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LEADING CAMPAIGNER HEAD HUNTED AS NOISE TZAR FOR NOISEDIRECT– NATIONAL NOISE ADVICE LINE

Val Weedon, a leading anti-noise campaigner, has been appointed Noise Tzar by Noisedirect, a dedicated noise service provided by Sanctum Consultants.

Val has been campaigning since 1991 when she set up the Right to Peace and Quiet, a domestic noise support group and lobby campaign, working alongside the late comedian Spike Milligan who was its patron. Val received an MBE in 1997 for her services to that campaign. She then went on to be a founding member of the UK Noise Association, a collaboration of noise campaigners, experts and academics. She was appointed National Coordinator in 2005 but quit in 2007 following her disillusionment with the previous Labour Government. The UK Noise Association appointed her Honorary President and in 2010 Val assisted them with lobbying work leading up to the General Election. Since then she has been instrumental in setting up and attending meetings with advisers to the new coalition government.

Noise Direct provides independent impartial professional advice and it will be Val's role to raise the profile of the service as well as use her campaigning skills to look at ways forward to improve legislation and the options open for people who suffer noise problems.

Val said "I have been a huge supporter since the service started, so had no hesitation in accepting the offer to work for them. It is a great opportunity and in the present economic climate of public spending cuts there is huge scope for private sector services like Noisedirect to step in and assist with noise nuisance problems. For a nominal set fee, members of the public have access to an independent qualified professional whose

sole aim is to help them. Unlike local authorities who sometimes don't have the motivation to help, particularly in domestic noise cases. Noise Direct has already been able to help so many people. "

Noisedirect are delighted that Val has agreed to support their work and said: "Val speaks for the ordinary person and understands what it is like to have a noise problem and how it can take over your whole life. We are deeply honoured that a veteran campaigner like Val has agreed to help us improve our services and will help to spread the message that ordinary people don't need to suffer in silence and that no matter how protracted a problem, there are solutions available".

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Editor's Note: Noisedirect was founded in 2005 and is the UK's first independent, national, Noise Advice Line. Noisedirect Advice Line is provided by Sanctum Consultants; an Environmental Health Consultancy. Noisedirect operates between 10am–4pm Monday to Friday with the option of evening and weekend appointments. Callers (whether noise makers or sufferers, landlords, employers, licensed premises etc) can discuss any noise problem or issue for a fixed fee of £39 for a 30 minute interview and speak to qualified Environmental Health Professionals by phoning a low cost national number in confidence. Noisedirect can also provide independent advice on informal resolution for noise problems along with advice on legal action under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 or in the County Court for nuisance or personal injury.