

NCTJ SHORTHAND EXAMINATION PASSAGE AT 100 WPM

Navy Club asks for licence extension

Good afternoon councillors. I would like to thank you for letting me speak to you at this meeting of the council. Many of you will ($\frac{1}{4}$) know why I am here because I have already written to you about my problem. My house is next door to the town's Navy Club ($\frac{1}{2}$) and this causes me and my family all kinds of trouble. The club has asked if it can stay open until midnight at weekends. If ($\frac{3}{4}$) you allow this it will make matters worse for me. The council has a long list of complaints from neighbours who have had to put **(1)** up with loud music, car horns and taxi doors slamming as people leave the club. It is bad enough when this goes on at eleven ($\frac{1}{4}$) o'clock. It would be wrong to give the club an extension and cause so much more disturbance for everyone who lives in the area. As ($\frac{1}{2}$) you may know, the police have had to be called to the club when fights have broken out just after the club has closed and ($\frac{3}{4}$) drunken people have started to argue over who has called a taxi. Often people end up getting hurt and the police have to make arrests. **(2)**

INTERVAL OF THIRTY SECONDS

The nuisance is bad enough now, but if you give the club the licence they are asking for, you will be driving us out of ($\frac{1}{4}$) our homes. We do not want any more of these disturbances. There are young children living in the homes on each side of the club ($\frac{1}{2}$) and they need their sleep. One of my neighbours has recently had a heart attack and he is finding it difficult to recover because of ($\frac{3}{4}$) the disturbances. A few months ago a meeting was held with the club chairman and he said he would make sure that things would change. **(1)**

INTERVAL OF FIFTEEN SECONDS

He said that cameras would be fitted so that the behaviour of people could be checked when they were leaving. He also promised to speak ($\frac{1}{4}$) to club members and ask them to leave quietly. None of that has happened and I would like to make this point. ***I am dismayed ($\frac{1}{2}$) and disgusted that our views do not seem to be taken seriously and I believe things have got worse since the meeting.*** I want to ($\frac{3}{4}$) end by giving you this petition which has been signed by over one hundred people calling on the council to turn down the club's request. **(1)**

TRANSCRIPTION TIME ALLOWED FORTY-FIVE MINUTES