

Under the Licensing Act 2003, the Council regulates the retail sale of alcohol, the supply of alcohol at club premises, the provision of regulated entertainment, and the sale of hot food and hot drink between 23:00hrs and 05:00hrs.

At least every 5 years, the Council must review and adopt a Statement of Licensing Policy that details how the Council will undertake its licensing functions. The current Statement of Licensing Policy has been in effect since 7 January 2021, therefore the Council has undertaken a full review. The proposed policy sets out the approach the Council will take when determining applications for new licences, variations and reviews. It also states the Council's vision for licensing and how the policy integrates with other statutory functions.

The Council believes that well-managed premises are an integral part of a vibrant night-time economy and are often at the centre of village communities, therefore playing an important role in attracting a wide range of people who want to work, visit or live in North Hertfordshire. The Council are equally aware that licensing decisions must seek to balance the wider community benefit of licensed premises against any unreasonable disturbance to local residents and businesses.

Have your say

The Statement of Licensing Policy is open to public consultation between Monday 28 July 2025 and Friday 19 September 2025.

A copy of the policy and details for responding to the consultation are available at the following link: [Licensing consultations | North Herts Council](#)