

**LICENSING COMMITTEE held at 6.30am at COUNCIL OFFICES GREAT DUNMOW on 12 JULY 2005**

Present:- Councillor V J T Lelliott –Chairman  
Councillors K R Artus, E W Hicks and A R Row

Officers in attendance:- M Hardy, C Nicholson, C Roberts and A Turner.

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**APPLICATION TO CONVERT EXISTING LICENCE AND SIMULTANEOUSLY TO VARY THE LICENCE FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL AT THE BLACK LION PUBLIC HOUSE HIGH RODING**

Members considered the report of the Licensing Officer on an application to convert the existing premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 and simultaneously vary the licence to remove the restrictions relating to permitted hours as set out in section 60 of the Licensing Act 1964 with the exception of New Years Eve and to replace them with extended hours for supply of intoxicating liquor. The application also sought permission for various forms of regulated entertainment.

Mrs C Nicholson the Council's Solicitor outlined the procedure to be followed, referring to the Guidance and the Licensing Officer's Report which had been circulated to all parties. She also explained the appeal opportunity to the applicants representatives and objector.

The Licensing Officer said that concerns had been expressed by Mrs G Owen whose house immediately adjoined the pub.

Ms Owen then addressed the Committee. Members of the Committee asked her questions and in answer she explained the precise location of her house and the type of problem which had arisen in the past albeit only occasionally.

Mr Summers on behalf of Ridleys then addressed the meeting, stressing that the Applicants did not intend to depart significantly from their previous pattern of use of the premises. They were offering to amend their previous application by making closing times earlier and reducing the number of occasional events to thirty. They also offered to have a condition that there should be no performance in the public bar which adjoined Mrs Owen's house.

A member asked whether an environmental health inspection had taken place and the Licensing Officer confirmed that it had. Ms Owen had no questions for the Applicants representatives.

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**EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED that under regulation 14(2) Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 the press and public be excluded from the meeting whilst the Committee considered their decision on the ground that it was in the public interest so to do to permit a free and frank exchange of views between Members.

The Licensing Officers with the Applicants representatives then left the room and Members considered their decision.

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The Licensing Officers with the Applicants representatives returned to the meeting

RESOLVED that the licence be granted with the additional conditions agreed with the objector that no regulated entertainment would take place in the public bar adjoining 1 Millions Cottages in addition to those outlined in the report which had already been included in the applicant's operating schedule as amended. The Committee was satisfied that the conditions negotiated with the objector along with those already included on the operating schedule were sufficient to meet the licensing objective of preventing public nuisance.

The meeting ended at 7.01 pm.