

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF A LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
18 July 2005 (2.30pm –3:15pm)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS:

Conservative Group	Peter Gardner (Chairman) Edward Cahill
Residents' Group	Ivor Cameron

Mr Cox, (the applicant), Counsel to the applicant, PC Dave Leonard (Havering Police), Paul Campbell (Licensing Officer), Marc Gasson (Environmental Health Officer), Derron Jarrell (Legal advisor to the Sub-Committee) and Andy Beesley (Clerk) were 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.

GOLDEN LION, 2 HIGH STREET, ROMFORD - OPPOSED VARIATION TO A PREMISES LICENCE

The Committee received a report outlining the application. The premises were located in the centre of Romford on the corner of High Street at its junction with North Street, South Street and the Market Place. Retail shops were located on both sides, opposite and to the rear of the premises.

The premises were currently permitted to open until 11.00pm Monday to Tuesday; Midnight on Wednesday to Saturday, and 10:30pm on Sunday.

The Panel were advised that since the application had been received, the applicant had requested a change to the variation of hours applied for. Counsel to the applicant advised that the variation of hours now requested was for Sunday to Thursday 10:00am to 11:00pm, and Friday and Saturday 10:00am to midnight. The premises would be open during these hours for the supply of alcohol, live music, recorded music and anything of a similar description, dancing, and provision of late night refreshment.

Counsel also requested that the premises be open for the same licensable activities for one additional hour on a total of twelve additional days, subject to ten working days notice to the Police and the Licensing Authority.

The Chairman invited Counsel to the applicant to put forward its case. Counsel stated that over the past fifteen years, there had not been a single disturbance or

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incident reported which required the Police to be called to the premises. Counsel advised that the premises attracted a more mature clientele, and that opening the premises for an extra hour each evening would not affect their conduct, and would not require the introduction of CCTV or door supervisors.

The Police representative outlined his objection. The Officer made reference to the need for responsible drinking, particularly in locations such as Romford Town Centre where the premises were located. The Officer suggested that, given the location of the premises, CCTV or door supervisors should be introduced.

The Environmental Health Officer stated that following the applicants decision to reduce the variation of hours, his original objection relating to noise and anti-social behaviour had now been addressed and was no longer valid.

At this point the Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow the Sub-Committee to consider their decision. On reconvening, the Sub-Committee **resolved**

That the application to vary the premises licence be granted as amended, subject to the following condition:

- **That the applicants liaise with Havering's Community Safety Officers regarding the implementation, standard and operation of CCTV on the premises.**

CHAIRMAN

Date _____