

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>CENTRAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>18-11-2025</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE – CLYNNOG PETROL STATION AND SHOP, ANNWYLFA GARAGE, CLYNNOG FAWR, CAERNARFON, GWYNEDD LL54 5PF</b>
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	<b>FOR DECISION</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT</b>

## 1 APPLICATION RECEIVED

- 1.1 An application was received for a premises licence from Sterling Petroleum Ltd located in Clynog Fawr, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL53 5PF. The application was submitted to the Licensing Authority and applies for the operation of the premises under the Premises Licence submitted under the Licensing Act 2003.
- 1.2 The premises are described as a coffee shop and are intended to operate as a convenience store with a petrol station, with the provision to sell alcohol off the premises.
- 1.3 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.

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

### Licensable Activities:

Previous Licence			New licence application		
<b>Opening Hours</b>			<b>Opening Hours</b>		
Sunday	10:00	- 22:30	Sunday	00:00	- 23:59
Monday	08:00	- 23:00	Monday	00:00	- 23:59
Tuesday	08:00	- 23:00	Tuesday	00:00	- 23:59
Wednesday	08:00	- 23:00	Wednesday	00:00	- 23:59
Thursday	08:00	- 23:00	Thursday	00:00	- 23:59
Friday	08:00	- 23:00	Friday	00:00	- 23:59
Saturday	08:00	- 23:00	Saturday	00:00	- 23:59
<b>Sale of Alcohol</b>			<b>Sale of Alcohol</b>		
Sunday	10:00	- 22:30	Sunday	00:00	- 23:59
Monday	08:00	- 23:00	Monday	00:00	- 23:59
Tuesday	08:00	- 23:00	Tuesday	00:00	- 23:59
Wednesday	08:00	- 23:00	Wednesday	00:00	- 23:59
Thursday	08:00	- 23:00	Thursday	00:00	- 23:59
Friday	08:00	- 23:00	Friday	00:00	- 23:59
Saturday	08:00	- 23:00	Saturday	00:00	- 23:59

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

- The site will be managed and managed by a responsible person at all times. The Designated Premises Supervisor will be on-site or can be contacted during operating hours.
- Any incidents of a criminal nature will be reported to the Police. Comprehensive internal and external CCTV will be installed, and the recordings will be kept for a minimum of 30 days. Also, these recordings will be made available to any responsible authorities.
- Fire safety equipment has been installed and will be maintained on the site. The emergency exit will be kept free of obstacles at all times. Staff will be fully trained in alcohol sales and safety procedures.
- Adequate bins will be available for customers to dispose of their rubbish.
- The premises will implement a Challenge 25 policy. A register of alcohol sale refusals will be kept and maintained on the premises.
- Spirits will be located behind the counter area. A till prompt will be used for all age-restricted products.
- Alcohol will be stored away from the entrance and the area will be under supervision.

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

## **3. CONSULTATION**

Following a consultation on the application, the following responses were received -

<b>RESPONSES</b>	<b>OBSERVATIONS SUBMITTED</b>
Public Health, Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board	Comments

### **3.1 Objection from Public Health Wales**

- 3.2** Public Health Wales notes that the availability of alcohol through extended opening hours significantly influence drinking levels, drinking patterns, and alcohol-related harm.
- 3.3** Reference is made to regional and national strategies in relation to alcohol-related harm and availability. In particular, reference is made to the fact that more people in Gwynedd than the national average drink more than the recommended number of units of alcohol in a week. It is also noted that hospital admissions in Gwynedd due to conditions associated with harmful alcohol consumption have increased.
- 3.4** Furthermore, it is noted that the Llanllyfni and Clynog ward is considered to be a deprived area; and it is shown that people in deprived areas are more likely to experience hospital admissions for alcohol-related reasons or die from alcohol-related conditions.
- 3.5** Reference is made to the fact that managing alcohol availability is key to prevent alcohol-related problems in the community and to reduce alcohol-related harm. It is also noted that drink driving is still a problem, and is likely to be more of a problem in the countryside than is reflected in the official figures, due to several factors including the

lack of access to services (for example, public transport). A full copy of Public Health's comments is attached.

- 3.6** In relation to the Licensing objective of safeguarding children from harm, it is noted that increasing alcohol availability increases associated problems in relation to alcohol harm. It can cause harm to children in families where parents, adults or guardians misuse alcohol.
- 3.7** In terms of the Licensing objective of preventing public nuisance - it is noted that Clynnog Fawr is a small, rural village and that the garage and shop is located in a residential area. It is noted that a 24-hour licence, 7 days a week would have a negative impact on the area, with more cars likely to drive to the location late at night as no other shop or garage is open as late in the surrounding areas.
- 3.8** Public Health Wales requests that the Committee considers limiting the hours of sale of alcohol and includes the following on the operating schedule if the members decide to grant the application :-
- **No drink driving warnings to be displayed on the premises**
  - **Train staff on implementing the Challenge 25 scheme**
  - **Training on refusing sales to those under the influence of alcohol**
  - **Signs on the premises noting that alcohol will not be sold to those under the influence**

#### **4. The applicant's response to Public Health concerns**

- 4.10** The applicant has considered Public Health concerns and has stated a willingness in principle to reduce the hours of sale of alcohol to 06:00 to 22:00, Monday to Sunday. As the application is referred for a decision by the Committee, the applicant is eager for committee members to consider the application and the need to reduce hours in response to the concerns raised.

#### **4.0 RECOMMENDATION**

**It is recommended that the Committee considers the responses and approves the application in accordance with the operating hours' compromise that the applicant has agreed to in response to Public Health Wales comments, and in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.**