

Date received:	3 rd May 2023
Date responded:	25 th May 2023
Subject:	Complaints about live music during the TT festival

Question:

Re cancellation of live music in the evenings at this year's TT festival. How many individuals submitted complaints to Douglas Corporation?

Response:

I can confirm the Council received two written official complaints regarding live music in Noble's Park during the TT Festival. In addition to this, several Councillors received verbal and written complaints on the matter, and unfortunately due to nature of how the complaints were received they cannot be quantified. It is also worth noting that two of the complaints received were submitted by one complainant but represented a collective submission from residents and riders in the vicinity.

The Council leases Noble's Park to the Department for Enterprise for the TT period, so complaints may have been received directly to them and the Police may also have received complaints.

Whilst the media has reported that the decision not to put live bands on after 9pm was as a result of noise complaints received by the Council, there are other factors the Department for Enterprise were asked to consider. The arrangements at Noble's Park into the evening detracted from the City Centre, which resulted in a loss of business for the hospitality sector that heavily rely on the TT trade. In addition, members of the public complained not only about the noise in the area, but there were reports of anti-social behaviour, traffic congestion and increased litter.