

CORRESPONDENCE

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Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 7:59 PM

To: Town Clerk, Belper Town Council <clerk@belpertowncouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Coppice resident - complaint

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have been residents here for 6 years now and are well used to Proctors fair which comes every April and October. Tonight, the thumping bass has been far far too noisy and powerful for us to cope with. My daughter has A level exams to work for and I am usually fine with the noise but not tonight! It is unreasonably loud. We have just recorded the decibel level which is exceeding 100 decibels for extended periods. This is actually medically dangerous!

Other issues which are affecting us are:

1. Usually the fair is in the Easter holidays and we are able to go away. However we have no choice this year because it is here during term time, just before exams!
2. Why Proctors arrived a day earlier than usual this year for no apparent reason - but yet another day we had to move our cars elsewhere. We have tended to use St John's Chapel car park but this year it has been almost impossible to find a space due to one local man parking several of his cars there. I managed to capture photos of him as I observed him removing license plates and tending to several cars at once.
3. The huge disruption caused by the Belper community play at the end of March - we felt it was unreasonable for it to be only a fortnight before the fair and having seen it from our home, feel that it was a total waste of time. We love theatre but were shocked at the dreadful quality of the performance which required paying customers to sit outside in the cold on uncomfortable chairs unless they brought their own. The applause at the end of each performance was barely existent and utterly pitiable. We are hoping this was a one-off funded project but it really wasn't the right venue for it in view of the discomfort, impracticality and how it meant that no-one could park in half of the Coppice for over a week. They were late leaving and the stage erection was barely safe in the high winds.

We have suffered a lot, along with our neighbours, the past month and feel the need to pass on our dissatisfaction with these issues. We hope Belper Town Council will be able to raise our complaints at a meeting and feed back with suggestions on how our lives might be better respected as residents.

Yours sincerely