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Meeting

**CENTRAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE**

Date and Time

**2.00 pm, WEDNESDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 2025**

Location

**Virtual Meeting**

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# **CENTRAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE**

## **MEMBERSHIP (3)**

Councillors

Alan Jones Evans

Gareth Tudor Jones

Gwynfor Owen (Chair)

Meryl Roberts (Substitute)

# **A G E N D A**

## **1. APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

## **2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

To receive any declaration of personal interest.

## **3. URGENT ITEMS**

To note any items that are a matter of urgency in the view of the Chairman for consideration.

## **4. APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE**

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Bella Pizza, 19 Twll yn y Wal, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL55 1RF.

To consider the above application

## **5. APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE**

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Soch, Stryd Fawr, Abersoch, Pwllheli, Gwynedd, LL53 7DS

To consider the above application.

## **PROCEDURES FOR LICENSING VARIATION HEARINGS**

1. A written report will be presented by the Licensing Section (with recommendation).
2. Members of the Sub-committee may ask questions of the Council's representative.
3. At the Chairman's discretion the applicant and/or his representative may ask questions of the Council's representative.
4. The applicant and/or his representative may expand upon the application and call witnesses
5. Members of the Sub-committee may ask questions of the applicant and/or his representative
6. There will be an invitation for each consultee to support any written observations
7. Members of the Sub-committee may ask questions of the consultees.
8. At the Chairman's discretion the Council's representative and the applicant or his representative may summarise their case.
9. The Council's Legal Officer to summarise the requirements of the application

All are reminded of the four principles of the Licensing Act 2003 to be considered in all deliberations, namely:

- 1) Crime and Disorder Prevention;**
- 2) Public Safety;**
- 3) Public Nuisance Prevention; and**
- 4) Protection of Children from Harm.**

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>13/08/2025</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE – BELLA PIZZA, 19 TWLL Y WAL, CAERNARFON, GWYNEDD LL55 1RF</b>
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	<b>FOR DECISION</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT</b>

## 1 APPLICATION RECEIVED

- 1.1 An application is appended for a premises licence for Bella Pizza, 19 Twll Y Wal, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL55 1RF. The company is seeking a premises licence for a food establishment designed for takeaway.
- 1.2 The application is made in relation to the Provision of Late Night Refreshment off the premises Monday-Thursday 23:00-00:00, Friday-Saturday 23:00-02:00, Sunday 23:00-00:00.
- 1.3 The officers of the Licensing Authority are satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that the application has been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and the relevant regulations and is therefore valid.

See the table below for details of the proposed hours of licensable activities:

### Opening Hours:

Sunday:	23:00	-	00:00
Monday:	23:00	-	00:00
Tuesday:	23:00	-	00:00
Wednesday:	23:00	-	00:00
Thursday:	23:00	-	00:00
Friday:	23:00	-	02:00
Saturday:	23:00	-	02:00

### Licensable Activities:

#### **Late Night Refreshments :: Outdoors**

Sunday:	23:00	-	00:00
Monday:	23:00	-	00:00
Tuesday:	23:00	-	00:00
Wednesday:	23:00	-	00:00
Thursday:	23:00	-	00:00
Friday:	23:00	-	02:00
Saturday:	23:00	-	02:00

## 2. Measures proposed by the applicant to promote the licensing objectives

- 16 cameras both internal and external that are highly visible with signs advising that CCTV is in operation to minimise the risk of bad behaviour.
- Staff are trained on how to deal with unpleasant/drunk and disorderly customers to maintain a calm environment.
- 2 large flood lights on the front of the building that remain on during opening hours, so the shop front is very well lit.
- Staff always ensure that customers are not crowding outside the shop and ask all customers to move along once they have received their orders.
- Staff clean the whole way up the street after closing, taking care of the street so that residents wake up to a clean environment.

**See Part M of application for full measures proposed by the applicant to promote the Licensing Objectives.**

### **3. CONSULTATION**

The application was consulted upon and the following responses were received -

<b>RESPONSES</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIONS</b>
Environmental Health	Objection
Member of the Public	Objection
Cynllunio	Comments
North Wales Police	No objection - comments
Caernarfon Town Council	Letter supporting the application

#### **3.1 Objection from Environmental Health**

- 3.2** Environmental Health (Public Protection Service) primary concern relates to the proximity of the premises to nearby residential properties, which directly adjoin the site. While there are other licensed premises nearby (including pubs), the Service notes that cumulative impact must be considered. The introduction of a late-night takeaway could increase footfall and late-night activity in the area, particularly noise from customers leaving or gathering outside the premises, as well as from food deliveries and pick-ups.
- 3.3** Additionally, they point out that once customers leave the premises, the applicant has limited ability to control associated noise, which could disturb residents. The existing planning condition requires the premises to close at 23:00, with any later opening currently permitted only under Temporary Event Notices.
- 3.4** No specific details have been provided by the applicant regarding the ventilation and extraction system, which could also contribute to noise or odour concerns. The officer notes in her representations that the business is in breach of a current retrospective planning permission granted in 2024 - : “Retrospective changed of use from A1 shop to a mixed A1/A3 use”, C24/0577/14/LL which states that “Details of any extractor units, fans or associated equipment shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority prior to their installation if the property changes ownership. The equipment shall be installed and used in accordance with the details as agreed.” Overall, the Service concludes that allowing regular opening until 2:00am may significantly increase noise levels and disturbance in an otherwise quiet residential area and could undermine the objective of preventing public nuisance.

**A full copy of the Environmental Health’s objection can be found attached.**

#### **3.5 Objection from Member of the public**

An objection has been received in relation to the proposal to extend the opening hours of a takeaway business located within the historic town walls of Caernarfon.

The objector raises concerns about the potential for increased public disturbance and anti-social behaviour late at night, noting that the area already suffers from disturbance and antisocial behaviour. It is noted that there are risks to public safety due to the narrow and busy pedestrian route near the premises, and that emergency access may prove problematic should there be a need for emergency Services to attend at night. The objector notes that this development may have a negative impact on a historic location, and the exacerbation of existing litter issues.

The objector suggests that, if approved, conditions should be imposed, including the provision of security staff and regular litter management.

**A full copy of the objection can be found attached.**

### **3.6 Representations of Gwynedd Council Planning Service**

The Planning Service initially objected to the proposed extension of opening hours, as the premises is currently subject to a planning condition limiting operation between 08:00 and 23:00, Monday to Sunday. At the time of their response, a planning application to amend these hours had been submitted but was not yet valid. Since then, the application has been validated and is now under consideration. But should be noted that the hours requested under the planning application extend is only until 01:00am.

### **3.7 Comments from North Wales Police**

North Wales Police, have confirmed that they have no objections to the application. While Bella Pizza is located on a busy street in close proximity to several licensed premises, the Police have reported no evidence of crime or disorder directly associated with the premises.

### **3.8 Representations of Caernarfon Town Council**

The Committee unanimously supports the application, acknowledging that the premises neither sells alcohol nor plays music, and actively discourages on-street parking. The applicant has also demonstrated a commitment to being a responsible neighbour through measures such as CCTV monitoring and regular street cleaning. However, the Committee noted that the shop signage is not consistent with the overall appearance of the street.

### **3.9 Applicant's response to representations**

In response to Environmental Health's objection, the applicant proposed reducing the operating hours by one hour and clarified that the planning application requested permission to operate until 1:00 AM. Therefore, this conflicts with the existing planning permission, which does not permit operation beyond 2:00AM.

## **4.0 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee takes into account the representations received, particularly the concerns regarding the possibility that extending the opening hours of this takeaway could worsen existing antisocial behaviour in the street by attracting and delaying the dispersal of groups of young people.

Should the Committee be inclined to approve the application, it is further recommended that a condition requiring the provision of door security be included on the licence, and that the approval aligns with the terms of the related planning application.

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>13 August 2025</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE – SOCH, HIGH STREET, ABERSOCH, PWLLHELI, GWYNEDD LL53 7DS</b>
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	<b>FOR A DECISION</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT</b>

## 1. APPLICATION RECEIVED

An application is attached to vary the premises licence of Soch, High Street, Abersoch, Pwllheli, LL53 7DS from The Soch (NW) Ltd to extend the Licensing hours.

A Premises Licence currently exists. The applicant is seeking permission to vary the licence to extend the hours for licensable activities and to add Late Night Refreshments, Indoors and Outdoors, it is likely that the hours sought will not be used regularly but will take advantage of the busiest times during the seasons.

- 1.1 It is requested that the opening hours are extended until 00:30 on Sunday to Thursday night and to 01.30 on Friday and Saturday nights.
- 1.2 It is requested that the hours for supplying alcohol are extended both on and off the premises, up to 00:00 on Sunday night to Thursday night and to 01.00 on Friday and Saturday nights.
- 1.3 A request is made for permission to play live and recorded music until 00:30 on Sunday to Thursday night, and until 01:00 on weekend nights.
- 1.4 It is requested that Late Night Refreshments, indoors and outdoors, 00:00 Sunday night to Thursday night and to 01.00 on Friday and Saturday night is added.
- 1.5 The Licensing Authority officers are satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that the application has been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and the relevant regulations and is therefore valid.
- 1.6 Representations were received on the application and, therefore, it has been referred to a hearing of this Sub-committee for a decision.

See the attached table for details of the proposed hours:

<b>Trwydded Eiddo Presenol/Current Premises Licence</b>	<b>Trwydded Arfaethedig/Proposed Licence</b>
<b>Oriau Agor / Opening Hours</b>	
Dydd Sul/Sunday 09:00-00:00	Dydd Sul/Sunday 08:00 - 00:30
Dydd Llun/Monday 09:00-00:00	Dydd Llun/Monday 08:00 - 00:30
Dydd Mawrth/Tuesday 09:00-00:00	Dydd Mawrth/Tuesday 08:00 - 00:30
Dydd Mercher/Wednesday 09:00-00:00	Dydd Mercher/Wednesday 08:00 - 00:30



Dydd Iau/Thursday 09:00-00:00 Dydd Gwener/Friday 09:00-00:00 Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday 09:00-00:00	Dydd Iau/Thursday 08:00 - 00:30 Dydd Gwener/Friday 08:00 – 01:30 Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday 08:00 – 01:30
<b>Gweithgareddau Trwyddedadwy / Licensable Activities</b>	
<b>Cyflenwi Alcohol/Supply of Alcohol:</b> <b>Ar ac oddi ar yr Eiddo: Both on and off the Premises</b> Dydd Sul/Sunday                      09:00 – 00:00 Dydd Llun/Monday                    09:00 – 00:00 Dydd Mawrth/Tuesday              09:00 – 00:00 Dydd Mercher/Wednesday        09:00 – 00:00 Dydd Iau/Thursday                  09:00 – 00:00 Dydd Gwener/Friday                09:00 – 00:00 Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday            09:00 – 00:00	<b>Cyflenwi Alcohol/Supply of Alcohol: Ar ac oddi ar yr Eiddo: Both on and off the Premises</b> Dydd Sul/Sunday                      10:00 – 00:00 Dydd Llun/Monday                    10:00 – 00:00 Dydd Mawrth/Tuesday              10:00 – 00:00 Dydd Mercher/Wednesday        10:00 – 00:00 Dydd Iau/Thursday                  10:00 – 00:00 Dydd Gwener/Friday                10:00 – 01:00 Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday            10:00 – 01:00  <b>The outdoor bar will close at 23:00</b>
<b>Cerddoriaeth Fyw/Live Music: Tu Fewn: Indoors</b> Dydd Sul/Sunday                      09:00 - 00:00 Dydd Llun/Monday                    09:00 – 00:00 Dydd Mawrth/Tuesday              09:00 – 00:00 Dydd Mercher/Wednesday        09:00 – 00:00 Dydd Iau/Thursday                  09:00 – 00:00 Dydd Gwener/Friday                09:00 – 00:00 Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday            09:00 – 00:00	<b>Cerddoriaeth Fyw/Live Music: Dan do ac Awyr Agored: Indoors and Outdoors</b> Dydd Sul/Sunday                      09:00 - 00:00 Dydd Llun/Monday                    09:00 – 00:00 Dydd Mawrth/Tuesday              09:00 – 00:00 Dydd Mercher/Wednesday        09:00 – 00:00 Dydd Iau/Thursday                  09:00 – 00:00 Dydd Gwener/Friday                09:00 – 01:00 Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday            09:00 – 01:00  <b>The applicant has agreed for the outdoor Music to end at 22:00 on Sunday to Thursday and at 22:30 on Friday and Saturday nights.</b>

<p><b>Cerddoriaeth wedi ei Recordio/Recorded Music: Tu Fewn: Indoors</b></p> <p>Dydd Sul/Sunday 09:00 - 00:00</p> <p>Dydd Llun/Monday 09:00 – 00:00</p> <p>Dydd Mawrth/Tuesday 09:00 – 00:00</p> <p>Dydd Mercher/Wednesday 09:00 – 00:00</p> <p>Dydd Iau/Thursday 09:00 – 00:00</p> <p>Dydd Gwener/Friday 09:00 – 00:00</p> <p>Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday 09:00 – 00:00</p>	<p><b>Cerddoriaeth wedi ei Recordio/Recorded Music: Dan do ac Awyr Agored: Indoors and Outdoors</b></p> <p>Dydd Sul/Sunday 09:00 - 00:00</p> <p>Dydd Llun/Monday 09:00 – 00:00</p> <p>Dydd Mawrth/Tuesday 09:00 – 00:00</p> <p>Dydd Mercher/Wednesday 09:00 – 00:00</p> <p>Dydd Iau/Thursday 09:00 – 00:00</p> <p>Dydd Gwener/Friday 09:00 – 01:00</p> <p>Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday 09:00 – 01:00</p> <p><b>The applicant has agreed for the outdoor Music to end at 22:00 on Sunday to Thursday and at 22:30 on Friday and Saturday nights.</b></p>
<p><b>Lluniaeth yn Hwyr y Nos: Dan do ac Awyr Agored: /Late night refreshments: Indoors and Outdoors</b></p> <p>Dydd Sul/Sunday</p> <p>Dydd Llun/Monday</p> <p>Dydd Mawrth/Tuesday</p> <p>Dydd Mercher/Wednesday</p> <p>Dydd Iau/Thursday</p> <p>Dydd Gwener/Friday</p> <p>Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday</p>	<p><b>Lluniaeth yn Hwyr y Nos: Dan do ac Awyr Agored: /Late night refreshments: Indoors and Outdoors</b></p> <p>Dydd Sul/Sunday 23:00 – 00:00</p> <p>Dydd Llun/Monday 23:00 – 00:00</p> <p>Dydd Mawrth/Tuesday 23:00 – 00:00</p> <p>Dydd Mercher/Wednesday 23:00 – 00:00</p> <p>Dydd Iau/Thursday 23:00 – 00:00</p> <p>Dydd Gwener/Friday 23:00 – 01:00</p> <p>Dydd Sadwrn/Saturday 23:00 – 01:00</p> <p><b>The applicant has agreed for the outdoor area to close at 23:00 on Sunday night to Thursday night and at 00:00 on Friday and Saturday nights.</b></p>

## 2. Measures recommended by the applicant to promote the licensing objectives

The measures recommended by the applicant in the application's operating schedule include the following -

- Staff training on licensing legislation
- Maintain a register of refusals to sell alcohol which will be available to authorised officers and the Police.

- That a CCTV system is available, with the records kept for at least 31 days and available at the request of authorised officers and the Police.
- Measures to prevent crime and disorder, to ensure public safety and the safety of children and vulnerable adults
- Co-operate with the Police and other agencies
- Carry out age verification processes and ensure comprehensive training for staff on age verification processes
- Children under 18 will not be allowed to stay on the premises after 21:00
- Implement a 'Challenge 25' policy

Full details of the recommended measures can be found in section M of the application in the appendix.

### **3. CONSULTATION**

<b>RESPONSES</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIONS</b>
North Wales Police	No objection
Fire Service	No objection
Llanengan Community Council Clerk	No objection
Public Protection Service – Environmental Health	E-mail – objection
Objection from the Public	3 objections regarding concern with Preventing Crime and Disorder, public nuisance

#### **3.1 Observations from North Wales Police**

This premises has operated as a restaurant in recent years, known as (Fresh) and there have been no concerns.

The building has been significantly refurbished and is now a new business called Soch. Since the refurbishment work has been completed, Soch has operated the sale of alcohol under a Temporary Events Notice several times without any problem or any need to call on our services. North Wales Police have no objection to the application.

#### **3.2 Observations from the Fire Service**

The Fire Authority have not submitted any observations to the Licensing Authority regarding the application.

### **3.3 Llanengan Community Council Clerk**

No objection from the Members to the above application.

### **3.4 Public Protection Service – Environmental Health**

The recommendation and the advice of the Environmental Health Officer notes that there will be no objection provided the applicant accepts and implements the approved noise management plan.

On the recommendation and the advice of the Environmental Health Officer the applicant has agreed as noted -

#### **. Recorded music:**

- Hours permitted: Up to 01:00 (Fri-Sat), 00:00 (Sun-Thurs), in accordance with the application for a premises licence.
- Control of Noise Level: Staff to monitor the noise level and make adjustments as required. The music noise level will be reduced 15 minutes before closing, however, there is no specific 'quieting down' requirement.
- Management of numbers: monitored by staff and adjusted as required.
- Windows and Doors: To be kept closed during live or recorded music except for access/exit.
- Location of Speaker: Speakers to be placed away from the windows and external doors.
- Monitoring: Staff undertake regular perimeter checks during peak hours.
- Acoustic barriers to be in place (curtains) should any concerns arise.
- Background music only when there is no band or other entertainment.

#### **Outdoor music**

- Use: Occasional outdoor music events permitted until 22:30 (Fri-Sat), 22:00 (Sun-Thurs).
- Notice: Neighbours to be notified of organised outdoor events.
- Direction of Speakers: Not to be directed towards residential premises.
- Management: Staff allocated to monitor and respond to matters promptly.

### **Smoking Shelter and Outdoor Seating Areas**

- Hours of use: Open until 23:00 Sun-Thurs, 00:00 Fri and Sat.
- Furniture: Outdoor tables and chairs to have rubber feet to reduce noise.
- Supervision: The staff monitor the areas and remind guests to be respectful.  
There are also signs that reinforce this.

A full copy of the management plan is attached.

### **3.5 Representations and Objection from the public**

Representations were submitted based on concerns that the licensing objective of Preventing Public Nuisance would be undermined due to the intention to hold licensable activities later than what is noted on the current licence.

The resident is already very concerned about the noise and feels that permitting the extended hours would cause a public nuisance and set a precedent for other businesses.

It is noted that temporary events licence applications have been in place over the last few weeks, it is also confirmed that noise complaints have been received recently from a nearby resident regarding loud music, customers shouting and being noisy when leaving the premises.

A full copy of the concerns and the objection from the public and nearby residents is attached.

## **4. RECOMMENDATION**

**The applicant has provided a noise management report, however the applicant's ability to control public nuisance should be questioned as noise complaints have been received recently, despite a noise management Plan having been submitted.**

**Should the Committee approve the application, it is recommended that further conditions are introduced to what has been agreed in the Noise Management Plan to ensure that the licensing objectives are not undermined. Additional noise conditions have been proposed by Environmental Health to be added to the proposed Noise Management Plan, in response to the recent noise complaints.**