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Licensing Sub-Committee

8TH September 2025

**Application for a Premises Licence –
GOAT, 1-7 High Street, Nantwich, CW5
5AW**

Report of: Phil Cresswell, Executive Director – Place

Ward(s) Affected: Nantwich North and West

Purpose of Report

- 1 To allow Members of the Sub-Committee to determine a contested application for a new premises licence made under the Licensing Act 2003 for the following premises:

Premises: GOAT

Address: 1-7 HIGH STREET, NANTWICH, CW5 5AW

Executive Summary

The report provides details of an application for a Premises Licence, under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003, sets out the relevant representations made, and outlines the evidence presented by the parties in relation to the application.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Licensing Act Sub-Committee is requested to consider the application and any relevant representations and determine what steps, if any, it considers are appropriate to promote the Licensing Objectives.

Background

- 2 On 18th July 2025 an application was received by the Licensing Department for a new Premises Licence in respect of a premises known as GOAT.

A copy of the full application and plan is attached to this report at **Appendix 1**.

- 3 A map of the area in which the premises is located is attached to this report at **Appendix 4**.
- 4 The operating schedule indicates that the relevant licensable activities that will be carried out if this application is successful are; the supply of alcohol; the provision of recorded music; and late night refreshment.
- 5 The hours applied for are as follows:

Supply of alcohol (for consumption on & off the premises)

Friday to Saturday – 10:00hrs to 01:00hrs

Provisions of Recorded Music (Indoors & outdoors)

Sunday to Thursday – 10:00hrs to 00:00hrs

Friday to Saturday - 10:00hrs to 02:00hrs

Late Night Refreshment

Sunday to Thursday – 23:00hrs to 00:00hrs

Friday to Saturday - 23:00hrs to 02:00hrs

Consultation and Engagement

- 6 The application was sent for consultation the same day (18th July 2025). The last date for representations to be made was 15th August 2025.

- 7 The Licensing team consider that the advertising requirements under the Licensing Act 2003 (Premises licences and club premises certificates) Regulations 2005 have been met, including a Public Notice that has been duly advertised in the Crewe and Nantwich Chronicle.

- 8 Responsible Authorities:

The Licensing Authority has received representations from Cheshire Police, which consist of proposed conditions that have been agreed with the applicant. A copy of the representations are attached to this report at **Appendix 2**.

9 Other Persons:

The Council received 1 representation against the application from members of the public, and a copy is attached to this report at **Appendix 3**.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 10 The Licensing Act Sub-Committee has the power to determine this application in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's Constitution.
- 11 Acting in the capacity of the Licensing Authority, Members must seek to promote the Licensing Objectives and where Members consider that matters have engaged one or more of the Objectives, they may exercise their discretion. The Licensing Objectives are:
 - The prevention of crime and disorder
 - Public Safety
 - The prevention of public nuisance
 - The protection of children from harm

Other Options Considered

- 12 No other options have been considered because the process for determining contested applications is set by legislation.

Implications and Comments

Monitoring Officer/Legal

- 13 The Sub Committee must determine this application in accordance with section 18 of the Licensing Act 2003. To do so otherwise would render its determination unlawful and invalid.
- 14 In accordance with the provisions of section 18 of the Licensing Act 2003 the Licensing Authority Sub Committee must, having regard to the representations, made in this application take such steps (if any) as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 15 Section 18 (4) provides that the authority may:
 - (a) Grant the licence subject to conditions as are consistent with the operating schedule accompanying the application, modified to such extent as the authority considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and any mandatory

conditions that must be included on the licence in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003;

- (b) Exclude from the scope of the licence any of the Licensable Activities to which the application relates;
 - (c) Refuse to specify a person in the licence as the Premises Supervisor;
 - (d) Reject the application.
- 16 Members are reminded that should any conditions be added or amended, they should be practical, enforceable and appropriate to promote the Licensing Objectives.
- 17 Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee are reminded that they may not exercise discretion in any case, merely because it considers it desirable to do so. Careful consideration should be given to the application and the evidence presented by the parties in relation to the application.
- 18 Members are also reminded of the statutory obligation placed on the Local Authority under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 in its various functions, and Licensing is one of those functions to do all that it can to prevent Crime and disorder, Anti-social Behaviour, behaviour adversely affecting the environment and reoffending.
- 19 Members must give reasons for their determination and notice of it must be communicated to the parties to this application. If Members depart from the Statutory Guidance or the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy then their decision notice must set out the reasons for doing so.
- 20 Finally, Members are also reminded that in determining the application, consideration also needs to be given to:
- The rules of natural justice
 - The provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998

Section 151 Officer/Finance

- 21 There are no financial implications

Policy

- 22 The Licensing Authority has adopted a Statement of Licensing Policy in accordance with section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003.

- 23 The Licensing Authority must also have due regard to the guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 24 Members should provide reason(s) for any decision taken and should set out the reasoning where they determine to depart in any way from the Policy or Guidance.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

- 25 There are no equality implications

Human Resources

- 26 There are no human resources implications

Risk Management

- 27 The Licensing Sub-Committee will hear representations made on behalf of both the applicant and the 'relevant person' who has submitted their representation and will make a decision on the basis of the evidence presented to it. The Licensing Act 2003 makes provision for appeal to the Magistrates' Court of any decision made by the Licensing Authority

Rural Communities

- 28 There are no implications for rural communities

Children and Young People including Cared for Children, care leavers and Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

- 29 There are no implications for children and young people

Public Health

- 30 There are no direct implications for public health

Climate Change

- 31 There are no implications for climate change

Access to Information	
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Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Application & Plan

	<p>Appendix 2 – Representations from Responsible Authorities</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Representations from other persons</p> <p>Appendix 4 – Map of General area</p>
Background Papers:	<p>Licensing Act 2003 Guidance February 2025</p> <p>Cheshire East Council Licensing Policy 2024 - 2029</p> <p>Licensing Act 2003</p> <p>The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005</p>