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Cockerels in the dock

- 1 A farmer has been served with a noise abatement notice after a new neighbour complained that his four prize bantam cockerels disturbed his sleep.
- 2 Paul Howarth, 52, who has farmed at Battlers Green Farm in Radlett, Hertfordshire, for 20 years, faces a £5,000 fine if the birds are not silenced within three days.
- 3 Battlers Green has been alive with the rural sound of livestock, including chickens and cockerels, since medieval times, but the neighbour, believed to be a former city dweller, has made “a number of complaints” about their crowing, Mr Howarth said. He added: “It’s impossible to stop them from making noise. I find it surprising that someone who does not like animal noises buys a house next to a farm.”
- 4 A spokeswoman for Hertsmere council said the problem was that the birds crowed all night and not just at dawn. She added that Mr Howarth could move them overnight.
- 5 Meanwhile, at Sturminster Newton, in Dorset, officials from North Dorset District Council have set up sound-monitoring equipment, costing £5,500, at a countryside allotment to check that a rooster does not crow too loudly. It follows complaints from a neighbour.



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- 1p **33** Which of the following is true?
- 1 It is uncertain that the nuisance caused by Mr Howarth's poultry will stop.
 - 2 Local authorities tend to ignore complaints made by newcomers about farm animals.
- A** Only 1 is true.
B Only 2 is true.
C Both 1 and 2 are true.
D Neither 1 nor 2 is true.
- 1p **34** How can the overall tone of the article be characterised?
- A** As approving.
B As indignant.
C As ironic.
D As matter-of-fact.