

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
Council Chamber - Town Hall
22 October 2018 (10.30 am - 12.32 pm)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Conservative Group Philippa Crowder (Chairman)

Residents' Group Reg Whitney

**Upminster & Cranham
Residents' Group** John Tyler

Present at the hearing was Mr E Macgregor, Gregg Latchams Solicitors, representative for the applicant; Mr S Blagden, applicant, Coral Stadia Limited; Mr A Payne, interested party. Also present were Havering Licensing Officer Mr P Jones.

Also at the hearing were the Legal Advisor to the Sub-Committee and the clerk to the Licensing Sub-Committee.

The Chairman advised Members and the public of action to be taken in the event of emergency evacuation of the Town Hall becoming necessary.

No interests were disclosed at the meeting.

**1 APPLICATION TO VARY PREMISES LICENCE - CORAL STADIUM,
CORAL ROMFORD STADIUM, LONDON ROAD, ROMFORD, RM7 9DU**

The application for a premises licence was made by Coral Stadia Limited under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application was received by Havering's Licensing Authority on 6 September 2018. The applicant acted in accordance with regulations 25 and 26 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Premises licences and club premises certificate) Regulations 2005 relating to the advertising of the application. The required public notice was installed in the Romford Recorder on Friday 14 September 2018.

The current premises licence hours were:

Supply of alcohol (On and Off supplies)		
Day	Start	Finish
Monday to Saturday	10:00	23:00
Sunday	12:00	22:30

Variation applied for:

Supply of alcohol (On and Off supplies)		
Day	Start	Finish
Monday to Sunday	10:00	23:00

The application was to:

- Update the plans relating to the premises removing the stand that was to be demolished.
- Include the Marquee in the licenced area under the Licensing Act 2003.
- Add Recorded Music to the licence.

The application related to alcohol and recorded music only when the Stadium was fully licensed under the Gambling Act 2005.

There were three representations against the application from interest persons. There were no representations against the application from responsible authorities.

Mr Macgregor presented the application for a variation of the premises licence on behalf of the applicant Mr Blagden, Coral Stadia Limited. The Sub-Committee were advised that the principle purpose for the application was for the marquee to be licenced and for a consistency in licensing hours. Mr Macgregor advised that there would be no change in operations or intention to increase the hours of opening. Mr Macgregor further advised that the marquee was a semi-permanent structure which would be removed in June/July 2019, after the redevelopment of the track had been completed. Without a licenced marquee area, hospitality would be limited. Mr Macgregor stated that the premises currently did not trade on a Sunday and that there was no future intention to do so. Recorded music had been applied for to allow for music to be played on the tannoy system inside and outside between races. Although the current licence allowed for off-sales, the premises did not offer off-sales and no glass bottles were allowed to be taken off the premises. With regards to car-parking, it was explained that the new layout of the site would cater for a significantly higher number of parking spaces.

Mr Payne, an interested party, addressed the Sub-Committee during which he raised concerns regarding noise nuisance, parking on surrounding streets during restricted hours, traffic and pedestrian congestion, litter, lack of privacy, poor maintenance of the site and construction deliveries outside of permitted hours.

In response, Mr Macgregor advised that the additional car parking that would be made available would alleviate any parking concerns, and a screen had been placed at the rear of the marquee to reduce noise

disseminating from the premises. Mr Macgregor stated that he would inform the new premises management of Mr Payne's concerns.

DECISION

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a variation to the premises licence ("Licence") for the Coral Romford Stadium at Coral Romford Stadium, London Road, Romford, RM7 9DU.

The Sub-Committee were advised by the Council's licensing officer, on the history of the application. The licensing officer did not flag any concerns regarding the application and stated that no licensing concerns had been reported.

The Sub-Committee must promote the licensing objectives and must have regard to the Secretary of State's National Guidance created under S182 of the Licensing Act and the Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy.

The Sub-Committee heard from the Applicant, and also from Coral's solicitor.

The Sub-Committee also heard from a local resident, who raised various objections to the Licence being varied.

Having considered and heard all of the evidence listed above, the Sub-Committee was of the view that the Licence could be varied as follows:

Premises Opening and Closing Times

Monday to Sunday, 10.00 to 23.30 hours.

Licensable Activities

Sale of alcohol (on and off supplies) - Monday to Sunday, 10.00 to 23.00 hours

The playing of recorded music - Monday to Sunday, 10.00 to 23.00 hours

Geographical Scope

The Licence was varied to now cover the marquee and exterior decking as outlined in the application.

In reaching this conclusion, the Sub-Committee considered the following conditions which must be abided by, by the Applicant, in addition to the mandatory conditions as outlined in the Licence:

1. Operate a Challenge 25 policy and ensure that staff are trained in the policy.

2. Ensure that there are SIA licensed security staff are on the premises during all opening hours.
3. Ensure that CCTV is in operation on the premises.
4. Ensure that there is lighting on all public routes of access.
5. Ensure that there are noise prevention measures in place such as, amongst others, a screen at the back of the marquee whilst the marquee is in place on the site.
6. A refusals log will be operated and maintained and will be produced to a relevant officer of the police or other relevant officers of a responsible authority upon request.
7. An incident log will be operated and maintained and will be produced to a relevant officer of the police or other relevant officers of a responsible authority upon request.

The Licence had been varied in this way to promote the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder, the promotion of public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the prevention of harm to children as the members considered it was appropriate and proportionate to do so.

Right of Appeal

Any party who has made a relevant representation may appeal to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of notification of the decision.

On appeal, the Magistrates' Court may:

1. Dismiss the appeal; or
2. Substitute the decision for another decision which could have been made by the Sub Committee; or
3. Remit the case to the Sub Committee to dispose of it in accordance with the direction of the Court; and
4. Make an order for costs as it sees fit.

Chairman