

EALING LICENSING PANEL
COMMITTEE ROOM 2, EALING TOWN HALL, EALING BROADWAY,
LONDON W5 2BY

Wednesday 17th June 2015 at 2.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors Shital Manro (Chair), Penny Jones and Nigel Sumner.

**APPLICATION FOR A SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE IN RESPECT OF
LA CONFIDENTIAL, 1 HIGH STREET EALING W5 5YJ**

The hearing for this application was heard on Wednesday 17th June 2015 the Sub-Committee considered representations from interested parties opposed to the application. Written representations opposing the application had also been received and these were reproduced in the Licensing Officer's report on the application.

The Sub-Committee heard a presentation on behalf of the Applicant by Robert Sutherland acting on behalf of Club Karma Trading Ltd. Those opposing the application were not present at the hearing.

In addition to the evidence presented both on paper and orally the Sub-Committee had regard to the Council's Sex Establishments policy, the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2009, and the Home Office guidance on the licensing of sexual entertainment venues dated March 2010.

Decision

Having carefully considered the papers before it, the Sub-Committee's decision was to grant the application.

Reasons for the Decision

1. Under paragraph 12 of Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, there were no mandatory grounds for refusing the application.
2. Granting the application would not result in the number of sex establishments exceeding Ealing Council's Sex Establishment Policy provision for up to two sexual entertainment venues (SEVs) in Ealing Town Centre.
3. As the premises had been operating as a sex establishment for over twenty years without serious incidents of crime and disorder of which the Panel was aware, and as there had been no objections to the presence of the premises by businesses in Ealing Town Centre, in particular, The Broadway Centre, the Panel was of the view that granting the licence would not be inappropriate having regard to –
 - (i) The character of the locality as a Town Centre;

- (ii) The retail use of other premises in the vicinity; and
- (iii) The layout, character and condition of the premises.

COUNCILLOR SHITAL MANRO (CHAIR)