



SECTION 18 LICENSING ACT 2003
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION IN RESPECT OF A HEARING
WHICH TOOK PLACE ON THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2025
TO DETERMINE AN APPLICATION BY GEORGONZOLA LIMITED
FOR A PREMISES LICENCE IN RESPECT OF 23 KING STREET, CLITHEROE, BB7 2EU

The Licensing Sub-Committee met on 13 November 2025. The Sub-Committee comprised the following members:

Councillor I Brown - Chair
Councillor S Brunskill
Councillor K Spencer

Also in attendance:

Solicitor (RVBC)
Licensing Officer (Alcohol & Entertainment) (RVBC)
Committee Clerk (RVBC)
Mr G Hammond (Proposed DPS and manager)
Mr G Kendall (Objector)

The Sub-Committee met to consider the application of Georgonzola Limited for a premises licence in respect of 23 King Street, Clitheroe, BB7 2EU.

The Sub-Committee considered the contents of the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services dated 13 November 2025 and its appendices ("**Report**"), together with the bundle of documents provided by the applicant on 11 November 2025.

Mr Kendall indicated that, whilst he had received the letter dated 11 November 2025, he had not seen the balance of the bundle. He was given time to consider the references, the photographs and the proposed conditions.

After the Chair gave an introduction, the solicitor explained the application and the procedure for the hearing. Those present were advised that the Sub-Committee had read and would take into account the written application, the bundle and objections submitted.

The proposed DPS/manager made verbal representations to the Sub-Committee and explained that his business was a cheese shop (including some charcuterie) at which he wished to be able to serve wine and beer, including enabling customers to taste before purchase, along with enabling customers to relax after work. The intended demographic was not for young people, with the projected cost of a bottle of wine ranging from £15 to £40. The

split of the business was 70% retail and 30% hospitality; whilst hospitality was not the core operation, it was key for the business. The hours sought were those specified in the letter dated 11 November 2025; the timings included in the email sent to Mr Kendall on 14 October 2025 had been a panic reaction to the objection, and he had since received legal advice resulting in the letter and supporting documents of 11 November 2025.

Mr Hammond remarked on the lack of representations by the responsible authorities, and drew attention to the references from neighbours to the location from which he had operated for four and a half years. Mitigations had already been put into place to seek to address the concerns regarding noise.

In response to questions from Mr Kendall and the sub-committee, Mr Hammond indicated that the anticipated core hours would be 9am to 9pm six days a week. It was intended that all activity would be inside the shop for the time being. There would be table service, and it was anticipated that customers would be seated. Although it could not be stated outright that customers would always consume food, there was no intention that the premises should become a drinking establishment..

A condition restricting times for bottle sorting/disposal would be acceptable.

Mr Kendall explained the nature of the dividing wall between the premises and his home, his concern regarding the impact on his family, and the nuisance which could arise from customers talking and the slamming of car doors. He acknowledged the counter-measures taken by Mr Hammond but described the volume of noise from people talking and the scraping of chairs as exceeding that of a television at full blast. He invited the sub-committee to grant the application, but limited to five days a week with a terminal hour of 6 pm, accepting that it would be necessary for trade to be able to open at weekends. He did accept that slamming of car doors may be incidental and not related to the premises which were located in a town centre location. Whilst other licensed premises were within close walking distance, establishments in the immediate vicinity were mainly closed by 6pm. He was concerned that his family should be able to sleep.

Mr Hammond stressed that he did not wish to have an adverse impact on the lives of young people. He explained that he did not wish alcohol to be consumed upstairs, that an event on 19 September 2025 governed by a Temporary Event Notice had consisted of a ticketed cheese and wine evening which had been restricted to the ground floor, and that he did need the hours requested to be available although he could discuss reduced hours at some times. The current proposal, including the opening hours, had been submitted after having received legal advice the previous week.

The Licensing Sub-Committee gave careful consideration to the representations made by the parties, both verbal and written. The Sub-Committee also considered the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003, the Statutory Guidance, the licensing objectives, the relevant regulations, and the Council's licensing policy.

Having considered all of the above the Sub-Committee resolved to grant the Applicant's application for a premises licence as applied for (and amended prior to the hearing), subject to an additional condition relating to bottle disposal as considered at the hearing. Members were mindful of the steps being taken to promote the licensing objectives to address concerns about the operation of premises.

The operating schedule for the premises is as amended and as set out below:

Opening hours of the premises:	
Mon	09.00 – 22.00
Tues	09.00 – 22.00
Wed	09.00 – 22.00
Thurs	09.00 – 23.00
Friday	09.00 – 23.00
Sat	09.00 – 23.00
Sun	09.00 – 22.00
Supply of alcohol ON the premises:	
Mon	09.00 – 22.00
Tues	09.00 – 22.00
Wed	09.00 – 22.00
Thurs	09.00 – 23.00
Fri	09.00 – 23.00
Sat	09.00 – 23.00
Sun	09.00 – 22.00

The mandatory conditions will apply to the licence as set out in **Appendix 1** to this notice.

The Sub-committee also determined that the conditions proposed by the Applicant and those agreed at the hearing should be incorporated into Annex 2 of the licence. Those conditions shall be incorporated as follows:

General

- Upon commencement of their employment, all staff who are involved in the sale of alcohol will be trained in relation to the licensing objectives so as to reduce crime and disorder, promote public safety, prevent public nuisance and promote the protection of children from harm. Refresher training will be provided at least once every twelve months and all training will be documented and made available to an authorised officer on request.

The prevention of crime and disorder

- A CCTV system shall be installed at the premises and will meet the following criteria:
 1. The system will display on any recording the time and date of said recording;
 2. The system will be recording whenever the premises are open to the public;
 3. Any recordings will be retained for a minimum of 28 days after they are made and will be produced to an approved officer upon request so long as said request is in accordance with the principles of the Data Protection Act or any subsequent or alternative legislation;
 4. As a minimum, the CCTV will capture a “head and shoulders” image of any person who enters the premises through a public entrance.
- Appropriate signage alerting customers to the use of CCTV shall be displayed in a conspicuous position at the premises.
- A competent person trained in the use and operation of the CCTV will be in attendance at the premises at all times that licensable activities are taking place. Said person will be able to operate fully the CCTV system and be able to download data in a recognised format when requested.

- An incident register detailing any occurrences of crime or anti-social behaviour will be maintained at the premises with details of any offences being recorded. Said register will be available upon request to an authorised officer.
- The premises will have a zero tolerance drugs policy which is enforced at all times.

Public safety

- Any sales of alcohol knowingly made for consumption off the premises will be made in a sealed container. This condition will not apply to any external area under the control of and operated by the Premises Licence Holder.

The prevention of public nuisance

- Any disposal of glass into external bins will not take place between the hours of 18.00 and 08.00.
- Notices will be displayed in a prominent position at the public exits requesting that customers leave the premises and the area quietly.
- Sealed bins will be available for the disposal of waste at the rear of the premises.
- Measures will be in place to ensure that no light nuisance is caused to neighbours by light emitting from the premises.

The protection of Children from harm

- A Challenge 25 Policy shall be adopted and enforced at the premises whereby any person who appears to be under the age of 25 shall be required to provide identification to prove that they are over the age of 18 before they are permitted to purchase alcohol. The only forms of identification that are acceptable will be:-
 1. A Passport;
 2. A UK Photocard Driving Licence;
 3. An official ID card issued by HM Forces or EU bearing a photograph and the date of birth of the holder;
 4. Any other form of identification agreed on with a representative of the Police Licensing Unit.
- All staff who are involved in the sale of alcohol will be trained in relation to the "Challenge 25" policy upon the commencement of their employment, following which they will undertake refresher training at least once every twelve months. Said training will be documented and will be made available to an authorised officer upon request.
- Signage will be erected in a prominent position at the premises requesting that children are supervised at all times.

The Sub-committee reached this decision because it considered that the licence, as applied for, and with the conditions imposed, would not breach the licensing objectives of the Licensing Act 2003.

The parties are hereby notified that they may appeal against this decision to the Magistrates Court within 21 days beginning with the date of notification of this decision.

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ANNEX 1

MANDATORY CONDITIONS

1. Section 19 of the Act provides that where a premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol, the licence must include the following conditions:
 - (1) No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence -
 - (a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence; or
 - (b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
 - (2) Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.
2.
 - (1) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
 - (2) The Designated Premises Supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.
 - (3) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either -
 - (a) a holographic mark, or
 - (b) an ultraviolet feature.
3.
 - (1) A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.
 - (2) For the purposes of the condition set out in paragraph (1) -
 - (a) "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979;
 - (b) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula $P = D + (D \times V)$ where -
 - (i) P is the permitted price,
 - (ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and
 - (iii) V is the rate of Value Added Tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the Value Added Tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;

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- (c) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence -
 - (i) the holder of the premises licence,
 - (ii) the Designated Premises Supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
 - (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
 - (d) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
 - (e) "Value Added Tax" means Value Added Tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.
- (3) Where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph (2) would (apart from this paragraph) not be a whole number of pennies, the price given by that sub-paragraph shall be taken to be the price actually given by that sub-paragraph rounded up to the nearest penny.
- (4) (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies where the permitted price given by Paragraph (b) of paragraph (2) on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or Value Added Tax.
- (2) The permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.