

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOM 1, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON FRIDAY 4 APRIL 2014 (at 11 a.m.)

PRESENT: Mr A J Ward – Chairman

Mr R E Kemp

Mr N A Ridley

The following were present at the meeting to make representations:-

Mr L Carvell (Corporate Manager – Licensing) to present Paper N125

Mrs J Bayliss – Objector

Mr T L Benn – Applicant (Premises Licence Holder)

The following were in attendance at the meeting:-

Mr B Riley – Ward Member for Hadleigh (North)  
An Objector

Mr J Reed – Senior Solicitor - (Legal Adviser to the Committee)  
Mrs L Sheppard – Senior Governance Support Officer

Ms J Hart – Senior Environmental Protection Officer

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

2 LICENSING ACT 2003 – SECTION 17 HEARING REPORT VARIATION (SECTION 34) EIGHT BELLS, ANGEL STREET, HADLEIGH

The Chairman referred to the procedure to be followed, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda, and introduced the Members and Officers together with the other parties present at the meeting.

The Corporate Manager – Licensing presented the report of the Head of Environment ([Paper N125](#)) to enable the Committee to determine a variation application for the premises licence in respect of the Eight Bells. He summarised the representations received from ‘Other Persons’ apart from those submitted by an objector, Mrs Bayliss, who addressed the Sub-Committee.

Members noted that although there were no representations from any Responsible Authority under the 2003 Act, including the Police, the Environmental Protection Officer had negotiated an agreement with the applicant regarding the concerns expressed in paragraph 8.4 of [Paper N125](#). In answer to a query about the inclusion of anonymous representations in Appendix C to the report, the Corporate Manager made reference to the need for Members to decide the weight to be given in such instances.

The Applicant, Mr Benn, addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions from Members about the reasons for his application.

Mrs Bayliss, an objector, made her representations as contained in Appendix C.

The Applicant responded to some of the matters raised by this objector, following which Members were given a further opportunity to question the Applicant.

The Corporate Manager and the Applicant made their closing comments to the meeting. The Senior Solicitor advised the meeting, in response to a request from an attendee to speak, that only persons who had submitted representations within the specified period could address the meeting. All parties then withdrew to enable Members to deliberate the application, after which they were invited back into the meeting and the Council's decision (which was unanimous) was notified.

In announcing the decision, the Chairman recognised the Applicant's efforts to improve promotion of the licensing objectives. He referred to the review provisions available to a 'Responsible Authority' or 'Other Person' under the legislation, and the responsibility of the premises licence holder to promote the licensing objectives.

**RESOLVED**

**That the application to vary premises licence BPL0180 (application number 010061) dated 14 February 2014 in its entirety, be granted subject to**

- (a) conditions which are consistent with the updated operating schedule submitted with the application and**
- (b) incorporation of the revisions agreed between the Premises Licence Holder and the Senior Environmental Protection Officer.**

The business of the meeting was concluded at 11.45 a.m.

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Chairman