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# Reach Court Farm

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## Reach Court Farm Weddings Event Noise Management Plan

Reach Court Farm, Reach Road  
St Margaret's at Cliffe, Dover, Kent  
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Events at Reach Court Farm Weddings have always operated within the hours outlined in the premises licence which was awarded by Dover District Council in 2014 with consideration given to limiting noise disturbance to local residence. These are:

- Wednesday – Saturday 12:00 to 24:00
- Sunday 12:00 to 23:00
- During public holiday weekends venue is available for hire for private events on Sunday (12:00-24:00) and Monday (12:00-23:00). Excluding Boxing Day and New Years Day.
- The premises is private hire and not open for general public use. The venue will only be open on days during summer months (April - October) for weddings and private event bookings only.

Further to this, the venue website advertises midweek weddings on Wednesday or Thursdays to finish at 23:00 which is ahead of the premises licence closing time of 24:00 this is done in the interest of noise disturbance for local residents. All operating hours have been put in place with the consideration of local residents first and foremost.

As part of the premises licence it is required to show steps taken to satisfy the 4 licencing objectives. Of these “The Prevention of Public Nuisance” relates closely to noise management and the below list of steps have been implemented at all past events and will continue to do so in the future in order to satisfy this objective:

- Amplified music will only be allowed outside of the venue for short periods during the wedding ceremony and will be kept at reasonable levels during this time.
- The playing of live or recorded music in the garden or outside seating areas of the premises is not permitted after 20:00 hrs.
- Doors and windows facing direction of nearest dwellings will be kept closed when regulated entertainment is taking place.
- Disposal of empty bottles into waste receptacles outside the premises will not be permitted to take place between the hours of 23:00 hrs and 07:00 hrs to minimise disturbance to nearby residents.
- The use of explosives, pyrotechnics and fireworks of a similar nature which could cause disturbance in surrounding areas is not permitted.
- Arrival and departure to the premises is on a private road away from other dwellings and should not pose a disturbance to local residents. All staff and patrons are urged to leave the premises quietly.

In addition to these general steps the following recommendations made within MRL Acoustics Noise Impact Assessment MRL/100/1619.1v1 dated August 2020 will also be implemented at the venue for all future weddings:

- The single door on the northern elevation of the barn must be kept closed at all times during periods when amplified music is being played.
- For live bands or guest DJs bringing along their own amplification equipment, a suitable sound-limiting device will be installed, for example:-
  - Lime NLX Noise Limiter
  - Formula Sound Sentry MK II
  - SL 2000 electronic automatic noise limiting device
  - SL 2000P Portable Sound Limiter Kit
  - Aadastra NPC30A Noise Pollution Control System

- Or any other similar device provided 'in-line' for the power supply set up on each occasion for amplification equipment for DJ equipment and live bands which is capable of monitoring noise levels and cutting off the power when levels exceed 87dB(A) for a fixed short-term period (e.g. 20 seconds) when measured in the middle of the dance floor.
- Any live bands or guest DJs bringing along their own amplification equipment must use the appropriate power supply sockets that have been connected to the proposed electronic automatic noise limiting device.
- The noise limits of any such devices outlined above will be set in conjunction with an acoustic consultant and/or the local Environmental Health Officer and the device controls should be located inside a tamper proof cabinet and positioned in a location that is not easily accessible to any persons other than the management staff.
- Careful consideration should be given to the proposed speaker positions so as to minimise noise breakout, e.g. speakers not directly facing entrance doors, etc. There must be no external loudspeakers.

We feel the continuous use of these steps and implementation of new guidance will fully satisfy the conditions proposed by Dover District Council.