

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.30 PM AT COUNCIL OFFICES,
LONDON ROAD, SAFFRON WALDEN ON 23 MAY 2001**

Present: Councillors R C Dean – Chairman
Councillors E C Abrahams, Mrs C A Cant, D J Morson and
A R Row

Officers in attendance: Mrs M Cox, Miss J Harrison, Mrs J Postings,
R Secker and Mrs A Turner

L1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs S Flack, M A Hibbs and R B Tyler.

L2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2001 were received, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**L3 APPLICATION FOR FIVE SINGLE OCCASION EVENTS IN THE GROUNDS
OF AUDLEY END HOUSE**

The Sub-Committee considered an application by International Management Group (UK) (IMG) for five single occasion musical entertainment licences during July and August 2001. The events were to be held in the grounds of Audley End House on behalf of English Heritage. An objection had been received from Saffron Walden Town Council to the application for Saturday, 28 July.

Mr J Hope and Miss A Christie attended and spoke in support of the application. Mr Hope explained that his brief was to build on the success of the event and a fifth concert had been planned to test the popularity of the various types of performances. It was not the intention to set a precedent of five concerts but to try and achieve the best format. The applicants were then questioned by Members of the Sub-Committee. Members asked for details of the numbers that had attended last year's events and what the likely effect of a fifth concert might be.

Mr White, the Clerk to Saffron Walden Town Council, attended and spoke on behalf of the objector. He said that over the last 10 years a number of objections had been made to the concerts. There had been some complaints about noise but most related to traffic problems in Abbey Lane, when the 10,000 attendees for the final night concert necessitated the opening of a third exit/entrance. The Town Council thought a balance should be struck between the interests of the concert goers and the residents of the Town and the additional concert for the 28 July should be resisted. Members then questioned the objector. Members asked for details of the nature and volume of objections as no complaints had been received by the District Council for the last five years.

The representative of the District Council's Environmental Services Section stated that Officers were happy with the arrangements for the concerts and

pointed out that no objections had been received from the Police. Members questioned the officer about the operational arrangements for the concerts.

The applicant and the objector then made short closing statements.

L4 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 4 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

The applicants, representatives and the licensing officers then left the room whilst Members considered their decision.

L5 **FIVE SINGLE OCCASION EVENT LICENCES IN THE GROUNDS OF AUDLEY END HOUSE - DECISION**

RESOLVED that the application for five single occasion licences on 28 July and for 4, 5, 11 and 12 August between the hours of 1600 and 2230hrs be granted.

The public were then readmitted to the meeting.

L6 **APPLICATION FOR FOUR SINGLE OCCASION EVENTS IN THE GROUNDS OF THE SAFFRON WALDEN CRICKET CLUB BETWEEN 24-27 AUGUST 2001**

The Sub-Committee considered an application by Nigel Moore of the Wederell Memorial Fund for four single occasion licences for 24, 25, 26 and 27 August 2001 for open air events to be held in the Cricket Club Grounds, Saffron Walden. Objections had been received from the Saffron Walden Town Council, District Councillors, members of the public (after last year's event) and the District Environmental Health Officer.

Messrs N Moore, G Banks and S King attended and spoke in support of the application. They explained the nature of the events to be held and the purpose of the Fund. They were questioned by Members of the Sub-Committee. They gave details of the grants awarded by the Fund and the action that had been taken to control and monitor the noise from the events. They explained the nature of the Saturday night event and why it was necessary to have a finish time of 1.00am.

Mr White spoke on behalf of the objector, Saffron Walden Town Council. The Town Council recognised the good works done by the Fund but felt a compromise was needed in the interests of local residents. It was only objecting to the 1.00am finish on the Saturday night. Complaints regarding last year's event had related to cars leaving up to 60-90 minutes after the event. The applicant's representatives then asked questions of the objector.

The Head of Environmental Services reported that the District Environmental Health Officer considered the accumulated noise nuisance from the events to

be unreasonable for the extended period and had suggested that the finishing times be shortened. Members then asked questions of the Head of Environmental Services.

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EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 4 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

The applicant, representatives and the licensing officers then left the room whilst Members considered their decision.

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FOUR SINGLE OCCASION LICENCES IN THE GROUNDS OF SAFFRON WALDEN CRICKET CLUB - DECISION

RESOLVED that

- 1 the application for four single occasion licences on 24, 25, 26 and 27 August be granted subject to the events taking place between the following hours:

Friday, 24 August	-	7.30pm – 11.30pm
Saturday, 25 August	-	7.00pm – 12.30am(Sunday)
Sunday, 26 August	-	7.00pm – 11.00pm
Monday, 27 August	-	12.00noon – 6.00pm

- 2 the applicant be requested to notify residents of local houses of the finishing times of the events in consultation with the Head of Environmental Services, and
- 3 Councillor R C Dean and Mrs C A Cant be nominated to give evidence on behalf of the Sub-Committee in the event of an appeal to the Magistrates Court against the decision.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm.