

Notice of Representation

Members of the public can submit representations in objection to or in support of the premises licence applications, within the 28 day consultation period.

Please be aware that for any objections to be considered relevant, they should be submitted before the end of the consultation period and they should address the four licensing objectives in relation to the licensing activity.

The licensing objectives are the prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm.

Please be aware that where representations are considered relevant copies of the representation will be provided to the applicant and the Licensing Sub Committee.

Please note: Objections will only be considered where a name and address are supplied.

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..... Licensing Objective: New premises Licence Application ID
BRA2121733, Rialto, 1 Main Street, ...Ponteland, and the land next to this, currently used as parking
for Rialto’s restaurant..., ref NZ1660 72807.....

Premises: ...Rialto, 1, Main Street, Ponteland, NE20
9NH.....

Reason for Representation:
(continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Prevention of crime and disorder

The application states that incidents of disorder will be recorded. Who will make the judgement on what constitutes disorder, and what will happen to the information? It needs to be used effectively by the relevant authorities. Nothing in the application shows that this is a diligent effective action.

History demonstrates that when some people have been given access to extended drinking hours, then various forms of crime can result. Allowing so many people access to extended drinking hours puts not only Ponteland at risk of this behaviour, but people in the areas where these people live or pass through.

I also feel we need to have information on how attempts at drug dealing would be tackled. It is naive to think that such situations will not occur.

Prevention of public nuisance

The application for a licence to sell alcohol on and off the premises for very long hours every day of the week does provide the opportunity for people to drink extensively and cause nuisance for people in the area. We know that this already happens when people drink extensively.

Will customers be off the premises by the stated closing time, or will this time be the time at which people are asked to leave? Large numbers of people leaving any premises produces substantial noise. People who have been drinking tend to be even noisier. The leaving process can take quite a while, and people can and do stand around chatting and calling out to others, making the nuisance factor for local residents even greater.

The music will be heard by local people every day and night of the week. As a comparison, music at functions at Alnwick Gardens Pavilion is rightly regulated for the benefit of residents of Alnwick, who are situated much farther away from the site of the music than the residents of Ponteland are from Rialto.

Protection of children from harm

The proposed premises are very close to a nursery, 2 primary schools and a high school. There is already a lot of traffic in, and passing through, Ponteland. Extra traffic will be generated from this proposal, during the school working day, making the situation for children using various forms of travel, including walking, bus, and car travel, to and from school more dangerous.

Public safety

As above, the large amount of extra traffic in Ponteland is a matter of great concern, both for children and adults. The premises are situated on a very busy main road, and the turning into the premises is very tight when cars and taxis are dropping people off, as shown in the traffic plan for the proposed development.

I feel we need to know if the Fire Service feel that they will have adequate room to reach the new development. It is also a bottleneck for hundreds of people trying to evacuate the premises in times of a safety issue.

Parking has just been addressed in Ponteland, but this proposal will bring a large number of extra vehicles into the area, and will also result in the loss of Rialto's current parking provision, providing an even heavier burden on parking provision. Residents living in or close to the village are concerned that vehicles will be parked in their streets etc, resulting in access to their houses and drives being blocked or made difficult, and putting pedestrians at risk. Such activity is continually observed in all areas where parking is difficult, eg, school drop offs and pick ups, sports matches - people do not always respect the rights of others, and there is no reason or evidence to suggest the situation at the new development will be any different.