

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF A LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
Havering Town Hall, Main Road, Romford
29 July 2005 (10.30am – 12.00pm)

Present:

COUNCILLORS:

Conservative Group

Alexandra Smith (in the Chair)

Barry Oddy

Residents Group

Owen Ware

Ms Jane Phillips (the applicant), one member of the public present to make representations, Bill Charlton, Licensing Officer, Derron Jarell (Legal advisor to the Sub-Committee), Alison Maybin (Clerk), Lynne Locke (Environmental Health) and four additional members of the public were also 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 SAXON KING PUBLIC HOUSE, PETERSFIELD AVENUE, ROMFORD, ESSEX – OPPOSED APPLICATION TO VARY THE CURRENT PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE

The Council's licensing officer presented the report. He explained that the applicant had been granted a public entertainment licence two years previously which allowed public entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays until 10.30pm and until 10.00pm on Sundays preceding Bank Holidays. Six complaints relating to noise emanating from the premises had been received since December 2001. The licensing officer distributed aerial photographs showing the public house in relation to the residential area.

Three valid representations had been received during the consultation period from residents living in the vicinity.

The Sub-Committee heard the representation of one local resident. The resident commented that she had no objection to the current permitted hours on Fridays, Saturdays and Bank Holidays, but objected to entertainment being permitted throughout the week. Houses surrounded the premises and working residents would be disturbed by the loudspeakers on weekday evenings. At present there was broken glass at the bus stop and graffiti on fences. The premises were currently very noisy and when the entertainment was being provided residents could not sit out in their gardens or have their windows open. In addition, the road was blocked with cars, making it difficult for ambulances and fire engines to get through. During the previous 30 years there had been no trouble from the public house. In response to a question from the Committee, the resident confirmed that she objected to the proposal for entertainment on Sundays.

The applicant then presented her case. Currently entertainment was only provided on Fridays. A 'fun day' was held at the premises once a year and only parties were held on Saturdays.

The applicant apologised for music from the juke box being audible outside the premises. She would, in future double check that the doors were closed on busier nights. The applicant stated that the broken glass reported at the bus stop was caused by children and was not related to the premises. When users of the public house sat outside, empty glasses were cleared as soon as possible. Sunday afternoons were usually busier as some patrons of the premises had previously been drinking at clubs.

In response to questions from the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that she was applying for the public entertainment licence to include only Friday and Saturday from 11.00am until 11.00pm and Sundays 12 noon until 10.00pm, not for music and dancing until 11pm Monday to Thursday, as stated in the report on page 5 of the Agenda. She confirmed that the full extent of the application was stated at appendix 1 of the agenda. She also confirmed that live music was not being proposed. The entertainment would comprise karaoke and disco on alternate weeks. The applicant confirmed that the premises had fans but no air conditioning. It was necessary to open doors on hot nights in the summer but it was possible that the impact of the noise could be reduced by opening a different entrance. The applicant confirmed that empty or discarded glasses were collected every 15 minutes.

At this point the Chairman adjourned the hearing to allow the Sub-Committee to make its decision.

On reconvening, the Chairman explained that in making its decision the Sub-Committee took into account the relevant written and oral representations. In reaching its decision, the Sub-Committee took account of the report from the licensing officer, submissions from objectors and the applicant.

The Sub-Committee **resolved** to grant the application to vary the existing public entertainment licence to include Friday and Saturday from 11.00am until 11.00pm and Sundays 12 noon until 10.00pm

The Sub-Committee attached the following condition to the licence.

Installation of a sealable noise limiting device to control the noise levels emanating from the premises. The device shall be used at all times during events/ functions. The device shall be set and sealed by the Environmental Health Service. All doors and windows to the

premises to be kept closed during functions (except the doors can be opened and closed for normal use during a function).

The reason for the condition is to protect the amenity of the local residents.

Chairman