



Haverling

LONDON BOROUGH

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE DRINKS DIRECT

AGENDA

10.30 am	Thursday 25 June 2026	Council Chamber - Town Hall
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Members 3: Quorum 2

COUNCILLORS:

Christine Vickery (Chairman)
Geoff Starns
Lesley Tyler

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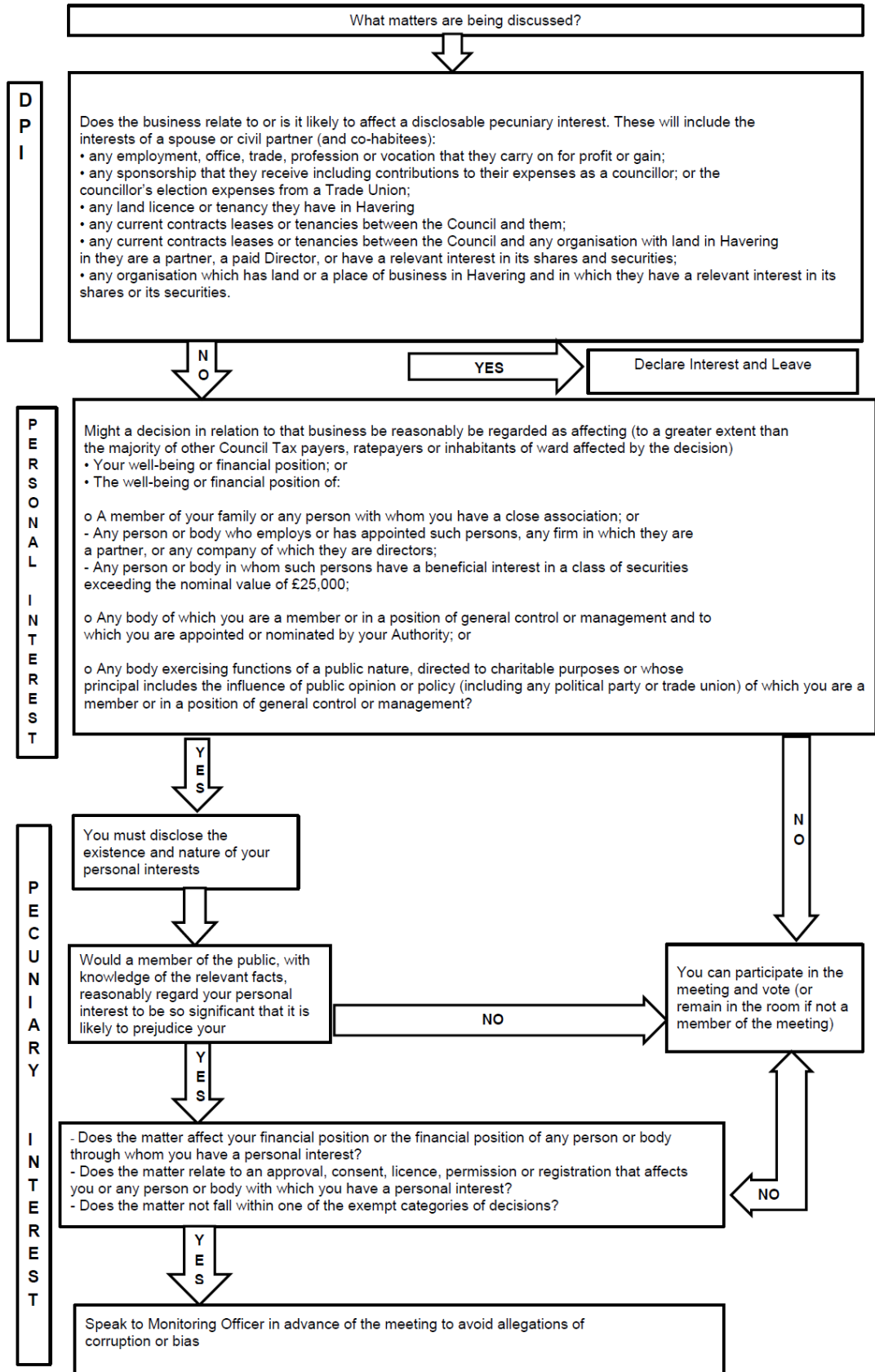
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AGENDA ITEMS

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

(if any) - receive

2 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members are invited to disclose any interest in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

Members may still disclose any interest in an item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter.

3 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman will announce details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building's evacuation.

4 REPORT OF THE CLERK (Pages 5 - 10)

Procedure for hearing under the Licensing Act 2003 attached for noting.

5 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE - DRINKS DIRECT, 59 CHIPPENHAM ROAD, ROMFORD, RM3 8HL (Pages 11 - 66)

This application for a premises licence is made by Mr Ravinder Singh Grover under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Zena Smith
Head of Committee and Election Services

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

REPORT

25 June 2026

Subject Heading:

Procedure for the Hearing: Licensing Act 2003

Report Author and contact details:

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Members are advised that, when considering application for a premises licence, the following options are available to them by virtue of the Licensing Act 2003, Part 3, section 35, paragraphs 3 and 4:

"Where relevant representations are made, the authority must

- (a) hold a hearing to consider them, unless the authority, the applicant and each person who has made such representations agree that a hearing is unnecessary, and
- (b) having regard to the representations, take such steps as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

The steps are:

- a) modify the conditions of the licence
- b) reject the whole or part of the application

and for this purpose, the conditions of the licence are modified if any of them is altered or omitted or any new condition is added."

The Sub-Committee will also wish to note that, if none of these steps is required, the application must be granted.

Assuming that the Sub-Committee is satisfied that a hearing is required, then the following procedural steps are recommended. The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 will govern the arrangements for the hearing of the application now under consideration. This report accords with the requirements of that Act and the Regulations, and in particular Regulations 21-25 (procedure at the hearing).

1. Membership of the Sub-Committee:

- 1.1 The Sub-Committee comprises three members of the Licensing Committee, with a quorum of two members. **Unless there are objections, in the absence of three members, the hearing shall proceed with the quorum of two.**
- 1.1.1 A member of the Licensing Committee will be excluded from hearing an application where he or she has considered an application in respect of the premises in the previous 12 months as a Member of the Regulatory Services Committee; or
 - 1.1.2 is a Ward Councillor for the Ward in which the premises, subject to the application, are located; or
 - 1.1.3 is a Ward Councillor for a Ward which is likely to be affected by the application or;
 - 1.1.4 has a personal interest in the application.

2. Roles of other participants:

- 2.1 The Legal Advisor is not a party to the hearing. The role of the Legal Advisor is to provide legal advice relating to the application and submissions.
- 2.2 The Clerk is not a party to the hearing. The role of the Clerk is to record the hearing and the decisions of the Sub-Committee, and ensure efficient administration

3. Location and facilities:

- 3.1 All hearings will be heard at the Havering Town Hall unless otherwise directed.
- 3.2 Interpreters will be provided by the Council on request, provided notice is given at least five working days before the hearing.

4. Notification of attendance:

- 4.1 The Chairman will enquire of the parties who is in attendance and the parties will indicate their names (and, where relevant, whom they represent). A register will be circulated before the commencement of the hearing on which the applicant, his/her advisers and companions and all interested parties (and/or their representatives) will be asked to record their attendance.

5. Procedural matters:

- 5.1 Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee will orally inform the parties whether their applications to have certain people attend the hearing (e.g. witnesses) have been granted or

refused. Note this relates to people other than those attending on behalf of a party in the capacity as a representative of the party.

- 5.2 Prior to the commencement of the hearing the Chairman of the Sub-Committee will outline the procedure to be followed at the hearing. This will normally be as follows:

Introduction of the application:

The Licensing officer will outline:

- details of the application and relevant representations received from the parties;
- relevant legislation ;
- relevant Licensing Policy; and
- the time limit in which the Council must reach a determination.

Documentary evidence:

- Documentary or other information in support of applications, representations or notices should be provided to the Clerk of the Sub-Committee at least 7 clear working days before the hearing. If this information is produced at the hearing it will only be taken into account by the Sub-Committee if the Sub-Committee and all the parties consent to its submission. Permission to have this information included in the hearing should be requested at the beginning of the hearing before any oral submissions have been made.
- Statements made by people in support of a party's representation who are not present at the hearing, must be signed by the maker, dated and witnessed by another person. The statement must also contain the witness's full name and occupation.

Representations:

- The chairman will invite each of the parties at the hearing or their representative sequentially to address the Sub-Committee and call any person/s to whom permission has been granted to appear. Each party will be allowed a maximum period of 10 minutes in which to address the Sub-Committee and call persons on his/her behalf.
- This 10 minute period is where each party has the opportunity to orally address the Sub-Committee and clarify any points in which the Sub-Committee has sought clarification prior to the hearing. This 10 minute period should be uninterrupted unless a member of the Sub-Committee or Legal Advisor considers that the speaker is making submissions that are irrelevant, frivolous or vexatious.
- Members of the Sub-Committee may ask questions of any party, at any time during the proceedings. Time taken in dealing with a Member's

question will not be taken into account in determining the length of time available to the party in question to make their representation.

The sequence in which each of the parties will be invited to address the Sub-Committee will normally be in the order of:

- the Chief Officer of Police;
- the Fire Authority;
- the Health and Safety at Work Enforcing Authority;
- the Local Planning Authority;
- the Local environmental Health Authority;
- the Local Weights and Measures Authority;
- the Authority Responsible for the Protection of Children from Harm;
- a navigation or other authority responsible for waterways; and
- any other party that has submitted representations in respect of the application, certificate, notice or other matter appearing before the Sub-Committee;
- the party that has submitted the application, certificate, notice or other matter appearing before the Sub-Committee.

At the discretion of the Sub-Committee the above order may be varied.

Cross-Examination:

Where witnesses have been permitted by the Sub-Committee to speak at the hearing on behalf of a party, permission must be sought from the Sub-Committee before another party can ask the witness questions. This process of questioning is normally referred to as cross-examination. The Sub-Committee will allow cross-examination only where it is necessary to assist it in considering the representations or application.

Relevance:

Information submitted at the hearing must be relevant to the applications, representations, or notice and the promotion of the licensing objectives. The Chairman of the Sub-Committee is entitled to exclude any information it considers to be irrelevant whether presented in written or oral form. The licensing objectives are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder;**
- Public safety;**
- The prevention of public nuisance; and**
- The protection of children from harm.**

6. Failure of parties to attend the hearing:

- 6.1 If a party, who has not given prior notice of his/her intention not to attend the hearing, is absent from the hearing the Sub-Committee may either adjourn

the hearing or hold the hearing in the party's absence. Where the hearing is held in the absence of a party, the Sub-Committee will still consider the application, representation or notice submitted by that party.

7. Adjournments and extension of time:

7.1 The Sub-Committee may adjourn a hearing to a specified date or extend a notice period except where it must make a determination within certain time limits in the following specific applications:

- Review of premises licences following closure orders where the Sub-committee must make a determination within 28 days of receiving notice of the closure order.

8. Sub-Committee's determination of the hearing:

8.1 At the conclusion of the hearing the Sub-Committee will deliberate in private accompanied by the Clerk and the Legal Advisor who will be available to assist the Sub-Committee with any legal problems but will not participate in any decision making of the Sub-Committee.

8.2 The Sub-Committee will normally make its determination and announce its decision at the end of the hearing.

8.3 Where all parties have notified the Sub-Committee that a hearing is not required the Sub-Committee must make its determination within 10 working days of being given notice that the hearing is not required.

9. Power to exclude people from hearing:

9.1 The public are entitled to attend the hearing as spectators. However, the Sub-Committee may exclude any person from the hearing including any person assisting or representing a party where:

- it considers that the public interest would be best served by excluding the public or the individual person from the hearing; or
- that person is behaving in a disruptive manner. This may include a party who is seeking to be heard at the hearing. In the case where a party is to be excluded, the party may submit to the Sub-Committee in writing any information which they would have been entitled to give orally had they not been required to leave the hearing.

10. Recording of proceedings:

10.1 A written record of the hearing will be produced and kept for 6 years from the date of the determination of the hearing.

11. Power to vary procedure:

11..1 The Sub-committee may depart from following any of the procedures set out in this document if it considers the departure to be necessary in order to consider an application, notice or representation.



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Licensing Officer's Report

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LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

24 JUNE 2026

REPORT

Subject heading:

Drinks Direct
59 Chippenham Road Romford
RM3 8HL

Report author and contact details:

Premises licence application
Mr P Jones, Public Protection Officer
licensing@havering.gov.uk
01708 432692

This application for a premises licence is made by Mr Ravinder Singh Grover under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application was received by Havering's Licensing Authority on 5th May 2026.

Geographical description of the area and description of the building

Drinks Direct is located at one end of a purpose-built parade of commercial outlets on Chippenham Road on the outskirts of the Farnham Road shopping area. Residential properties are located above the commercial outlets. The premises are located in the Gooshays cumulative impact zone as defined in section 10 of Havering's current licensing policy.



Figure 4 Gooshays Cumulative Impact Zone



Paragraph 10.5 of Havering's licensing policy includes the following provision further to cumulative impact in the Gooshays ward:

- ...the Licensing Authority is of the view that the number, type and density of premises selling alcohol for consumption off the premises around the Farnham Road / Hilldene Avenue area is having a cumulative impact and undermining the licensing objectives and a cumulative impact policy has been adopted in this area. It is likely that granting further licences would be inconsistent with the authority's duty to promote the licensing objectives...

Paragraph 6.3 of Havering's licensing policy further to cumulative impact includes the following provisions:

- For areas where a cumulative impact policy is adopted, it creates a rebuttable presumption that applications for new premises licences... that will add to the existing cumulative impact will normally be refused unless the applicant can demonstrate why the operation of the premises involved will not add to the cumulative impact and not impact adversely on the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Details of the application

This application seeks to permit the supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises during the following hours:

- Monday to Saturday – 08:00 to 23:00
- Sunday – 10:00 to 22:30

Comments and observations on the application

This premises had been previously licensed as The Drinks Seller off-licence, a licence which had been in force since the Act came into force in 2005; however, the licence was revoked in April of this year. This application appears to be intended to licence the outlet once again as an off-licence.

Summary

There were no representations against this application from interested persons.

There was one representation against this application from a responsible authority, namely Havering's Licensing Authority. The Licensing Authority's representation is based upon concerns further to the applicant's previous history in relation to licensed premises and the application's perceived failure to address the demands of the Gooshays' cumulative impact policy.

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Copy of Application

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* required information

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You can save the form at any time and resume it later. You do not need to be logged in when you resume.

System reference

Not Currently In Use

This is the unique reference for this application generated by the system.

Your reference

You can put what you want here to help you track applications if you make lots of them. It is passed to the authority.

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

- Yes No

Put "no" if you are applying on your own behalf or on behalf of a business you own or work for.

Applicant Details

* First name

Ravinder Singh

* Family name

Grover

* E-mail

Main telephone number

Include country code.

Other telephone number

- Indicate here if the applicant would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Is the applicant:

- Applying as a business or organisation, including as a sole trader
 Applying as an individual

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure. Applying as an individual means the applicant is applying so the applicant can be employed, or for some other personal reason, such as following a hobby.

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Address

* Building number or name

* Street

District

* City or town

County or administrative area

* Postcode

* Country

Agent Details

* First name

* Family name

* E-mail

Main telephone number

Other telephone number

Include country code.

Indicate here if you would prefer not to be contacted by telephone

Are you:

- An agent that is a business or organisation, including a sole trader
- A private individual acting as an agent

A sole trader is a business owned by one person without any special legal structure.

Your Address

Address official correspondence should be sent to.

* Building number or name

* Street

District

* City or town

County or administrative area

* Postcode

* Country

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I/we, as named in section 1, apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in section 2 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Premises Address

Are you able to provide a postal address, OS map reference or description of the premises?

Address OS map reference Description

Postal Address Of Premises

Building number or name	<input type="text" value="DRINKS DIRECT"/>
Street	<input type="text" value="59 Chippenham Road"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
City or town	<input type="text" value="Romford"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="RM3 8HL"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

Further Details

Telephone number	<input type="text"/>
Non-domestic rateable value of premises (£)	<input type="text" value="11,500"/>

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APPLICATION DETAILS

In what capacity are you applying for the premises licence?

- An individual or individuals
- A limited company / limited liability partnership
- A partnership (other than limited liability)
- An unincorporated association
- Other (for example a statutory corporation)
- A recognised club
- A charity
- The proprietor of an educational establishment
- A health service body
- A person who is registered under part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales
- A person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 in respect of the carrying on of a regulated activity (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England
- The chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales

Confirm The Following

- I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities
- I am making the application pursuant to a statutory function
- I am making the application pursuant to a function discharged by virtue of His Majesty's prerogative

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INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT DETAILS

Applicant Name

Is the name the same as (or similar to) the details given in section one?

- Yes No

If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details.

First name

Ravinder Singh

Family name

Grover

Is the applicant 18 years of age or older?

- Yes No

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Current Residential Address

Is the address the same as (or similar to) the address given in section one?

If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details.

Yes No

Building number or name	<input type="text" value="95"/>
Street	<input type="text" value="Fern Lane"/>
District	<input type="text"/>
City or town	<input type="text" value="Hounslow"/>
County or administrative area	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="TW5 0HH"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United Kingdom"/>

Applicant Contact Details

Are the contact details the same as (or similar to) those given in section one?

If "Yes" is selected you can re-use the details from section one, or amend them as required. Select "No" to enter a completely new set of details.

Yes No

E-mail	<input type="text" value="[REDACTED]"/>
Telephone number	<input type="text" value="[REDACTED]"/>
Other telephone number	<input type="text"/>
* Date of birth	<input type="text" value="dd"/> / <input type="text" value="mm"/> / <input type="text" value="yyyy"/>
* Nationality	<input type="text" value="BRITISH"/>
Right to work share code	<input type="text"/>

[Documents that demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK](#)
[Right to work share code if not submitting scanned documents](#)

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OPERATING SCHEDULE

When do you want the premises licence to start? / /
dd mm yyyy

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end / /
dd mm yyyy

Provide a general description of the premises

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For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off- supplies you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.

OFF LICENCE AND CONVENIENCE STORE

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, state the number expected to attend

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PROVISION OF PLAYS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing plays?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF FILMS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing films?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF INDOOR SPORTING EVENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing indoor sporting events?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF BOXING OR WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENTS

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing boxing or wrestling entertainments?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF LIVE MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing live music?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF RECORDED MUSIC

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

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Will you be providing recorded music?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing performances of dance?

- Yes No

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PROVISION OF ANYTHING OF A SIMILAR DESCRIPTION TO LIVE MUSIC, RECORDED MUSIC OR PERFORMANCES OF DANCE

[See guidance on regulated entertainment](#)

Will you be providing anything similar to live music, recorded music or performances of dance?

- Yes No

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LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT

Will you be providing late night refreshment?

- Yes No

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SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL

Will you be selling or supplying alcohol?

- Yes No

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Give timings in 24 hour clock.
(e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days
of the week when you intend the premises
to be used for the activity.

TUESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

WEDNESDAY

Start

End

Start

End

THURSDAY

Start

End

Start

End

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

Start	<input type="text" value="08:00"/>	End	<input type="text" value="23:00"/>
Start	<input type="text"/>	End	<input type="text"/>

SUNDAY

Start	<input type="text" value="10:00"/>	End	<input type="text" value="22:30"/>
Start	<input type="text"/>	End	<input type="text"/>

Will the sale of alcohol be for consumption:

- On the premises Off the premises Both

If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises select on, if the sale of alcohol is for consumption away from the premises select off. If the sale of alcohol is for consumption on the premises and away from the premises select both.

State any seasonal variations

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

NA

Non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

NA

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as premises supervisor

Name

First name

Family name

Date of birth / /
dd mm yyyy

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Enter the contact's address

Building number or name	95
Street	Fern Lane
District	
City or town	Hounslow
County or administrative area	
Postcode	TW5 0HH
Country	United Kingdom
Personal Licence number (if known)	
Issuing licensing authority (if known)	

PROPOSED DESIGNATED PREMISES SUPERVISOR CONSENT

How will the consent form of the proposed designated premises supervisor be supplied to the authority?

- Electronically, by the proposed designated premises supervisor
- As an attachment to this application

Reference number for consent form (if known)

If the consent form is already submitted, ask the proposed designated premises supervisor for its 'system reference' or 'your reference'.

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ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

Highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, or other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children

Give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups etc gambling machines etc.

NONE

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HOURS PREMISES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Standard Days And Timings

MONDAY

Start

End

Start

End

Give timings in 24 hour clock. (e.g., 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

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State any seasonal variations

For example (but not exclusively) where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

NONE

Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the members and guests at different times from those listed in the column on the left, list below

For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

NONE

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LICENSING OBJECTIVES

Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

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List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

1. Strict implementation of challenge 25 policy
2. CCTV to be installed and 31 days recoding system
3. All staff to be trained in responsible alcohol retailing
4. Training manual will be available at the premises

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

1. A digital CCTV system shall be installed incorporating recording and viewing facilities. Any recording shall be retained and stored in a suitable and secure manner for a minimum of 31 days.
2. The CCTV coverage shall include coverage of all public entrances and exits from the premises; the area directly in front of the entrance to the premises; the till area and all the areas where alcohol is stored and displayed.
3. The CCTV system shall be installed to ensure the quality of the recordings and recorded images and a complete audit trail maintained.
4. The CCTV system shall comply with all other essential legislation and in particular that signs informing of the CCTV recording are prominently displayed.
5. The CCTV system will be maintained and fully operational throughout the hours that the premises are open for any licensable activity.
6. All staff on duty are to be trained in the use of the CCTV viewing facility so that Police or Local Authority officers can view the images upon immediate request.
7. There must be someone at the premises who can download the images and provide a copy recording or a request by Police or Local Authority officer within no later than 48 hours of such request.
8. All staff employed at the premises will have UK right to work status checked, once passed that stage they shall be offered employment.
9. A suitable intruder alarm complete with panic button shall be fitted and maintained.
10. An incident log shall be kept at the premises, and made available for inspection on request to an authorised officer of the council or the Police, which will record the following:
 - (a) all crimes reported to the venue
 - (b) all ejections of patrons
 - (c) any complaints received
 - (d) any incidents of disorder
 - (e) all seizures of drugs or offensive weapons
 - (f) any faults in the CCTV system
 - (g) any refusal of the sale of alcohol
 - (h) any visit by a relevant authority or emergency service.
11. Staff training must be documented and based on legislation and operating procedures. All training shall be signed and dated, and a copy of such records will be available for inspection by Police and local authority enforcement officers.
12. Invoices for all alcohol, tobacco and vape products to be made available immediately when requested by council

c) Public safety

1. Installation of appropriate safety equipment
2. Fire exit signs displayed
3. To comply with all current, fire, health and safety laws

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4. CCTV working at all times

d) The prevention of public nuisance

1. Notice displayed asking customers to leave quietly from premises also customers will be told in person to leave quietly and not to disturb the local neighborhood
2. Strict policy in place to tell all staff not to serve alcohol to drunks at all
3. Appropriate signage will be displayed, in prominent position informing customers they are being recorded on CCTV

e) The protection of children from harm

1. A challenge 25 policy will be in force, where any person looking under the age of 25 shall be asked to prove their age when attempting to purchase alcohol and signs to this effect will be displayed at the premises. Challenge 25 posters displayed where alcohol is sold.
2. The only acceptable ID will be those with photographic identification documents, including passport, photo-card, driving license or proof of age card bearing the PASS hologram.
3. An refusal book shall be kept at the premises and updated as and when required, and made available for inspection on request to an Licensing Officer, Police or other responsible authority.
4. A sign stating "No proof of age – No sale" shall be displayed at the point of sale.

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NOTES ON DEMONSTRATING ENTITLEMENT TO WORK IN THE UK

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Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. They do this in one of two ways: 1) by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the documents listed below (which do not need to be certified), or 2) by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below).

Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
- An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.

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- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to work relation to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A **current** Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, **less than 6 months old**, issued by the Home Office under regulation 18(3) or 20(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016, to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence.
- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their permission to be in the UK with the Home Office such as the Home Office acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or reasonable evidence that the person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration decision, such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.
- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in the UK including:-
 - evidence of the applicant's own identity – such as a passport,
 - evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member – e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
 - evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
 - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,
 - (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
 - (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
 - (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHIC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities. If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:-

- (i) any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;
- (ii) any page containing the holder's photograph;
- (iii) any page containing the holder's signature;
- (iv) any page containing the date of expiry; and
- (v) any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in the UK and is permitted to work.

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If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

Home Office online right to work checking service

As an alternative to providing a copy of the documents listed above, applicants may demonstrate their right to work by allowing the licensing authority to carry out a check with the Home Office online right to work checking service.

To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their 9-digit share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work>) which, along with the applicant's date of birth (provided within this application), will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

An online check will not be possible in all circumstances because not all applicants will have an immigration status that can be checked online. The Home Office online right to work checking service sets out what information and/or documentation applicants will need in order to access the service. Applicants who are unable to obtain a share code from the service should submit copy documents as set out above.

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NOTES ON REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT

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In terms of specific **regulated entertainments** please note that:

- Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
- Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
- Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
- Live music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
- Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.

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- Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
 - o any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
 - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
 - o any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

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PAYMENT DETAILS

This fee must be paid to the authority. If you complete the application online, you must pay it by debit or credit card.

Premises Licence Fees are determined by the non domestic rateable value of the premises.

To find out a premises non domestic rateable value go to the Valuation Office Agency site at http://www.voa.gov.uk/business_rates/index.htm

Band A - No RV to £4300 - £100

Band B - £4301 to £33000 - £190.00

Band C - £33001 to £87000 - £315.00

Band D - £87001 to £125000 - £450.00*

Band E - £125001 and over - £635.00*

*If the premises rateable value is in Bands D or E and the premises is primarily used for the consumption of alcohol on the premises then you are required to pay a higher fee.

Band D - £87001 to £125000 - £900.00

Band E - £125001 and over - £1,905.00

There is an exemption from the payment of fees in relation to the provision of regulated entertainment at church halls, chapel halls, or premises of a similar nature, village halls, parish or community halls, or other premises of a similar nature.

The costs associated with these licences will be met by Central Government. If, however, the licence also authorises the use of the premises for the supply of alcohol or the provision of late night refreshment, a fee will be required.

Schools and sixth form colleges are exempt from the fees associated with the authorisation of regulated entertainment where the entertainment is provided by and at the school or college and for the purposes of the school or college.

If you operate a large event you are subject to ADDITIONAL fees based upon the number of attendance at any one time.

Capacity 5000 to 9999 - £1,000.00

Capacity 10000 to 14999 - £2,000.00

Capacity 15000 to 19999 - £4,000.00

Capacity 20000 to 29999 - £8,000.00

Capacity 30000 to 39999 - £16,000.00

Capacity 40000 to 49999 - £24,000.00

Capacity 50000 to 59999 - £32,000.00

Capacity 60000 to 69999 - £40,000.00

Capacity 70000 to 79999 - £48,000.00

Capacity 80000 to 89999 - £56,000.00

Capacity 90000 and over £64,000.00

* Fee amount (£)

190.00

DECLARATION

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* I/we understand it is an offence, liable on conviction to a fine up to level 5 on the standard scale, under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, to make a false statement in or in connection with this application.

Ticking this box indicates you have read and understood the above declaration

This section should be completed by the applicant, unless you answered "Yes" to the question "Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?"

* Full name

* Capacity

* Date / /
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Once you're finished you need to do the following:

1. Save this form to your computer by clicking file/save as...

2. Go back to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-a-licence/premises-licence/havering/apply-1> to upload this file and continue with your application.

Don't forget to make sure you have all your supporting documentation to hand.

IT IS AN OFFENCE LIABLE TO SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION

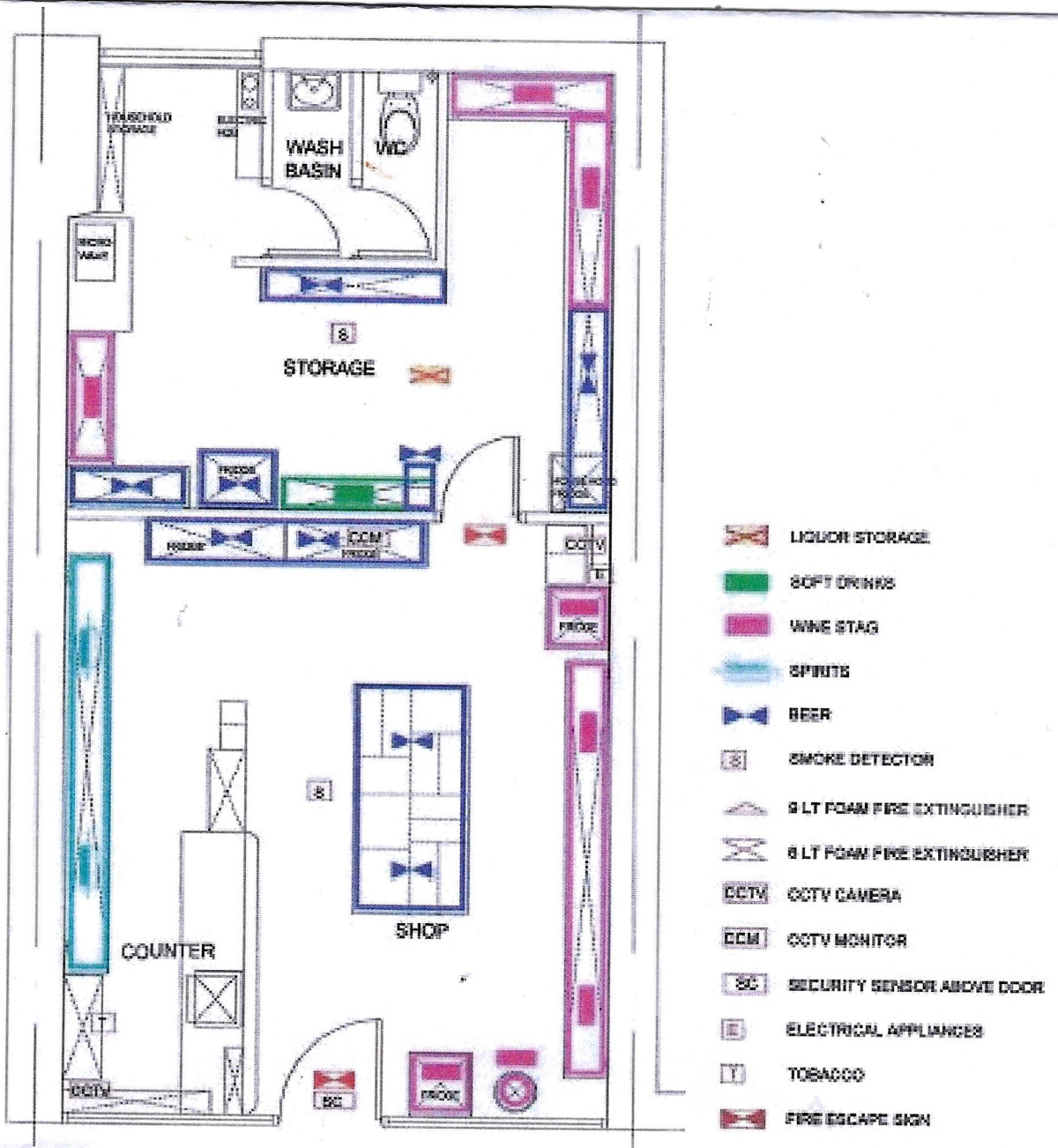
IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED

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Representations from Responsible Authority

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Licensing Act 2003 Responsible Authority representation

This representation is made by a responsible Authority for the London Borough of Havering concerning an application for a premises licence variation for the premises as detailed below.

Premises Name and address: Drinks Direct, 59 Chippenham Rd, Romford, RM3 8HL

Your Name: Oisin Daly

Organisation name/name of body you represent: Licensing Authority of the London Borough of Havering

Your Address: C/O, Town Hall, Main Road, Romford, Essex, RM1 3BD

Email: Oisin.daly@havering.gov.uk

Contact telephone number: 01708 433661

Summary of Objection: Objection to an application for a new premises licence as the grant would likely undermine the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, and protection of children from harm.

Policy Considerations:

Havering's Licensing Policy identifies areas where the concentration of licensed premises is already causing problems that undermine the licensing objectives. The policy states that:

6.3 For areas where a cumulative impact policy is adopted, it creates a rebuttable presumption that applications for new premises licences, club premises certificates, or variation applications that will add to the existing cumulative impact, will normally be refused, unless the applicant can demonstrate why the operation of the premises involved will not add to the cumulative impact and not impact adversely on the promotion of the licensing objectives. The exception to this policy may be for applications for restaurants where alcohol is sold ancillary to a table meal.

The application must therefore demonstrate why it should be considered an exception to the policy.

10. Special Cumulative Impact Policy for Gooshays

10.1 Unlike Hornchurch and Romford, Gooshays is not a major night time economy. A cumulative impact policy was adopted for this area under the previous Statement of Licensing Policy adopted on 7th January 2016

10.2 In the Havering Community Safety Partnership report, London Borough of Havering

Non Domestic Abuse Violence with Injury Problem Profile, May 2018 Gooshays was identified as the ward with second highest amounts of VVI reports to the police in 2017.

10.3 As this area does not house a night time economy environment it is important to understand why this area ranks high in the number of incidents. It also shows as a hotspot in London Ambulance assault data. A hypothesis is that this area is one of Havering's areas which has the lowest deprivation index and thus this has an impact of the level of violent crime experienced in this area.

10.4 One hotspot was identified within the Gooshays ward where incidents appeared linked to licensed premises. This was the Farnham Road/ Hilldene Avenue where a number of assaults were reported within licensed retail establishments.

10.5 On the basis of the above evidence the Licensing Authority is of the view that **the number, type and density of premises selling alcohol for consumption off the premises around the Farnham Road/Hilldene Avenue area is having a cumulative impact and undermining the licensing objectives and a cumulative impact policy has been adopted in this area. It is likely that granting further licences would be inconsistent with the authority's duty to promote the licensing objectives and a cumulative impact policy has been adopted in this area.**

13. Standards of Management

The Operating schedule

13.1 When assessing the applicant's or **licence holder's ability to demonstrate a commitment to high standards of management** the Licensing Authority will take into account whether they

- Can demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of best practice
- Has sought advice from the responsible authorities
- Has implemented any advice that has been given by the responsible authorities
- Is able to understand verbal and written advice and legal requirements
- Can demonstrate knowledge of the licensing objectives, relevant parts of the Licensing Policy and their responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003
- **Is able to run their business lawfully and in accordance with good business practices**
- **Is able to demonstrate a track record of compliance with legal requirements.**

13.2 Where there is a history of non-compliance associated with the premises applicants will need to establish evidence of improvement in management standards and procedures.

14. Alcohol induced crime and disorder and antisocial behaviour

14.1 The Licensing Authority expects licence holders to operate to the highest standards of management, and to cooperate with responsible authorities to prevent:

- The sale of alcohol to underage children;
- Drunkenness on premises;
- Irresponsible drinks promotions.

14.2 Where the Licensing Authority receives representations from responsible authorities that the management of a premise is supporting such activities, or that there is strong evidence linking patrons with alcohol related crime, disorder or antisocial behaviour the

Licensing Authority will consider reviewing the licence.

14.3 Licensing enforcement is a multi-agency activity and it is important that work is coordinated between agencies to deliver solutions. The need for intervention will be risk based and take full account of data, intelligence and information available to both the Council and partners.

14.4 Where appropriate the Licensing Authority will consider imposing controls on products sold where representations indicate localised problems. This provision could include removing the sale of super strength beer, lager and cider in premises as part of a package of measures to deal with the problems associated with street drinking.

Representation

I am submitting this representation on behalf of the Licensing Authority in relation to the application to extend the terminal hour for licensable activities at the above premises. The premises sits within one of Havering's Special Cumulative Impact Policy (SCIP) areas, as set out in the London Borough of Havering Statement of Licensing Policy 2021–2026.

Under the policy, there is a presumption to refuse applications that would add to cumulative impact unless the applicant can demonstrate exceptional circumstances. In this case, the applicant has not provided sufficient evidence to rebut that presumption.

This application relates to a premises which has **recently been subject to a review hearing resulting in the revocation of its premises licence**. The previous operation of the premises demonstrated serious failings and an inability to promote the licensing objectives.

In such circumstances, significant weight must be given to whether the new applicant can demonstrate that the issues identified will not be repeated. The Licensing Authority is not satisfied that this has been demonstrated

The Licensing Authority has serious concerns regarding the applicant's background and previous involvement in licensed premises.

Evidence available, including Sub-Committee documentation and external authority findings, indicates:

- **Licence Review – Slough, 2012 [Agenda item - Review of Premises Licence - Drinks Direct Supermarket Limited, 256 High Street Langley, Slough](#)** summarised as follows;
 - Selling alcohol to an underage person
 - Selling cigarettes to an underage person
 - Selling fireworks in breach of the firework licence conditions
 - Found in possession for sale of counterfeit alcohol, condoms and batteries

- **Additional Counterfeit / Illicit Goods (Appendix A)**

In spite of the review hearing above, the applicant was further found in September 2015 to be in possession of counterfeit cigarettes and alcohol. This finding was referenced in a later licensing hearing (below).

This repeated offence raises concerns about the applicants ability not only to uphold the licensing objectives but to comply with legislation that is known to them.

- **Illegal Workers - [Agenda for Licensing Sub-Committee on Wednesday 10th May 2017, 2.00 pm :: Maldon District Council](#)**

This premises connected to the applicant has been subject to enforcement action where individuals were found working without the legal right to work in the UK. This represents a serious criminal offence and demonstrates a failure of management oversight.

- **Licence Revocation (External Authority, Appendix B)**

In the case of Country Produce (Maldon District Council) detailed above, the premises licence was revoked following the identification of illegal workers. Revocation reflects significant and fundamental failings in management.

- **History of Drinks Direct (trading as the Drinks Seller) (Appendix C)**

The premises itself has already been subject to formal review proceedings resulting in revocation. This highlights the assessment of the authority of the premises being of high risk.

Lawful Right To Occupy Premises

Another concern relates to the applicant's lawful right to occupy the property. The premises itself is owned and leased by the London Borough of Havering. Property Services manage the premises and the lease has been assigned to a Mr Hakimzada.

Property services have confirmed that there have been no attempts by the applicant to seek to transfer the lease into their name. Hakimzada has also sub-let a separate property owned by the borough against the terms of the lease. It is a concern that whilst the applicant could have taken a lease from Hakimzada, they may be subject to eviction as the sub-lease would be against the terms set by the borough.

Hakimzada formed the basis of a representation made by the police against an attempt to transfer the premises licence into their name. That individual was also found to have been subject to enforcement action in relation to licensed premises in West London, similar to the current applicant (Appendix D Police representation, Appendix E Decision notice).

It raises the question whether the new applicant could be unduly influenced, or is working in connection with, the current tenant who has unlawfully sub-let other properties on the borough.

Granting the application would undermine:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The applicant's history of illegal workers and counterfeit goods presents a clear risk of criminal activity.

Public Safety

Poor compliance and lack of effective management increase risks to staff, customers and the wider public.

Protection of Children from Harm

Where management standards are in question, safeguards such as Challenge 25 cannot

be relied upon as effective.

Conclusion

The premises is located within a Special Cumulative Impact Policy area. The applicant has not demonstrated exceptional circumstances or provided evidence to show the variation would not add to cumulative impact. Concerning history available on public indices show a pattern of unlawful behaviour, all related to activities conducted in connection with licensed premises.

Complaint and Inspection History (if applicable)

N/A

Other documents attached

Appendix A Essex TS Statement

Appendix B Maldon Decision Notice

Appendix C Drinks Seller Decision Notice

Appendix D Police Rep Transfer Application

Appendix E Transfer and DPS Vary decision

Signed



Dated: 28th May 2026

Essex County Council
 Place Operations
 Trading Standards
 County Hall CG32
 Market Road
 Chelmsford
 CM1 1QH



Maldon District Council
 Licensing Section
 Council Offices
 Maldon
 CM9 5DL

Date: 22nd March 2017
 Our Ref: LEW/Country
 Produce

Dear Sir,

**Licensing Act 2003
 Licence Review Application – Country Produce Latchingdon**

With reference to the application, by Essex Police for the review of the premises licence for Country Produce Highview, Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton, Maldon Essex CM3 6HR.

Essex Trading Standards supports the application made by Essex Police on the following grounds:

During 2016 Essex Trading Standards were approached by our colleagues at Slough Trading Standards to assist with some communication that was necessary with Mr Ravinder Singh Grover. Mr Grover had been stopped in Slough on the 24th September 2015 in a Mercedes Van registration CS08MGS outside another business that he was previously a director of – and an amount of illegal alcohol and tobacco were seized from him.

The items were as follows:

- (i) 163 x packs of cigarettes with non English health warnings & no pictorial warnings
- (ii) 34 x 50g pouches of hand rolling tobacco with non English health warnings & no pictorial warnings
- (iii) 8 x bottles of illegally imported vodka

Following his interview by Slough Trading Standards Mr Grover ignored repeated attempts by Slough Trading Standards to agree to the goods being formally signed over for destruction – Essex Trading Standards were asked to visit him to gain the necessary documentary signatures in order to close the matter.

The matter was formally concluded on 21st September 2016 and it should be noted that Mr Grover was out of the country for a significant period of time prior to that and very difficult to contact.

Around the same time, as part of a wider initiative into inhibiting the supply of illegal tobacco Essex Trading Standards carried out an inspection of the premises on 14th July 2016 - during the inspection no concern was raised about the legitimacy of the tobacco but a significant quantity of wine was seized from the premises. In total officers seized 372 bottles of wine where receipts and UK Excise duty could not be verified. Mr Grover was not present at the time of the inspection and he was given an opportunity to provide receipts but did not.

Officers eventually met with Mr Grover on the 21st September and he went through the necessary paperwork and was warned for both matters.

My observations over the period that I have been dealing with the premises is that Mr Grover is very rarely at the premises and has spent a reasonable amount of time out of the country over the summer, giving some concern over the level of management at the business.

Essex Trading Standards support Essex Police's application for a review on the grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder.

Yours sincerely



Trading Standards Officer

Please reply to: [Redacted]
Telephone: 01245 341950
Email: [Redacted]@essex.gov.uk
Internet: www.essex.gov.uk



**MINUTES of
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
10 MAY 2017**

PRESENT

Purpose of the Hearing:	Licensing Act 2003 – to determine the Application for the Review of a Premises Licence: Country Produce, Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 6HR
Premises:	Country Produce, Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 6HR
Councillors	B S Beale MBE, R G Boyce MBE and Mrs M E Thompson
Representing the Licensing Sub-Committee:	Ms Alexandra Maschas, Licensing Officer Mr Saleem Chughtai, Solicitor to the Council Tara Bird, Committee Clerk
Applicant:	Mr Josef Cannon (Legal Representative) Mr Stephen Sparrow (Essex Police County Licensing Officer)
Interested Parties:	Mr R Singh Grover (Licence Holder) Mr S Panchal (Licence Holder representative)
Responsible Authorities:	Mr Lee Clarke (Immigration Officer)
In Attendance:	Councillor S J Savage Mr Nigel Turner, Essex Police Licensing Officer for Chelmsford and Maldon Mr I Haines, Environmental Health and Licensing Manager, Maldon District Council Mr R Dawes, Communications Manager, Maldon District Council
Members of the Public:	None
Members of the Press:	One

1247. TO APPOINT A CHAIRMAN FOR HEARING

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs M E Thompson be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

IN THE CHAIR: COUNCILLOR MRS M E THOMPSON

1248. CHAIRMAN'S NOTICES

The Chairman drew attention to the list of notices published on the back of the agenda.

1249. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Ms Liz Webb from Trading Standards.

1250. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were none.

**1251. LICENSING ACT 2003 - APPLICATION TO REVIEW PREMISES LICENCE:
COUNTRY PRODUCE, LATCHINGDON ROAD, COLD NORTON,
CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, CM3 6HR**

The Chairman asked all those present to introduce themselves.

Confirmation was sought that all those present were in possession of and had read the report of the Director of Customers and Community and Appendices A to D.

Mr Panchal who was representing the Licence Holder addressed the Committee advised that his client had only received notification of this hearing on 5 May. He therefore requested that the hearing be adjourned to allow his client to get representatives and allow a fair hearing.

In response, the applicant's legal representative, Mr Cannon, advised the Committee that it needed to consider the request for adjournment and only adjourn if it felt Mr Grover (the applicant) could not get a fair hearing. Mr Cannon advised Members that copies of the application paperwork was sent to both the premises and Mr Grover and therefore by the end of March Mr Grover would have seen the documents. Members were also advised that the agenda and related documentation was available on the Council's website from 2 May.

The Licensing Officer confirmed that the application had been made in accordance with requirements and Officers had attended the premise to put up notice of the review. A copy of the application had been sent to Mr Grover and therefore the application had been made and served correctly.

Mr Panchal explained that his company had been advised of the hearing on Monday and the barrister they worked with was not available to attend today.

The Chairman advised that Committee would adjourn to consider whether the hearing was to continue.

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned to allow for the Committee to consider the request to postpone the meeting.

1252. RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS IN OPEN SESSION

RESOLVED that the meeting resumes in open session.

1253. LICENSING ACT 2003 - APPLICATION TO REVIEW PREMISES LICENCE: COUNTRY PRODUCE, LATCHINGDON ROAD, COLD NORTON, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, CM3 6HR CONTINUED

The Chairman advised that following discussion and consideration of all information presented the Committee had agreed it was going to continue with the hearing.

The Licensing Officer outlined the application submitted for the Review of a Premises Licence for Country Produce, Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 6HR.

The Chairman invited the applicant's legal representative, Mr Cannon to make his opening statement to the Committee. Members were reminded of an additional option for consideration to those outlined in the report and that was to do nothing. Mr Cannon outlined the series of events as detailed in Appendix B to the report. He highlighted how this was not a one off occurrence as two employees had been identified, in respect of their immigration status. He explained that in his view Mr Grover had either failed to carry out checks or had known of the employees' immigration status. Mr Cannon took Members through the options available to them in consideration of this application, concluding that revocation was proportionate in his view.

Mr Cannon confirmed that he would not be calling any witnesses.

The Chairman then invited Mr Panchal to make his representation on behalf of the Licence Holder. Mr Panchal provided background information regarding the premise. He advised that Mr Grover (the licence holder) had been unaware that employee documentation had been false and how Mr Grover did employ local persons in addition to the two persons related to this review. Mr Panchal requested that the Committee consider suspension of the licence for this one off matter as steps were being taken to ensure similar incidents did not occur. One of these steps was introduction of a training manual and Mr Panchal made reference to this.

Mr Panchal confirmed that he did not have any witnesses to call.

The Chairman then invited questions from the Committee and Interested Parties.

In response to a question from a Member, Mr Panchal advised that the training manual referred to had been issued to the premises the previous week.

In response to a request from a Member to view the training manual, Mr Cannon advised that generally if documents were to be considered they should be considered in advance of the meeting, but having had a brief look at the manual he would not object to it being considered. The training manual from Mr Panchal was then passed round and viewed by Members, Mr Cannon and Ms Maschas.

The Chairman asked Mr Panchal to make a closing statement. In his statement Mr Panchal referred to the prominence of the shop, serving seven villages and the forward

steps being taken with regards to training. He referred to alcohol being the prominent sales in the shop and effective to its running. Mr Panchal requested that the Committee consider suspension for a period of four weeks to ensure manuals, training etc. was in place as a way forward.

Mr Cannon then made his closing statement to the Committee. In his statement he referred to this not being a one off incident, there being two employees, but how other employees were being paid correctly and report to Her Majesty's Revenues and Customs. He referred to how since 15 February Mr Grover had not contacted his licensing consultant until the week proceeding this meeting and he felt the information that had been provided appeared to minimal. Mr Cannon concluded that in respect of this case revocation and the stopping of alcohol sales should be considered.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:11pm for Members to make their decisions.

1254. RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS IN OPEN SESSION

RESOLVED that the meeting resumes in open session at 3:35pm.

1255. TO DETERMINE THE ABOVE APPLICATION

The Chairman advised that having heard the submissions and evidence from both parties and having particular regard to the licensing objectives, the Committee hereby determines that the Premises Licence at Country Produce, Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton, Chelmsford, Essex be revoked.

The Chairman reminded all present of the right to appeal the decision of the Council to the Magistrates' Court.

RESOLVED that the Premises Licence in respect of Country Produce, Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton, Chelmsford, Essex be **REVOKED**.

There being no further items of business the Chairman closed the meeting at 3:37pm.

MRS M E THOMPSON
CHAIRMAN

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LONDON BOROUGH

Licensing Act 2003 Notice of Decision

PREMISES

The Drinks Seller
59 Chippenham Road Romford
RM3 8HL

APPLICANT

Mr Oisin Daly
Public Protection Officer for the London Borough of Havering

Details of the application

The application to review a premises licence is made by Mr Oisin Daly, Public Protection Officer for the London Borough of Havering, under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application was received by Havering's Licensing Authority on 26th February 2026.

Summary

During the section 51 review application's consultation period the Police and the Home Office Immigration Service provided representations supporting Mr Daly's application.

Determination of application to review a premises licence

1. The Licensing Sub-Committee considered an application for a review of the premises licence for The Drinks Seller situated at 59 Chippenham Road, Romford, RM3 8HL
2. The review application was submitted by a member of the Council's Licensing team, Mr Oisin Daly. The application followed the licensing authority's receipt of an email from Mr Salih Maden (the premises licence holder at that time) in which Mr Maden advised that he had ceased operating the premises at some point in 2025. A response email seeking clarification was sent to the licence holder but it received no response. As a result, a compliance visit was made on 26th February 2026 by Mr Daly to seek to establish whether Mr Maden was still in control at the premises. Based upon his findings during this visit Mr Daly submitted this application to review the licence. Mr Daly's findings included

witnessing a staff member, who apparently had no knowledge of the licensing regime, selling alcohol in the presence of Mr Daly immediately after being told to cease trading. That same staff member stated Mr Maden had left the business and provided details of the new owner: Mr Hakimzada. The issues were exacerbated by the fact the premises is situated in a cumulative impact area.

3. The review application was supported by the Metropolitan Police who stated that the Police have real concerns with the operation of the premises licence in that Mr Maden had left the business around early 2025 and no transfer application was made to the licensing authority. The premises, on balance, had been supplying alcohol without Mr Maden being present or overseeing the licence. The Police also echoed the serious concerns raised by the council's licensing team in respect of the staff member openly selling alcohol after being told not to so by Mr Daly. In addition, the staff member positively confirmed that Mr Hakimzada is operating the premises and not Mr Maden. The Police added that, in their view, Mr Hakimzada is not fit to operate the licence given he had previously had a premises licence, which was situated in Ealing, suspended and eventually revoked after it was found he continued to provide licensable activity during the period of suspension.
4. The review application was supported by the Home Office's Immigration Enforcement Team. The aforementioned employee had provided to Mr Daly a contact number for the new owner, that being Mr Hakimzada. Home Office records show Mr Hakimzada has been subject to Immigration Enforcement for offences in July 2016 and February 2022. These offences were for employing individuals who held no legal right to work in the UK.
5. The members were cognisant that in deciding which powers to invoke in the review process, the expectation was that it should so far as possible seek to establish the cause or causes of the concerns that the representations identify. Therefore, any remedial action taken should be directed at these causes and should always be no more than an appropriate and proportionate response to address the causes of concern that instigated the review.

6. The members were cognisant of the powers available to them which were to take no action, to issue a warning, to add, remove, or modify licence conditions, to suspend the licence or to revoke the licence.
7. The members were cognisant of the Secretary of State's statutory guidance which states each responsible authority will be an expert in their respective field, and in some cases it is likely that a particular responsible authority will be the licensing authority's main source of advice in relation to a particular licensing objective.
8. The members were further cognisant of the Council's statement of licensing policy, in particular paragraph 13, which sets out the Council's expectations regarding the standards of management by a licence holder.

Decision & Reasons:

9. After having taken into consideration all written and oral submissions, considered the relevant sections of the Licensing Act 2003, assisted by the paragraphs of the S182 Guidance stated above, and the council's statement of licensing policy, the sub-committee found that the only appropriate and proportionate remedial action was to revoke the premises licence.
10. The members noted that all three responsible authorities sought revocation of the premises licence to promote the four licensing objectives and the premises licence holder did not contest any points made by the authorities.
11. The members noted that the premises licence holder was very candid in stating that he admitted he had transferred the control of the business to Mr Hakimzada in March 2025 and would only occasionally visit the premises thereafter whilst working as an Addison Lee employee. The premises licence holder submitted

some mitigation which was that he had been trading for over 24 years and in that period he did not have any issues at the premises.

12., The Licensing Sub-Committee, however, found these representations very worrying ;, Mr Maden, by his own admission, had no real control of the premises nor the operation of the licence which was entrusted to him. The employee of the business appeared to be the employee of Mr Hakimzada and Mr Maden had apparently left the business, abandoning his legal responsibilities as the premises licence holder.

13. To heighten the members' concerns, Mr Maden was asked what are the four licensing objectives but he was unable to provide a response and could not state what was the council's cumulative impact area in which this premises is situated). Mr Maden appeared to have minimal understanding of the licensing regime.

14. The members considered the other remedial steps available to them (as stated in paragraph 6 above) but found that only revocation of the licence to be the necessary and proportionate step. Mr Maden did not demonstrate any responsibility or competency as a premises licence holder; he had handed over his business to another individual in March 2025 and only notified the council of this in March 2026. When the council conducted its compliance visit, the employee at the premises continued to sell alcohol in the presence of a council licensing officer when explicitly told that he must stop. The employee then provided details of Mr Hakimzada, the person who appeared to have control over the premises, and who had had a licence revoked for providing licensable activity whilst the licence was suspended and who was also subject to Home Office enforcement for employing illegal workers. The Immigration Officer also added that this employee's immigration status was unknown and, in their

professional opinion having read Mr Daly's evidence, he possessed a likelihood of being an illegal worker. The Police provided evidence that Mr Hakimzada had a premises licence that was subject to suspension and, due to further breaches during the suspension, subsequent revocation. The members found that not only did the premises licence holder abandon the premises and its licence but had also handed the premises to an irresponsible person as the de-facto premises licence holder. This is all whilst the premises is situated in a problematic area with the occurrence of street drinking. The members were satisfied that any decision other than revocation would bring the whole regulatory licensing regime into disrepute and therefore revoked the premises licence.

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.

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Clerk to the Licensing Sub-Committee

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Police Representation - Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) & Premises Licence Transfer Application - The Drinks Seller 59 Chippenham Road Romford RM38HL

Dear Licensing Authority

Police acknowledge receipt of a DPS & Premises Licence Transfer Application for The Drinks Seller 59 Chippenham Road Romford RM38HL which we received by email on the 27th February 2026.

The applicant is shown as a:-

Hashveen Kaur Hakimzada
Date of birth 01/11/2003
Of 32 Crosslands Avenue Southall UB25Q
Email address of gshakimzada@hotmail.com
Telephone number of 07950999999

On behalf of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, consideration has been given to this application and Police object to the application under the following licensing objectives:-

The prevention of crime and disorder

Police enquiries into this application have identified significant concerns regarding the legitimacy of the proposed DPS arrangement.

Firstly, the contact details provided within the application do not relate to the proposed female DPS. The telephone number and email address listed correspond to a male by the name of Gurmeet Singh Hakimzada.

Mr Gurmeet Singh Hakimzada appears on Police investigation reports along with the above email address & telephone number (**Appendix I & II**).

Mr Hakimzada had his premises licence revoked in 2018 when quantities of illegal tobacco were seized. This decision was appealed & resulted in a six-week suspension whereby during that suspension the sale of alcohol continued as demonstrated by a test purchase carried out by Ealing Council officers. The licence was finally revoked in March 2019 (**Appendix III**).

Members will be aware that a revocation of a premises licence is a serious step, taken where someone is deemed no longer suitable to hold a licence.

Secondly, the proposed female DPS resides in Southall, West London which is 60 miles & anywhere from around 1hr 30mins - 2hrs away from the venue. This raises the concern that the applicant may not intend to exercise, genuine day-to-day control over the premises.

Taking all the information into consideration Police believe this application represents a DPS transfer by proxy. In other words, that the proposed DPS is being put forward in name only, while another individual exercises influence or control behind the scenes. If that is the case, it would fundamentally undermine the safeguards built into the Licensing Act 2003.

The purpose of specifying someone as a DPS is to ensure accountability. It also cannot be right that an individual whose premises licence was revoked is able to continue operating through another person.

This arrangement raises a real risk to the prevention of crime and disorder objective & also raises concerns about transparency, compliance, and the integrity of the licensing regime.

The Police submit that the Committee must be satisfied that the proposed DPS will exercise genuine and effective control over the premises & that Mr Hakimzada has no involvement whatsoever in the management or operation of licensable activities.

For the reasons outlined above, the Police object to the proposed DPS & licence transfer & respectfully invite the Licensing Sub-Committee to refuse the applications.

Submitted respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Stockman'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

PC Chris Stockman - East Area Licensing Team

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

APPLICATION TO TRANSFER LICENCE REGARDING THE DRINKS SELLER SITUATED AT 59

CHIPPENHAM ROAD, ROMFORD, RM3 8HL

1. The Sub – Committee have considered two applications; to transfer the premises licence and to make a variation to the DPS, following objections received from the Metropolitan Police.
2. The Metropolitan Police’s objections state that they strongly believe both applications represents a transfer by proxy in that the proposed DPS, Ms Hashveen Hakimzada (the applicant), is being put forward in name only while Mr Gurmeet Singh Hakimzada (her father) exercises influence or control behind the scenes. The Metropolitan Police detailed that the applicant’s contact details listed on the application form is Mr Gurmeet Hakimzada’s contact details and evidenced this by way of police report details as found in the agenda pack.
3. The police stated that Mr Gurmeet Hakimzada had his premises licence revoked in 2018 when quantities of illegal tobacco were seized. This decision was appealed & resulted in a six-week suspension whereby during that suspension the sale of alcohol continued as demonstrated by a test purchase carried out by Ealing Council officers. The licence was then revoked in March 2019.
4. The Sub – Committee were cognisant of the Secretary of States’ section 182 guidance which states at paragraph 4.69; ‘In exceptional circumstances where the chief officer of police believes the transfer may undermine the crime prevention objective, the police may object to the transfer.’
5. The Sub – Committee were cognisant of the Secretary of States’ section 182 guidance which states at paragraph 8.101; ‘In exceptional circumstances where the chief officer of police believes the transfer may undermine the crime prevention objective, the police may object to the transfer.’

6. The Sub – Committee were cognisant of the Secretary of States’ section 182 guidance which states at paragraph 2.1; ‘Licensing authorities should look to the police as the main source of advice on crime and disorder.’

Decision

7. The Sub – Committee was satisfied that the applicant was indeed a proxy to Mr Gurmeet Hakimzada’s applications. This is because;
 - a. The Sub – Committee accepted the evidence presented by the police to demonstrate that contact details listed on the application form was of Mr Gurmeet Hakimzada. The applicant’s agent’s brief explanation for this was that Mr Gurmeet Hakimzada has been their client for a number of years and they had made an administrative error by adding his contact details of the application form. Simultaneously, it was said by the applicant that she had completed the form herself so two different accounts were given to the Sub – Committee.
 - b. The applicant and her agent spent most of their time to demonstrate that the applicant understands the licensing regime rather than addressing the police’s objections and which was the key issue for the hearing.
 - c. Whilst seeking to demonstrate the applicant’s competency, the applicant on a number of occasions stated that her father will be her guide to running the business, that her father had been involved in the application process and in securing a lease at the premises, and with her father’s support she wants to make her father proud. All of these points in turn supporting the police’s concerns.
 - d. The applicant could not explain on what terms the premises is being acquired in that who will hold the lease and the length lease agreement.
 - e. The applicant stated that since January 2025 she had been present at the premises 3 days a week since. However, when asked to explain in what capacity was she was present / working in the premises, she could not give an

explanation other than to say she was there for the transitional period and to order stock of alcohol.

- f. The Sub-Committee also found that the applicant leaned very heavily on her agents to respond to members questions of her understanding of the licensing regime, to the extent that it appeared the applicant was reading of the agent's screen as the agent typed away. Where direct questions were asked to the applicant, for example an explanation of the council's statement of licensing policy and cumulative impact zone, the applicant could simply not respond.
8. The Sub – Committee therefore accepted the police's objections in its entirety decided that to reject both applications.

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