



LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

REPORT

7 April 2026

Subject heading:

**The Chequers
121 North Street Hornchurch RM11 1ST
Expedited premises licence review
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This application for an expedited review of a premises licence is made under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 by the Chief Officer of Police for Havering Borough. The application was received by Havering's Licensing Authority on 13th March 2026.

Geographical description of the area and description of the building

The Chequers PH is located on its own 'island' on North Street at the junction with Billet Lane and Butts Green Road. The area is one of mixed use.

Details of the application

This application for an expedited review of the premises licence was submitted under the provisions of s.53A of this Act. The Police contend that violent disorder occurred at the premises in the early hours of Wednesday 11th March 2026 into Thursday 12th March 2026. Subsequent Police contact with the premises' representatives revealed further licensing failures. This expedited review application was subsequently submitted on 13th March 2026.

The relevant provisions of s.53A(2) require that:

On receipt of a s.53A application, the relevant licensing authority must—

- (a) within 48 hours of the time of its receipt, consider under section 53B whether it is necessary to take interim steps pending the determination of a review of the premises licence; and
- (b) within 28 days after the day of its receipt, review that licence in accordance with section 53C and reach a determination on that review.

An interim hearing took place on 17th March 2026 during which the licensing sub-committee determined that the Chequers' premises licence should be suspended pending the final hearing to determine the expedited review application.

Summary

During the application's consultation period the licensing authority received two representations from responsible authorities supporting the Police review, namely the licensing authority and Havering's child welfare department. In addition, a representation supporting the premises was submitted by a customer of the pub.

The purpose of this hearing is to decide what steps the licensing sub-committee considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and to decide whether the interim licence suspension ceases to have effect altogether or becomes the subject of any steps which it considers are appropriate when making its determination on the review. The steps the licensing authority can take are:

- the modification of the conditions of the premises licence;
- the exclusion of a licensable activity from the scope of the licence;
- the removal of the designated premises supervisor from the licence;
- the suspension of the licence for a period not exceeding 3 months; and
- the revocation of the licence.