The Pinner Association Licensing Sub-Committee

Response by The Pinner Association to the Draft Harrow Council Licensing Policy 2010.

The Pinner Association generally agree with the aims expressed in the draft Harrow Council Licensing Policy 2010, and with the means described to achieve the desired outcomes, but wish to comment on one aspect of section 8 - Applications.

Paragraphs 8.11 and 8.12 explain the relationship that exists between Planning and Licensing law, as administered by the Local Authority, and gives instruction as to how any limitations on the use or opening hours of a premises imposed by a planning consent or otherwise by planning restrictions should be borne in mind by an applicant for a licensable activity at these premises. We would submit that a more robust and direct instruction should be required to be followed by an applicant, to ensure that the planning control exercised by the Local Authority and any licence granted by that same Local Authority are in agreement and compatible. We suggest that paragraph 8.12 should include the following:

The applicant is required to produce a statement from the Local Authority's Planning Department stating what, if any, is the class of use of, and any hourly restrictions on the sale of goods from, or consumption of items at, or the permitted hours of operation of, the premises for which a licence application is being made.

This may avoid situations that have arisen in the past when the hours of opening permitted on a licence exceeded those allowed under a condition of the planning consent.

G. T. Wheal, Chairman, Pinner Association Licensing Sub-Committee. 20th May 2010.