

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

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 -

RESPONSES	REPRESENTATIONS
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.