

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF A LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
21 July 2005 (10.30am –10.55am)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS:

Conservative Group	Peter Gardner (Chairman) Barry Oddy
Labour Group	Harry Webb

Ms Scott, (the applicant), Mr Morgan (the applicant's legal representative), Mr Leonard (Havering Police), Graham Hopkins (Licensing Officer), Derren Jarrell (Legal advisor to the Sub-Committee) and Garry Chick-Mackay (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.

THE THATCHED HOUSE, ST MARY'S LANE, UPMINSTER - OPPOSED VARIATION TO A PREMISES LICENCE

The Committee received a report outlining the application. The premises were set in a semi-rural area, situated on St. Mary's Lane, Upminster, near to the junction with Pike Lane. St. Mary's Lane was a very busy road, and traffic calming measures had recently been introduced by the Council. The area had limited public transport services, and there was a car park with spaces for approximately 40 vehicles.

The premises were currently permitted to open until 11.00pm Mondays to Saturdays, and until 10.30pm on Sundays. The premises held a supper hours certificate, which allowed them to stay open until 12.00am Mondays to Saturdays, and until 11.00pm on Sundays, for the purposes of serving table meals.

Within the new application, the premises were requesting to open for the sale of alcohol and late night refreshment, and for the showing of films, from 10.00am until 12.00am all week. It was also requested that the premises remain open to the public and able to play recorded music until 12.30am on the days following Monday to Saturday.

The application had originally requested to vary the hours in the event of the televised transmission of any recognised international event falling outside of the

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current permitted hours, so that alcohol and hot food could be sold from one hour before the event until one hour after the event. Extended hours were also sought on a total of 13 days around and including public holidays and Patron Saint days. However after discussions with the police, these requests had been withdrawn in favour of extended hours on 12 days per year, and 12 Temporary Event Notices, which would require the consent of the police, who were to be given ten working days notice of the requests. On the basis of these amendments, the police objection had been withdrawn.

It was noted that the applicant had sought to remove all embedded restrictions on the justices licence but had not been able to advise the Licensing Office what these restrictions were. The applicant confirmed that as such, this request had been withdrawn. In addition, the request for showing films was withdrawn as the premises did not have any screens.

The Chairman invited the applicant's representative to make their case. It was explained that the premises were food driven, and that the sale of alcohol was ancillary to this. Roughly sixty per cent of takings came from food sales. Music was played at a low level and was provided by a phone based service; as such the music could not be changed from within the premises.

It was current practice for empty bottles to be disposed of after closing time; however it was agreed that these could be moved outside at the end of the night, and emptied the following morning.

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 disposal of glass bottles be confined to between 9.00am and 9.00pm only.**

CHAIRMAN

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