

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF A LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
10 August 2005 (10.30am – 11.25pm)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS:

Conservative Group	Alex Smith (Chairman)
Residents' Group	Owen Ware
Labour Group	Harry Webb

Mr Stephen Lewis (the applicant) Mr Luke Ponte (the applicant's legal representative), Sgt Dave Leonard (Havering Police), Graham Hopkins (Havering Licensing), Derron Jarell (Legal advisor to the Sub-Committee) and Ian Buckmaster (Clerk) were present.

There were two representatives of the press and two members of the public present:

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

**THE DURHAM ARMS PUBLIC HOUSE, 101 BRENTWOOD ROAD,
ROMFORD – APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE**

The Committee received a report outlining the application.

A preliminary issue was raised concerning the validity of the application. It was noted that the Licensing Officer had reported that the applicant had not initially submitted in due time a copy of the advertisement required by Regulation 26 to appear in a newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the premises.

The copy advertisement eventually submitted indicated that the advertisement had appeared in the Barking & Dagenham post. There was no evidence of its appearance in the Havering Post.

At the request of the applicant's legal representative, the hearing was twice adjourned to enable confirmation to be obtained that the advertisement had duly appeared in the Havering Post.

On the hearing resuming for the second time, the applicant's representative was unable to produce confirmation that the advertisement had appeared in the Havering Post. The legal representative submitted that the Barking & Dagenham Post was a newspaper "circulating within the vicinity" of the premises, sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Regulations.

The Sub-Committee considered that submission but concluded that the Barking & Dagenham Post could not be regarded as a newspaper circulating within the vicinity of the premises.

Accordingly, the Sub-Committee determined that the application was invalid.

Chairman
