the week and have a chat with staff and patrons, which any excessive indoor noise would preclude. I live as the crow flies as one of 4 patios in the Lodmoor Hill 3 flat blocks and I am the nearest patio, and the noise I do not consider excessive. The noise created by the flats at the weekend is excessive but accept it's all part of living together as neighbours.

When the music was played in the old position, prior to the stage that has been there less than a month, and now on the stage has dampened down the music which shows a compromise to the Sunday music, I could hear the music clearly, but it was respectfully Sunday afternoon between 2-4pm, often once it started I walked round and enjoyed it in the garden, just 2 hours out of my time, and Mr Miles in his letter has said 1.30pm setting up offends him, it is usually a 1-2-1-2 from a mic, and a few guitar strums, nothing more and as for going over time, as much as the audience ask for more, the most I have noticed it is may a final song at 4pm, and songs are just 5-6 minutes long. An occasional extra band or extra day really isn't an issue, and I am only aware of that dates like bank holiday weekends and of the very occasional birthday celebration, of which we have had more celebratory days with Royalty and World sporting events, and that may be a more often band visit to celebrate, but it would not disturb any young children sleeping and getting up for school in the morning, etc.

The recorded music side of things is background music, as the main point is that it's a sports bar, which takes the priority to the patrons, whether that be horse racing, football, cricket, etc and a place to meet friends and chat. I have only seen a couple of bands inside the pub, as it doesn't remind me they are on due to no noise and only once ever a DJ, but if you live by a pub you expect some noise, it's not excessive and some of it is acoustic, not all the punk, week in week out, a variety of all different genres.

I have **NEVER** in the 8+ years that I have lived here on Lodmoor Hill, **EVER** heard the music that comes from the inside of the pub, to add to that I have never heard any cheers at big football events from inside the pub, so on the inside sound issues, I totally disagree with Mr Miles, and I often rest in the afternoons, and able to sleep, if necessary with no sound pollution from the pub, but plenty from other day to day sounds whether natural or unnatural from my other neighbours.

Mr Miles refers to it being heard at Lodmoor Park, I can hear the rides on repeat during the Summer, and the events at the Park, which are often repeated more than once the same thing on the same day, when I have my doors and windows open, and now that is annoying, but the residents of

Lodmoor Hill flats, are often a lot louder than the Royal Oak has ever been playing their own music very loud at any time of the day or night. I am also sure that the late evening Monday firework display is heard very clearly too, but no one is rushing to complain about that noise that actually rattles my windows from the seafront, which happens once a week at a time well advertised and at other times of the year too.

Please accept that as a resident of Lodmoor Hill [REDACTED] pub on the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Weymouth, that is what the flats are called that Mr Miles is clearly referring to since the elderly person's bungalows were knocked down nearly a decade ago, was renamed, when I moved in on the day the housing association took them on from the builders, that the indoor noise from The Royal Oak is absolutely nothing that should be reported in any way, by Mr Miles or anyone else.

Mr Miles points out about the issues of sitting out in his garden, and quiet family gatherings, this is not something new to the pub, and has been going on every Sunday, rain or shine, I have sat out in the rain listening to the music, and so Mr Miles would know that between 2pm-4pm this is going on. It's all about give and take, many pubs around have their bands on long after 10pm around and about, week in week out all weekend and just look how close say The Wetherbury is to residential properties, and they have no issues like this and have guests staying too. I personally have hobbies and interests that I choose not to do between 2pm-4pm on a Sunday and for me is a great chance to step away from the computer and take a break to enjoy local music by local bands, supporting a local business, that like many pubs has had a tough few years. I understand that "punk" and "heavy rock" may not be to Mr Miles taste, but I have yet to hear a heavy rock band at The Royal Oak.

I feel that as the rules in the Music Act 2012 only relate to indoor music events, that in my opinion, Mr Miles, may have chosen to target the outside music that does not have the same restrictions, as indoor music, to bolster his licence review request. And as the music inside cannot be heard as stated from my home, that is referred to as a close property by Mr Miles, and that there are no noise limiting conditions for outside music I hope that the licencing committee chooses to allow The Royal Oak to continue to have their Sunday afternoon sessions, whether outside in the Summer, or at Mr Miles' dates only but also at the other times of the year, when weather does not allow for outside performances, that Mr Miles has clearly not heard the music played and brings into his questions and thoughts on the indoor side of music played at this public house.

I am happy to supply my address should you require this for legal purposes, but I am not happy for it to be supplied at any hearing as I live alone, but have attached a photo from my patio to show where I am geographically, without the need for the Google World app used by Mr Miles. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the pub has been there many years and is Grade II listed building, I believe, and the current landlord has been in place for a couple of years now and as far as deflection from any sound it is only the greenery and a standard wooden fence for the sound to carry to my patio as the gap are the back of the businesses and I can see the garden fence of The Royal Oak from my patio when greenery is cutback. I do not have any issues with any sounds or music at any time which I have heard from The Royal Oak.

I hope that this goes to show that Mr Miles does not hold the opinion of everyone within its closest properties or rather as I prefer the pub's neighbours and patrons.

[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 7:16:14 AM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Royal Oak, Dorchester Road, Lodmoor Hill, Weymouth

Good morning,

I write to convey my support for the pub, and how great it has been since the new landlord has taken over a couple of years ago.

The pub is a great asset and it would be a shame to lose the live music this great place puts on for us local people.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Monday, August 21, 2023 7:03:18 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support for Royal Oak

I write to express my support for my local pub, the Royal Oak on Dorchester Road. I live just round the corner from the pub and often enjoy going in with friends for a few pints. It is superbly run by Landlord Joe and Landlady and we regularly go there to enjoy the music in the garden. The Landlord & Landlady of the Royal Oak have turned it into a thriving business which should be supported, and not left to flounder just because a killjoy neighbour feels it is an inconvenience to hear the bands playing in the garden.

I believe pubs are hubs of the community & should be supported by the Council, not made to justify how they run their business because of one complaint. They have had enough to deal with struggling through all the Covid lockdowns and high energy prices, without having the prospect of not being able to continue the music in the garden on Sundays. These music afternoons give many locals and visitors a lot of pleasure, as I can attest and prove through the many videos I have taken of the bands. These afternoons also support the thriving Weymouth music scene and the many local musicians, which, in my view, should be encouraged. The pub's accommodation also brings people into the area, giving other businesses in town a well needed boost. As a tourist destination, the Weymouth music scene and local bands should be praised and supported by the council, not regulating them out of business.

My final point, is that the Royal Oak has been established since 1800's and was a pub well before the neighbours decided to buy their properties. Surely if you decide to move near a pub, you should know what to expect. If I wanted to live a 'quiet' life, I certainly wouldn't move near a main road hub-of-the-community pub. Therefore, just because someone decides to buy a recently converted

'luxury flat' near the pub, shouldn't give them the right to complain about the predictable noise from the local pub next door.

I hope this is sufficient counter argument against the petty noise complaint submitted. Please disregard this complaint and let us continue our Sunday music afternoons in the pub!

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

49

From: [REDACTED]

Sent on: Monday, August 21, 2023 6:58:26 PM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Complaint about Sunday afternoon music

This complaint is a travesty. I live very close to the Royal Oak on Dorchester Road, and I love the music there. It brightens the neighbourhood up, it's friendly fun, and it should be allowed to continue and thrive. This complaint is vindictive and selfish. Please help support local businesses, not crush them. These attacks on ancient pubs plying their honest trade in Weymouth is utterly disgraceful. Music from 1400 to 1600 on one day a week is totally acceptable. What on earth is this person complaining about? The road makes more noise every day, 24-7. Please disregard this complaint.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent on: Friday, August 25, 2023 11:37:37 AM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Subject: Royal Oak lodmoor hill licensing

Dear sirs / madams

Regarding the complaint against the Royal Oak, Dorchester road lodmoor hill, I would like to give you my opinions after living at [REDACTED] approx 1 minute walk from the pub, for the past 2 years.

It was a pleasure to see this pub have a new lease of life after being taken over in lockdown, and to see the garden be rejuvenated. Hats off to the landlord for spending money to make ends meet.

The pub now is a pleasure to visit, friendly staff and customers and a lovely garden to enjoy in the sun.

The music on Sunday afternoons is also a pleasure to be involved with. The pub is normally busy with normal people enjoying the garden and the live music during the summer months. I often visit on a Sunday afternoon to enjoy it.

For someone to moan about this is frankly disappointing. The pub is doing nothing wrong and is just trying to survive in the trying world we live in. The music is never ear ringing loud, or explicit so I see no reason why this would draw complaints, unless said person is sat inside with nothing better to do than moan.

When I don't visit when there is music on, I cannot hear the music, or people in the garden of the pub. I have not had 1 instance where I can hear anything from the pub. Being so close myself, I am surprised anyone can, especially with the main road as well.

I plead with you to reconsider and ignore this complaint, and let the pub carry on as normal, as it has the right to do, and has earned.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

51

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:14:19 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Entertainment in Royal Oak pub Weymouth

I support the continuation of music in the pubs beer garden. In these financially difficult times all pubs need to generate as much custom as they can. Music is one such means of doing so.

Regards [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PS my wife also supports the pubs position.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:15:28 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] The Royal Oak Weymouth

I'm writing to add my support of the music played at The Royal Oak, Dorchester Road Weymouth. We enjoyed a marvellous time there yesterday between 5pm until 7pm. We live relatively close to this venue and have no objection to the music being played.

The music 'scene' in Weymouth is very popular

Regards

Local resident

Sent from my Galaxy

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:44:40 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: The Royal Oak

To whom it may concern.

It is with great sadness that we understand the live music at the Royal Oak is under threat.

As a frequent visitor to Weymouth and someone who enjoys some genuine live music and great entertainment, it again seems that an established business, the pub being around 300 years old!, can be brought to its knees by short sighted individuals, who when moving near to a pub then decide that the pub must suffer.

Please be mindful when making your decisions.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Monday, August 28, 2023 1:51:10 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to live music

I feel very strongly that the Royal Oak on Dorchester Road, Weymouth, should keep being able to have live music. It brings a lot of family's and friends together. And is great for the community and economy.

I live locally and the events are well received and a lot of people really enjoy it.

I am [REDACTED] and I live on [REDACTED].

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Monday, August 28, 2023 1:30:34 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: The 'Award Winning' Royal Oak, Weymouth

To whom it may concern,

We recently played at The 'Award Winning' Royal Oak, Dorchester Road, Weymouth and we were saddened to hear that they have recieved a complaint about music being played in their garden and their licence may be at stake.

We are in full support of this amazing pub. They do everything by the book and ensure the music is kept to a minimum volume and only for the times stated. It is a well loved venue for their Sunday Sessions and for the 2 hours that music is played it is enjoyed by many.

We have played this venue on various occasions, and also visited as spectators and have never seen any unruly behaviour or witnessed the music played at an unreasonable level.

We think it unfair if restrictions are put on their licence because 1 person (who chose to live by a pub) is inconvenienced for 2 hours a week, in the summertime.

The landlord has built a stage so that the music is being projected away from the houses at the rear therefore eliminating most of the noise to these houses.

We have sent this email to you to show our support for The Royal Oak.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

56

From: [REDACTED]

Sent on: Monday, August 28, 2023 11:07:09 AM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

Subject: Royal Oak, 52-54 Dorchester Rd, Weymouth DT4 7JZMusic Licence Review

Dear Sirs,

I understand that there has been an objection to the playing of live music at The Royal Oak, Weymouth as above.

I declare an interest in supporting events, however, have no connection and have never had any to this particular venue.

My concern is the decline in the very essence of a community hub, of which we learn that a third in the country have been forced to close as austerity coupled with the cost of running the business overcome those who have invested in such premises. In my long and extensive connection with venues, I have seen too many disappear, whilst the need for socialising is even more apparent.

As the high street evolves into empty meaningless shops due to high rents and other running costs, the bigger conglomerates choose out of town precincts, where parking is free. Community hubs, wherever they are, offer an alternative economy to its decline and therefore should be of interest to local authorities. Taking away the attraction to use them will only further the demise and the ability of people to patronise and socialise in a much needed time and a loss of income to the authorities.

I always think that licenced venues have been in existence in towns such as Weymouth for many years, some for hundreds of years, such as the Boot and The Duke of Cornwall, with the vision of some guy playing an accordion and singing sea shanties, surely these were the reasons that folk were attracted to use and kept them alive. I also feel that if you choose to live near a venue patronised by a community, then it would be obvious to expect the result of the operation of that business.

Thank you in anticipation for your time in reading my comments.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

57

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:19:18 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Live music at the Royal Oak

I live locally at [REDACTED] (Google tells me 450m away) we moved in last year (actually to the day) and it is admittedly the first time that we have gone to the Royal Oak but it was due to the music and it will likely not be the last now. From our house we have never heard the music or found it any nuisance, I appreciate we aren't exactly next door and could see how this could be different closer but it would be a shame that this was stopped considering it is not at unsociable hours and being fairly weather dependant means if it's nice enough to have the music going it's probably nice enough to avoid it and take a stroll to the beach.

The pub has asked for support in keeping the music and for what it is worth I give it mine.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, August 27, 2023 5:41:04 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: The Royal Oak Beer Garden

Dear Dorset Council

We are currently sat in the garden of The Royal Oak and thoroughly enjoying the afternoon of entertainment here which we can do as a family (youngest being 9 years old). The whole garden is busy with people of all ages and we really feel it would be a great loss if this was taken away as a live music venue. Please listen to the majority of sensible people who appreciate great local talent. With hope that this email gets recorded as support to keep the beer garden going.

[REDACTED]

Weymouth resident

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, August 27, 2023 5:12:17 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Live music at the Royal oak

Hi

I understand there has been some objections to the live music at the Royal Oak on the Dorchester Rd.

I do understand that some noise is not for everyone, but I have to say that for my family and I who live on [REDACTED] this is something we love to hear.

We visit regularly and love to hear the established and upcoming young bands which is so important for them. Weymouth was such a Mecca for live music which is gradually disappearing.

Music is part of British and Weymouth's culture which should be nurtured not discouraged.

I urge you to consider not just the people who complain, but the people who get so much enjoyment out of being together and enjoying music. The value of that is incalculable.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, August 27, 2023 5:01:17 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Royal Oak Gardens

Hi,

I am emailing as I have been told that there is a danger of the ability for the pub to have music playing in their garden at respectful times.

This would be devastating for the local community.

It is such a great platform for local artists to display their talents. Especially young artists like those we are listening to today.

It lifts the spirits of the local community. We meet and connect with neighbours, we may otherwise have not.

Sunday afternoons are particularly lovely. Sunday can be quite a lonely time for some. Having a place in the community to go to, enjoy an afternoon of local music can be life changing for some.

The noise level is completely acceptable and tame, the music is played live and is really beautiful to listen to. I'd encourage whoever has complained to pull up a chair and listen. It might make them actually feel a little happier!

From [REDACTED], a local resident [REDACTED] Lodmoor.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, August 27, 2023 2:34:27 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support

Dear council,

Having lived in Weymouth for 40 years, I cannot believe that people are trying to take away what a wonderful place this is to both live and visit by stopping the live entertainment which is the heart, lungs and blood to the town.

Please do not stop the outside entertainment and destroy this town.

Let the Royal Oak keep the life of Weymouth live on and provide that spark with their outside music.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

62

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, August 27, 2023 2:29:47 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: A joke!

The Royal Oak is a fantastic and safe family friendly lovely pub. They provide outside music on a Sunday 2-4. This is completely reasonable. I live locally, [REDACTED] The music has never caused any issues or harm to us or our neighbours. It seems there is one bore who would like to ruin everyone else's enjoyment ! I hope this email helps to confirm the one person would ruin it for the local area

[REDACTED]

63

rom: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, August 27, 2023 2:28:58 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: The Royal Oak Weymouth

I am sending this to add my support for the live music events at The Royal Oak, Weymouth on Sunday afternoons.

64

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, August 27, 2023 1:28:27 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Music and The Royal Oak

I live in [REDACTED] and fully support having live music.

65

From: [REDACTED]

Sent on: Sunday, August 27, 2023 1:28:07 PM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Subject: (no subject)

To whom it may concern

I regularly attend the live music on Sunday afternoons at The Royal Oak Lodmoor Hill Weymouth and wish to express my support for this venture. It is a very well run establishment and these live music events also benefit local businesses as they allow customers to bring in food bought from local shops as well as sometimes having mobile catering.

There is never any anti-social behaviour issues during these music events and they are predominantly in the afternoon for 2 hours. They have made such an improvement to their garden including having turned the stage to face the pub rather than the refurbished flats. These gigs also give work to local musicians.

I think it would be a terrible shame for the attendees who are mostly local people if live music in the garden was stopped due to a complaint.

Please do not stop the music

[REDACTED]

66

From: [REDACTED]

Sent on: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:12:48 AM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Subject: Royal Oak

As a resident of [REDACTED], the Royal Oak is a pub we regularly visit as it is the centre of the local community.

We especially visit for the wonderful Music they have in the Garden. It is great to see them promoting local bands and also giving ourselves, and our friends and family, a great way to spend an afternoon together.

We strongly ask you to reject the request to stop the Live music

Thank you

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Saturday, August 26, 2023 12:59:09 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Live music

Dear sir/madam

We wish to support the live music on Sunday afternoons at the Royal Oak Weymouth, we feel this is a family pub that serves the local community not just the holiday trade, we live within ear shot of the premise and do not feel the music is intrusive as it is restricted to a controlled time slot, we feel if you take this away then the community would be worse off, it is clear from every town and city throughout the country that public houses are suffering and we all need to support those that are trying to survive.

Regards [REDACTED] Weymouth.

68

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Saturday, August 26, 2023 10:12:39 AM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Music noise from royal oak public house

I live at [REDACTED] and am surprised that anyone should have concern about this. The music is performed for a limited time and provides entertainment for well behaved audiences and employment for performers and pub staff alike.

[REDACTED]

69

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Friday, August 25, 2023 3:15:27 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: The Royal Oak, Dorchester road, Weymouth

Good afternoon,

Further to the complaint being made to the council about the live music, I would like to offer my input as a regular customer who lives only a stones throw away.

The music at The Royal Oak is a fantastic addition to the Lodmoor community and the atmosphere is great! The hours in which the music is played is very respectful and always finishes promptly and on time. There is never any trouble during or after. The music is incredibly popular and it is always busy when it's on, which is testament to Joe and how he has turned the establishment around into a thriving hub of entertainment and a great meeting place for many people.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

70

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Friday, August 25, 2023 2:44:52 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Music Complaint

I am writing to inform you of my support and enjoyment of the music at The Royal Oak on Dorchester Road. I live very nearby and always invite as many of my friends as possible to come to enjoy the music with me. the beer garden is always full of other locals also enjoying it as part of their Sunday routine.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, August 27, 2023 1:44:34 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Royal Oak, Dorchester Road, Weymouth

To the Dorchester Council Licensing Team

I am very disappointed to learn that there has been a complaint to the Council about noise from The Royal Oak on the Dorchester Road, Weymouth.

The pub has, for several years, hosted bands for a couple of hours on Sunday afternoon so one wonders why now you have received a single complaint? That is assuming the complaint is related to the Sunday afternoon band sessions, and not a general complaint about a pub that had stood there for decades?

The Sunday band sessions are very popular with surrounding residents, including me and my family who live just 2 minutes away.

Is the complaint from someone who has recently moved into the area and is inexplicably "surprised" at noise from a pub?

Is it from someone who for some reason has taken a dislike to the landlord and wants to cause him trouble?

Was there a particular band that was louder than previous bands?

Please can you send me details about the complaint. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Monday, August 28, 2023 5:42:37 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Dorset councils agenda to kill Weymouth

Dear sir/ madam

Please do not use the complaints against the Royal Oak in Weymouth to further your agenda to destroy our Town. Dorset Councils hatred of Weymouth is well documented. Leave us some places to enjoy ourselves with music and beer.

Leave us alone

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 10:45:03 AM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Re:
Attachments: image001.jpg (20.6 KB), image002.png (8.98 KB), image003.png (12.93 KB), image004.png (2.88 KB), image004.png (2.88 KB)

The oak on Dorchester Road thanks

On Tue, 29 Aug 2023, 10:42 Licensing [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear [REDACTED], please can you confirm which premises you are referring to.

Many thanks

Kathryn Miller
Senior Licensing Officer
Place Services
Dorset Council

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 9:30 AM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject:

It doesn't harm anyone with the music on if u live near a pub u should expect it people should just get on with their lives instead of being moaning busy body's it is good to see the pub is busy

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 10:33:03 AM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Royal Oak

RE: I live close to the Royal Oak and have no problem with bands being played on the premises. It is lovely to hear and know that people are having a lovely time. I sincerely hope they carry on having performances at the Royal Oak

On 29 Aug 2023, at 10:00, Licensing [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail in relation to the Royal Oak, Dorchester Road, please can you put your comments in the main body of the e-mail and not in the subject heading as it is not showing your whole representation.

Many thanks

Kathryn Miller
Senior Licensing Officer
Place Services
Dorset Council

[<image001.jpg>](#)

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 2:41:54 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Live music on a Sunday at the Royal Oak

Dear Dorset Council

I live near to the pub, a couple of streets away and I would like to say that I am in favour of live music. The timing of the live music is completely reasonable, 2-4pm on a Sunday.

I don't find this music intrusive, and feel that it helps support the local musicians and their talent.

I also feel as a local, the pub is a lovely place to go to with family and friends to watch live music, away from the main town.

I am in full support of live music and hope that this email helps you make the right decision.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

76

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 4:34:28 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]

Sirs, I write in support of the above pub, who wish to play music in their garden from 1400 to 1600 on some afternoons. Whereas I can understand complaints if music was played into the evening, and disturbed sleeping patterns then different rules apply. Please allow this pub to prosper, after all the hard work they put in to survive the covid years.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED] a local resident.

77

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 5:10:31 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Royal Oak Live music

Dear Sir/Madam,

I understand council has been contacted with a complaint regarding live music at the Royal Oak Public House on Dorchester Road, Weymouth and I would like to give you my experience and opinion on this matter.

In the last couple of years, I have had the pleasure of attending live music events at the Royal Oak on Sunday afternoons and found the experience to be respectful of neighbours and hugely enjoyable for the people attending.

The live music has always been run at the scheduled times and with minimal disruption to the surrounding area, which being predominantly consisting of retail premises.

I think it is also worth noting:

1. The huge efforts the current licensees have made to make the garden a peaceful and pleasant family orientated area including extensive seating added, especially when considering this was largely done over the covid affected period.
2. New full height fencing has been installed to neighbouring properties helping to reduce noise travel.
3. A stage platform has been constructed with walled sides helping to reduce noise travel.
4. The live music events are always family orientated in atmosphere and attendance.
5. Some of the live music events have included a large charity fund-raising element.
6. The live music events have provided a valued and appreciated social and cultural occasion in the Lodmoor area of Weymouth, relieving pressure on infrastructure and establishments with similar events in the town centre and also providing adjoining businesses to the Royal Oak with additional revenue due to increase in customers.

I live a short distance from the Royal Oak and consider the live music events to have had a hugely positive impact on the area and consequently their removal would be a huge loss.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 6:51:02 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: The Royal Oak

I understand that a complaint has been made regarding noise from the Sunday music concerts that the Royal Oak in Dorchester road Weymouth put on. I live virtually opposite the pub at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and have attended many Sunday music events. I believe they are a wonderful showcase for local live music. And hope they can carry in for years to come. I'd like to point out that the music is only on for two hours, once a week. On the days I'm not attending the events I can hear the music from my house but in no way do I regard it as a nuisance.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 1:14:45 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Live music at the royal oak

To whom it may concern

I would like to voice my support for live music in the garden of the royal oak , a wonderful pub which is the lifeblood of the local community and very popular with local residents of which I am one many thanks [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 12:40:36 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] Royal Oak

Love the pub and the live music in particular. Would be a huge shame to have it cancelled. Pubs are under pressure all over the country and losing the live music could well be the beginning of the end to this well run and looked after Weymouth Pub... 🗨️ 🗨️

Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent on: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 11:40:16 AM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Subject: 16th August 2023 -Review of the Royal Oak license DT4 7JZ

With regards to the letter posted through my letter box by Kevin Miles 16th August 2023 about the review of the Royal Oaks license on the grounds of the impact on nearby households of excessive noise from outdoor music events.

We live at [REDACTED] and our rear garden is [REDACTED] the Royal Oaks rear garden. We do not agree with Kevin Miles's sentiments, in fact I think he has exaggerated the truth to persuade people into complaining.

1. The sounds from the bands playing is not excessive. While we do hear the music sat in the rear garden, on the occasions we have had visitors, the music has been pleasant and not interfered with our conversation at all.

2. We do not think bands play from April to October. It just seems to be the summer months. We have never heard bands playing past 17:00 on a Sunday.

3. Kevin Miles seems to take exception to an event on Friday the 21st July to Sunday the 23rd July. It rained all weekend without much break. We are not sure how he heard anything. When we are in our house, even with the windows on vent we can barley hear the music.

We do not understand why Kevin Miles is complaining so much. We get more noise nuisance from the bakery at the end of our garden with lorries and vans coming back and forth, cleaning of pallets on a Saturday and the constant and horrible noise of an air conditioning unit facing our garden.

If Kevin Miles is going to be fair on complaining, then he should also be mentioning music that we do hear weekly that comes from a garage on Fernhill Avenue from a band practicing. This goes on just as long and later than the music he is complaining about.

Having only moved into our home a few years ago, we understood buying next to a Public House that we would occasionally hear some noise. We can honestly say we are pleasantly surprised on how little noise impact there has been.

We also feel that small businesses need as much support as possible and with that in mind, we do not support Kevin Miles in any way.

Regards [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent on: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 9:07:14 AM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Subject: Live Music at the Royal Oak Beer Garden, Dorchester road

Dear Sir,

I understand that you have to investigate these sort of complaints but would hope that you can make a decision that would benefit the majority rather than the minority and look to the bigger picture for the good of the community.

The pub has our full support on this issue and we hope that we can continue to enjoy what has and always has been an enjoyable and friendly experience for all.

Regards

J [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent on: Friday, September 1, 2023 8:49:41 AM

To: Licensing [REDACTED] >

CC: [REDACTED]

Subject: Support for live bands at Royal Oak Dorchester Rd Weymouth

I am emailing with regards to the live music held in the beer garden at The Royal Oak Dorchester Road Weymouth.

I do not believe this should be withdrawn as it is a valued feature which brings much enjoyment to both locals and holidaymakers alike.

This public house provides a nice Freindly atmosphere, with good hospitality and serves the community well and the live music is a fabulous addition to this. If it were to be withdrawn it would be a huge loss to this particular part of town. Not everyone wants to go into Weymouth town centre to experience live bands.

We need more draws to local places in Weymouth rather than fewer and I fully support the Royal Oak in what they are currently offering.

Yours [REDACTED]

85

From: [REDACTED]

Sent on: Friday, September 1, 2023 7:17:27 AM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

Subject: Live music

Morning

We visit the Royal Oak on a Sunday afternoon regularly and enjoy the live music so much. The atmosphere is great, timings perfect and the music is only played for two hours.

I would love to continue enjoying the music as it is such a chilled afternoon and prices at the pub are reasonable. The staff are friendly and my husband and I get a lot of pleasure from the venue and the music played.

Everything enjoyable seems to be stopped by one or two miserable people complaining. Please listen to the customers.

Please let the Royal Oak continue to play live music that we can all enjoy. The atmosphere is amazing and I have never seen any trouble. Just people having fun!!

Thank you.

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Sent from [Outlook for iOS](#)

86

From: [REDACTED]

Sent on: Thursday, August 31, 2023 9:18:50 PM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

Subject: Noise complaint Royal Oak

Royal Oak Weymouth — it's great for live music and families. We understand there has been a complaint, which we feel is unjustified. Pubs have a hard enough time trying to make ends meet and the Royal Oak work hard to make sure everything is done properly

Live music is just beginning to make a comeback since the pandemic and live music played in the garden for two hours on a Sunday is a great thing for people's well-being.

Please do not be misled by one complainant. Weymouth is getting a really good reputation for live music events and pubs create great settings. The Royal Oak is a good pub please do not change their

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent on: Thursday, August 31, 2023 8:48:09 PM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Subject: Live music at the Royal Oak

To Whom It May Concern,

We regularly enjoy listening to and fully support live music at the Royal Oak on Dorchester Road.

We very much hope it continues for many years to come.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Weymouth

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om: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Thursday, August 31, 2023 8:06:39 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] The Royal Oak Dorchester road

Dear licensing board,

You are I have just heard that someone has written to you complaining about the live entertainment put on by The Royal Oak on the Dorchester Road. I wish to support the pub and say that for 2hrs once a week on a Sunday during summer that the live music draws in customers and provides valuable income to the pub. Which during these difficult times is difficult for anyone running any kind of business especially in the hospitality sector. How can you let one persons complaint end what is a well run and well organised event.

Regards [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Thursday, August 31, 2023 5:20:17 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Beer garden

Hello, I would like to register my concern regarding the Royal oak pub beer garden,because a person has complained and they may like their license,I think this is terrible,buissnesses are struggling as it is and need all the help they can get, please keep this in mind, and I would like to register my support for this pub.

Best regards [REDACTED].

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Thursday, August 31, 2023 4:39:58 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: The award winning royal oak weymouth.Noise complaint

I [REDACTED] write in full support of the Royal oak on dorchester rd,weymouth.Dorset.
I am saddened to hear that this public house has somebody that is against live music making complaints about noise.
The management of this pub are very professional and caring towards neighbouring properties.I visit on a sunday afternoon specifically for the music and i have to say the noise levels still allow you to comfortably have a conversation with friends over the table.With the stage area also facing away from the properties i cant see how they can be severely affected by noise which is only for 2 hours on a sunday afternoon.
I would urge you to find in favour of the Royal oak in this instance and allow them to continue live music in the lovely garden.
[REDACTED]

91

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Thursday, August 31, 2023 4:40:08 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: The Royal Oak, Weymouth

To whom it may concern.

It has been brought to my(and others) attention that there has been a complaint about live music at the above mentioned venue.

Apart from pointing out the obvious.. I. E. Don't buy a property next to a pub and then moan (don't buy a property next to a fish and chip shop or fish market and complain either, nor next to a farm and complain about noise and smells.)This particular venue stages live music outside in a Sunday afternoon once a week) usually spring /summer time) for 2 hours.... Yes!.. 2 whole hours... And someone wants to complain?

In this mad (increasingly) sad and miserable world, what could possibly be offensive with some cheerful music? I have attended as many of these events as possible. To say that the joy and happiness it brings for a few short hours is tremendous.

This venue has professional bands performing there, not micky mouse screeching outfits.

The landlord, the staff and willing volunteers (other nearby residents included) work nonstop to out these events on to spread a little joy. It's a social event. People are happy, people for a few short hours forget their woes, have a chat and a gossip, laugh sing and God forbid dance and enjoy themselves!

2 hours a week this happens.. There are some miserable people out there.

It beggars belief this person is even being entertained.

I don't have to point out about the downturn in trade and jobs it would impact if the music is banned do !!?

There are no laws being broken. If one person can cause this much disruption then how about the opinions of the many who thoroughly enjoy and support this venue and their events? Don't "we" count?.

I am placing my whole hearted trust in yourselves to ignore and rebuke this crazy complaint from someone who has nothing better to do. Maybe they should try to attend and meet people and join in?

I thank you for your time in reading this email. I trust you to "do the right thing".

If not, I would advise the complainant to simply move to somewhere out of a vibrant town area. But then I guess they will complain about Cockrels , farm smells or the like.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

92

From: [REDACTED]

Sent on: Thursday, August 31, 2023 3:51:17 PM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

Subject: The Royal Oak

Dear Sir/Madam

I think the removal of live music would have a detrimental effect on the locality.

Not only it provides a source of income for the pub it also helps musicians get an income in these difficult times.

1 person who remains anonymous has put a complaint in regarding live music, 1 person does not represent the opinion of those in the locality and further afield.

I ask you to reconsider this and let the Royal Oak keep this music licence.

Yours Sincerely [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Thursday, August 31, 2023 2:12:49 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Royal Oak Dorchester Road weymouth

Sent from my Android phone with [mail.com](mailto:) Mail. Please excuse my brevity.
On 31/08/2023, 13:25 [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a regular visitor to the music at the Royal Oak. I go with my wife, children and grandchildren. We'll have a lovely family afternoon, with great music.

I have to thank the landlord Joe, for the great efforts in keeping everyone happy. Lovely friendly atmosphere.

We do live in a holiday town. My family travel down from London and Bournemouth, to attend this event. For my sake, and the vast majority of weymouth people. Do NOT!!! stop this event.

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Sent from my Android phone with [mail.com](mailto:) Mail. Please excuse my brevity.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Thursday, August 31, 2023 9:53:49 AM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Music

I am writing in support of the live music at the Royal oak on Dorchester rd, I live not far from the venue and enjoy the live music and would support it to continue.

It's so lovely to be able to sit in the garden and enjoy the live music.

Yours Thankfully

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, September 3, 2023 5:50:52 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Live music

Hi all,

I can't express enough how much the live music at the oak brings everyone together and creates a safe/fun environment. The pub should not have to be impacted because of one person. Please allow this to continue.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

96

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Friday, September 1, 2023 10:17:21 AM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support for live music at The Royal Oak

Good Morning,

I am emailing as understand there has been a single complaint against the live music at the Royal Oak pub in Weymouth. We live in the Radipole area and enjoy attending the pub on a Sunday lunchtime and listening to live music in the garden supporting a local business as well as encouraging new music talents from the local area.

The music is never too loud and never late at night. In my opinion if you live near a pub/shops/road/school you should expect some level of noise.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Friday, September 1, 2023 5:19:18 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: Live Music on Sundays

Dear Dorset Council,

I am writing with regards to some complaints that have been submitted against The Royal Oak Pub on Dorchester Road in Weymouth due to their weekly bands on a Sunday.

I would like to say that we are local (across the road) to the pub and do not get disturbed by the sounds of music on a Sunday for 2 hours of the day. We may hear some sound if the wind is in our direction though it is pleasant and not disturbing at all.

We also enjoy attending the pub on a Sunday to relax with a drink and listen to the bands in their clean and friendly pub with a super outdoor area, which I witness lots of locals and visitors enjoy on a regular basis. We bring our older parents up and they also enjoy being outdoors enjoying the music.

I hear a lot of people say they go to the pub and meet with their friends and family, and others do not have outdoor space to enjoy at their homes, so it is lovely to see them enjoying the outdoors having a drink with good local bands and pleasant music. Surely this is good for their wellbeing in many ways?

We have lived here for many years and know the area very well. People need to understand and do their research that when they move to an area that has a local pub and other shops etc they need to realise there will be noise and traffic, because that is the nature of the area. It is not excessive, for a length of time and not every night.

As a local resident, I personally would be upset if this were to come to an end. It is only 2 hours on a Sunday!

Thankyou for your consideration

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]
Lodmoor Hill Resident

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, September 3, 2023 10:49:32 AM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: SUPPORT of Music at Royal Oak Pub Dorchester Road

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in support of the 2 hours of live music that takes place here on a Sunday. This is a valuable community pub which causes no issues at all.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

99

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, September 3, 2023 2:01:44 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Live music at the Royal Oak

Hi

This is just an email in support of the royal oak and the live music on the garden.

It is a lovely Sunday afternoon 2pm to 4pm which brings me to this venue for a couple of hours in support of both the pub and the band.

I am there right now and it is very pleasant with families enjoying themselves. It is nice to have a good atmosphere in Weymouth for a couple of hours.

It would be a shame if many people would lose this entertainment.

Thankyou

[REDACTED]

100

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, September 3, 2023 4:13:57 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: r [REDACTED]
Subject: Live Music at The Royal Oak

To whom it concerns,

I'm a resident at [REDACTED] DT4 [REDACTED] only a few doors down from the Royal Oak. I am writing to you to inform, the noise of live music is of no complaint from myself or my family when visiting. I really enjoy hearing live bands when I'm home of an afternoon/evening and find the music reflects talent: A great alternative to my Spotify playlists of a Sunday afternoon. It's lovely to hear these bands play, both when I'm at home and when at the pub on the rare occasion.

I'm very disheartened that a pub so atmospheric and friendly is at risk of loosing their live bands. I hope that all of the support surrounding the live music events, shine further than an individual complainant. Myself and my partner are both professionals and enjoy unwinding when hearing this live music play.

Further to my support, I have recently visited a small seaside town over the August bank holiday; Exmouth. I attended "Party in the Park" festivities as well as a small cider festival with live music which supported an independent brewery. The appreciation surrounding the live music was phenomenal and eager to return to visit this location. Rhetorical; how many individuals and families return to The Royal Oak to hear live bands on a Sunday while enjoying themselves and the quality time, and full engagement that families spend with loved ones and those that matter most to them. This, I feel, is more important than minor complainants.

If I do not desire to hear any live music, this is easily cured by closing the windows. I reside on the closest side of the building to the pub and on the 3rd floor, ultimately, the loudest location to hear the live music from the Royal Oak.

Residents are fully aware of live music before moving close to a pub. If individuals desire silence in their gardens, then unfortunately, living next to any venue, will cause noise. I have more problems with loud motorcycles and disruptive neighbours than I do live music and hope this plea is as informative as possible to the lack of issue The Royal Oak is.

Removing live music events from The Royal Oak will damage the already well established environment and atmosphere of the pub.

I hope you approach this situation with an open mind and consider the damaging consequences this could have on the local community.

Warm Regards,
[REDACTED]

101

From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, September 3, 2023 5:01:27 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Royal Oak license complaint re Music

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]
To: "licensing@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk" [REDACTED]
Cc: "[REDACTED]"
<[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sun, 3 Sept 2023 at 17:23
Subject: Royal Oak license complaint re Music
To whom it may concern

We live near the Royal Oak on Dorchester Road (approx 200 m distance max). NEVER has the music on a Sunday afternoon or otherwise interfered with our entertaining outside or our lifestyle.

Furthermore ,whilst we do not go to every event, we applauded the commencement of this artistic display every 2 hours. Believing ,and still do, that it brings the local community together

We feel ,very strongly, it would be a travesty if this " creative output" , and " community building " programme should be excluded from the local musical calendar .

If you require anymore input please do contact us via email

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent on: Sunday, September 3, 2023 5:34:47 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]
Subject: The Royal Oak live music

We wish to add our support to Joe & his staff at the Royal Oak on Lodmoor hill, Weymouth. Joe runs a friendly, sociable pub which is much needed amongst the community nearby. He hosts live bands on Sunday afternoons, in the garden in the summer, which are very popular with old & young alike. We have been to many of these events & have never seen any trouble, everybody appears to be having a great time.

Please don't listen to the person opposing this social event, it is only once a week and only for a couple of hours.

We need to support our local businesses, not put obstacles in their way to make their lives difficult, and possibly even lead to their closure.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 7:18 AM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Live Music Royal Oak Weymouth

To whom it may concern,

I have attended the music events at the above venue. They are well organised, enjoyed and supported by both locals and visitors to the area and create a great atmosphere with their wide range of live music. The landlord and staff work hard to ensure the guidelines of the licence are adhered to and there is never any trouble.

The outdoor events only happen once a week and for the odd occasion throughout the summer months weather permitting. They also bring custom to the local area as food is not served in the pub but customers are allowed to bring food bought at the local Tesco and Takeaways onto the premises. These events also allow the local musical talent to develop their skills and gain experience in live performances.

I strongly believe these events should be allowed to continue.

Regards

[REDACTED]
Dorchester

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:34 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Live music in the beer garden at the Royal Oak pub

Dear Sir/madam

I am writing this email about my concerns over the possibility of the Royal Oak pub on Lodmoor Hill losing their allowance to host music events in their beer garden.

I am not what I would consider a great frequenter of the Oak and probably visit it once or twice a week - usually to watch a football game or have a drink to unwind after work. Every time I have visited I have found it to be welcoming, warming and clearly have a staff who ensure anyone who enters feels safe and welcomed. I often see children in with their parents and they are always made to feel welcome and, as a parent, I would be more than happy for my children to join me at the Oak - unlike some Weymouth pubs who I wouldn't dream of taking my children too.

I mention this because clearly the landlord has a good balance and caters for the regulars, holiday makers, occasional visitors - in fact, all members of the public. Over the years the Royal Oak has improved and updated itself immeasurably - such as the new frontage signs and the fantastic beer garden (a real hidden 'gem' in Weymouth) They now provide accommodation and all of these things surely help with the 'footfall' in Weymouth and aids our local economy along with providing jobs for our local population. This is a real boon, especially with the known closures of pubs every week around England and the subsequent negative impact on the local community.

Due to all the positive developments, the Royal Oak is now the pub I go to for a game or to relax. Also, (sadly a sign of our times), I need to mention the use of illegal drugs. As an ex-teacher, I am fully aware of the problem Weymouth and Portland has with drugs and its ties with social deprivation (are we still the lowest ranked for social mobility in the country?). In all of the time I have been to the Oak I have never seen any drugs issues. I mention this because I have seen in some Weymouth pubs some real drug issues but never in the Oak. In fact, the 2 times there were clearly a few 'visitors' who might have caused trouble, the Landlord or his staff handled it quickly, decisively and stopped any potential problems before they could have arisen. As I said earlier, I would be more than happy for my children to come to the Oak - which in fact on a few occasions they have.

And so, to the music issue. Having live bands on a weekend afternoon/early evening is something the Oak seem to have been doing for a little while now. Its a fantastic boon, for a number of reasons. Firstly, we are all still recovering from lockdown and Covid and so having free local events that all ages can attend is a great help in the slow return to normality. Also, economically, its great to see money going into the local economy. The times of the bands always seems to be at the weekends and late afternoon/early evening. A well thought-out time that allows children to attend and means the absolute minimum of disruption to anyone local. Indeed, I have heard more noise from the local 'early morning lawnmower brigade' in my local area. 5pm on a Sunday afternoon seems more than reasonable to me for a few tunes. One last thing - the bands that play range from the part time 'hobby musicians' to young musicians just starting out. I know, as a father of a daughter who has aspirations of being a singer or performer, the more opportunities to perform the greater her chances and for others with a similar ambition. Lets give every budding musician a chance to hone their craft - not less!

To conclude, if the Royal Oak was to lose its allowance to host music it would only be to the detriment of a great many. Its a fantastic thing and the Oak should be being praised and used as an example of how good a pub can be - not having banned one of its special features.

I hope you will consider my thoughts and I am more than happy to respond to any queries or any questions you might have.

Sincerely

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From: ■■■■■

Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 1:17 PM

To: Licensing ■■■■■

Subject: Live music

Dear Sir/Madam

I am emailing in support of the Royal Oak on Dorchester Road for their Sunday music sessions. I understand there have been complaints, it is only for 2 hours once a week and during the afternoon so nobody is being kept awake at night.

In this current economic climate we need to do all we can to support the local pubs as they are closing down at an alarming rate.

This pub does not have any income from catering so they rely on small events like this to keep the money coming in over the bar.

I am a local myself (DT4 ■■■■).

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2023 1:27 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Royal Oak beee garden

Hello

I'm writing to express my disappointment that a person has complained about the music in the beer garden at the Royal Oak on Dorchester Road. It proves to be very popular and Joe and his staff have worked very hard to turn this pub around. I literally live nearby and times we haven't been able to make it over we can hear the music but certainly not loud, you can hear the traffic more. It's only for a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon in the summer. There is no late night music. So let's hope this one person does not ruin it for everyone else.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2023 2:00 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Music licence at Royal Oak, Weymouth

To whom it may concern,

I am dismayed that yet another music venue in Weymouth is under threat as a single noise complaint is under consideration. There are precious few remaining music venues in town and it would be a shame were this one to be prevented from hosting music events and, incidentally, providing employment for local musicians.

This has echoes of what recently happened to another pub in town, which had its business badly compromised, again due to a single noise complaint.

I will strongly object to any licence change resulting in removal or restriction of music events at the Royal Oak.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2023 2:08 PM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

Subject: Royal Oak - Lodmoor Hill

To whom it may concern

I have been coming to the Royal Oak pub since 2006 and can honestly say that the vibe it has brought to the local community in the last couple of years has been incredible.

Coming to watch the live music every week is one of the highlights of the week and would hate to have that be under threat because of spoil sports.

It's at times like these we should be celebrating local culture and community and brining money back into the local economy. The Royal Oak is a fab community pub and it would be such a shame to see that go.

Please take the feelings of true locals and pub goers into account and not one miserable man!

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2023 2:22 PM

To: Licensing [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Live Music at the Royal Oak

To whom it may concern

As a local resident I am devastated that the Royal Oak beer garden is under theat. Over the last few years we've all learnt that being together is the stuff that makes life worth it!

It's at times like these we should be celebrating local culture and community and brining money back into the local economy. The Royal Oak is a fab community pub and it would be such a shame to see that go. Especially as live music venues are becoming less and less in this society.

Please take the feelings of true locals and pub goers into account and not one person.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 12:58 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Live Music at the Rotal Oak (Lodmoor Hill - Weymouth)

To Whom it May Concern

I am aware that an individual has approached yourselves with an aim to prevent live music being played at the Royal Oak.

I have used the pub many times since the new regime have been in place and very much enjoy the live music events.

The pub itself is an enjoyable place to go for a drink whether indoors or sat in the garden. The live music has proved very popular, partially down to the fact that it is such a pleasant place to spend some time with friends.

A lot of hard work has been put into the refurb of the pub and the garden making it one of the best places for a drink in Weymouth.

In my opinion, it would be a great loss if the music license was taken away.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 8:00 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: The Royal Oak, Weymouth - Letter of Support

Good evening

I live close to the Royal Oak public house at Lodmoor and I write in support of live music on a Sunday afternoon. We hear the music from our garden and have enjoyed our visits to watch the bands play live. They play for 2 hours once a week and this provides fantastic entertainment to the local community. These events are well supported and help support a local business and the jobs that this provides. I would be upset if these events were stopped.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 8:03 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: Live Music at The Royal Oak, Dorchester Road, Weymouth

Good evening

I live in [REDACTED] Weymouth and often walk to the Royal Oak on a Sunday afternoon to enjoy the live entertainment that they organise. The performers are always very enthusiastic and adhere to the two hour time slot between 1400 and 1600 hours (although I sometimes wish this was longer!)

This Sunday I was disappointed to see notices in the pub and garden advising that "a person" has objected to the live music. At least 100 people were in the garden enjoying the music and sunshine. To deny them of this fabulous social event and the Royal Oak a large amount of vital revenue would be scandalous and unjust.

Being able to enjoy live music is a privilege and should not be taken for granted, or taken away.

With kind regards

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 2:54 PM
To: Licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: The Royal Oak, Live Music
I want to say I support this venue for holding live music shows in the garden of The Royal Oak, Dorchester Road
My Address is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] with the Royal Oak,
We support this application for a live music licence it only happens once a week for a couple of hrs and is very pleasant for all concerned, I would welcome longer periods of music and even more regular use of this area for entertainment.
I say YES to the continued use of this area for Live Music
Supporting Live Music.

[REDACTED]