APPLICATION NO: 13/00691/COU		OFFICER: Mr Martin Chandler
DATE REGISTERED: 2nd May 2013		DATE OF EXPIRY: 27th June 2013
WARD: Benhall/The Reddings		PARISH: NONE
APPLICANT:	Manor By The Lake	
LOCATION:	The Manor By The Lake, Cheltenham Film Studios, Hatherley Lane	
PROPOSAL:	Proposed change of use from film studios and associated conference centre (use class B1) to wedding and function venue with overnight accommodation (use class Sui Generis) including extension and alterations to elevations and creation of studio accommodation within existing gate house	

REPRESENTATIONS

Number of contributors 2
Number of objections 1
Number of representations 1
Number of supporting 0

42 Redgrove Park Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL51 6QY

Comments: 8th June 2013

Noise problems from past experiences were often due to loud music and the use of a microphone. The existing function suite did not have appropriate air conditioning units installed therefore external doors from the function room were opened to allow a flow of fresh air. Of course, this also resulted with external noise pollution to boundary properties.

Therefore, could you please confirm that the new function suite will have appropriate air conditioning units installed?

47 Grace Gardens Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL51 6QE

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We have lived at 47 Grace Gardens since the house was built nearly 12 years ago. Whilst there has always been an occasional wedding in the garden or jazz evenings inside the house, we rarely suffered problems with noise until the last couple of years, when the number of weddings, evening parties etc increased dramatically. We are the closest house to the main entrance to the Manor, and the main problem we have had is with guests (usually smokers) congregating outside that entrance and talking loudly. Often they are shouting and using offensive language well into the early hours of the morning. We complained on numerous occasions about the noise, to no avail. There is supposedly an area round the other side of the house which smokers are told to use, but the previous owners did not seem able to enforce this.

Our concern with this change of use is that there will be an increase in the number of weddings/events held at the Manor which could lead to an increase in noise. We therefore object to this planning application on the grounds that it is likely to increase noise and anti-social

behaviour in what is a quiet residential area. We would urge the planning committee to visit the site before any applications are granted, so that they can understand just how close the Manor is to private houses. Committee members would be very welcome to visit us to appreciate just how close the main entrance to the Manor is to our home.

If the application is granted, we would ask the committee to place restrictions on the owner to ensure that noise ends at a reasonable hour, that entry/egress for guests is not from what has been the main entrance, and similarly cars/taxis are not allowed round that side of the house closest to private dwellings.