

**MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A  
MONDAY, 25 JANUARY 2010**

Councillors Patel (Chair), Dodds and Reid

Apologies Councillor Demirci

Also Present: Dale Barrett (LB Haringey – Lead Licensing Officer), Antonios Michael (Senior Lawyer), David Wheeler (Applicant) and their representatives and interested parties.

<b>MINUTE NO.</b>	<b>SUBJECT/DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>
<b>LSCA01.</b>	<b>WEBCASTING</b>  It was noted that the meeting was recorded for live or future broadcasting on the Council's website.	
<b>LSCA02.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  An apology for absence was received from Councillor Ali Demirci who was substituted for by Councillor Ray Dodds.	
<b>LSCA03.</b>	<b>URGENT BUSINESS</b>  There were no urgent items.	
<b>LSCA04.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  Councillor Reid declared a personal interest as he knew Councillor Karen Alexander, Haringay Ward Councillor, who submitted written representation (page 60 of the agenda pack) in relation to the application.  Councillor Patel declared a personal interest as he knew Councillor Canver, Cabinet Member for Safer Communities and Enforcement , who submitted written representation (page 48 of the agenda pack) in relation to the application.	
<b>LSCA05.</b>	<b>SUMMARY OF PROCEDURE</b>  The summary of the Committee Procedure – Gambling Act 2005 – Hearings Regulations SI 2007/173, was noted.	
<b>LSCA06.</b>	<b>BETFRED, 513 GREEN LANES, LONDON N4</b>  The Panel received the application for a Premises Betting Licence for BETFRED, 513 Green Lanes, London, N4 1TA.  The meeting was adjourned at 19.30hrs for the Panel to consider the	

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Betfred brochure and plans which had been recently amended. The meeting reconvened at 19:45hrs.

The Panel noted the statement of Mark Owen, Solicitor acting on behalf of Betfred, including that: objections to the application did not suggest that Betfred would not be operating in accordance with the licensing objectives, nuisance, demand and planning permission were not valid reasons for refusing the application and there was no evidence that there would be rising issues of crime and disorder.

In response to questions from the Panel Ismail Goodridge, Betfred Security Manager, explained that Betfred would work with the police to put measures in place such as CCTV and screens due to the high crime statistics in the Harringay Ward area. It was noted that whilst there had been an increase in the number of betting shops opened in the area (from 4 to 7) recorded crimes had in fact reduced.

In response to questions from interested parties the Panel noted that procedures were in place to ensure under-aged persons were not allowed into the premises and that vulnerable people were protected from harm and staff were experienced.

The Panel noted comments from interested parties, Mr Ian Sygrave (Leader Community Safety Partnership), Mr S Mehmet (Chair of Harringay Traders Association) and Mr Mario Petrou (Local Resident) including that there were already many gambling establishments in within the vicinity, there would be a disturbance to local residents, increased crime and disorder and risks to children and vulnerable adults (a large number of which were in Harringay Ward). The interested parties urged the Panel to refuse the application for a betting premises licence.

The meeting was adjourned for a break at 22:40 hrs and reconvened at 22:45hrs.

The Applicant's representatives offered not to take the opportunity to sum-up if all other parties were in agreement. Due to an interested party's agreement being reluctant:

***The hearing was adjourned at 22:55 hours due to time constraints and reconvened on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 19:30.***

The summaries of the all parties were noted and it was:

**RESOLVED:**

That the Licensing Sub-Committee has fully considered the application, the Applicants' oral submissions, the Objectors written and oral representations, the London Borough of Haringey Statement of Gambling Policy and the Gambling Commission's Guidance to Local Authorities, before having reached its decision.

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	<p>The Licensing Sub-Committee decided to grant the application.</p> <p>The Objectors representations were given due weight, however, on balance and in light of the lack of representations by the responsible authorities, the Licensing Sub-Committee did not consider the evidence relating to crime and disorder, and children and vulnerable adults to be sufficient to not consider the application being reasonably consistent with the licensing objectives, the Code of Practice and the Gambling Commission's guidance to Local Authorities.</p> <p>The Sub-Committee does, however, require two discretionary conditions to be imposed to the satisfaction of the Licensing Authority and before the license is considered to take effect.</p> <p>Firstly, that CCTV be installed covering the entrance and the surrounding area outside the shop front and, secondly, that the Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBT) are located closer to the counter as proffered by the Applicant's Representative orally during the hearing.</p> <p>The license is granted subject to the statutory default and mandatory conditions.</p>	
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The reconvened meeting ended at 21:00 hrs

COUNCILLOR JAYANTI PATEL  
Chair