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Licensing Objective:

Outdoor capacity for 500 seats and 200 standing. Alcohol and music license between 11:00 and midnight 7 days a week, including new one way system behind Lloyds bank for taxi rank

Premises:

Open land to the souyth and rear of Rialtos Restaurant, Main Street, Ponteland

Reason for Representation: Object

1. Prevention of crime and disorder:

It is likely that the gathering of up to 700 people drinking alcohol from 11am until midnight will cause significant noise and public disorder in the centre of Ponteland and on the site and around the limited access and egress points, especially at roundabout at North Road and the A696 particularly on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

The movement of people driving, walking and hailing taxis to and from this venue and others in the town will also increase the risk of accidents and disorder. as there is no other access and the forward visibility at the junction where The Seven Stars and the site merge is difficult, restricted and has severely reduced sight lines at the junction and forward visibility is well below the requirements for increased use of the junction onto the A696. The interaction of pedestrians, taxis and delivery vehicles and the increased number of vehicles parking on double yellow lines on the A696 and leaving the site will cause significant disruption and the potential for conflicts, accidents and disorder.

2. Prevention of public nuisance,

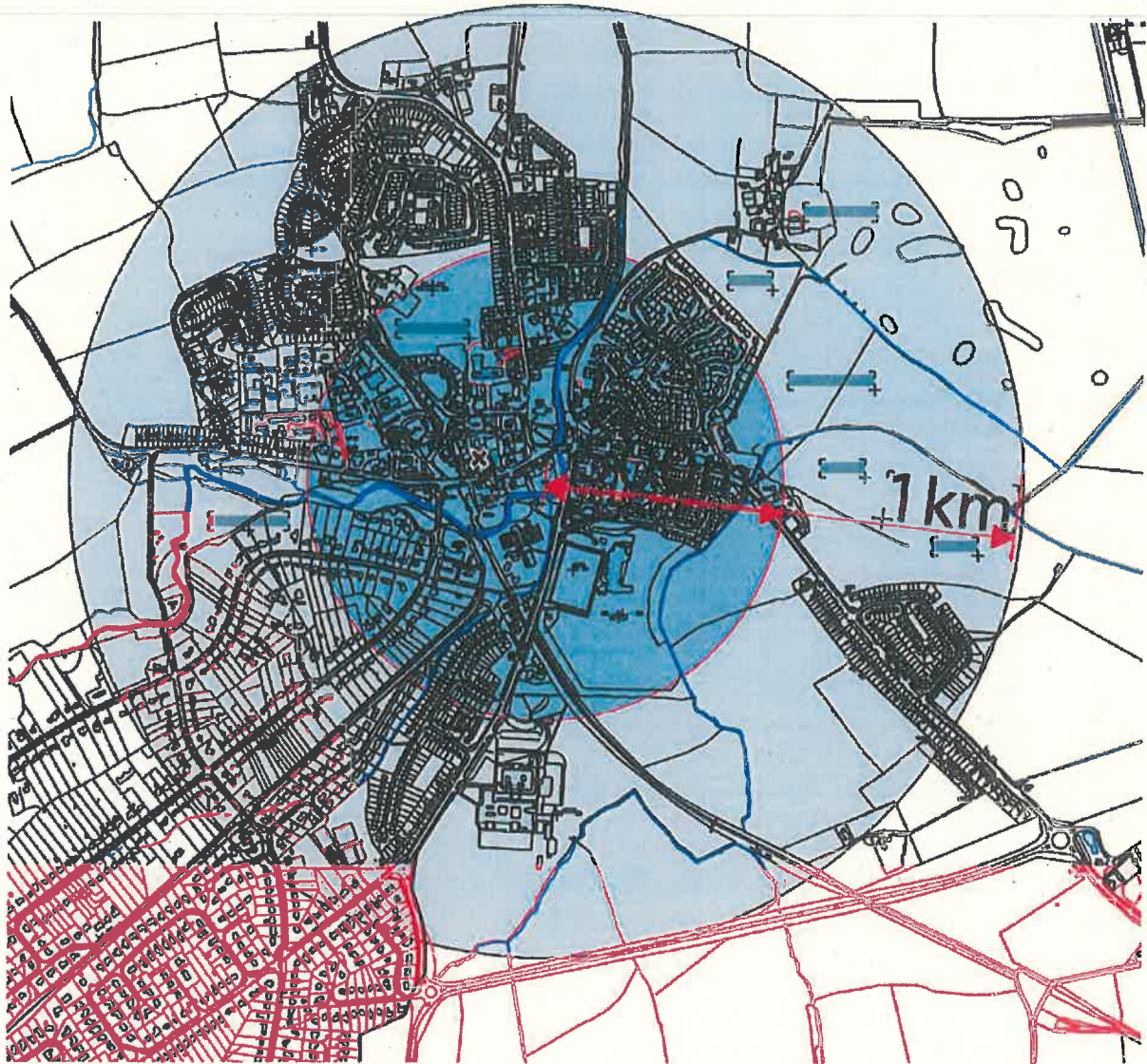
Objections as 1. above.

The movement of people accessing and leaving the proposed development, particularly after hours will cause a significant public nuisance.

The potential noise and disturbance which live and recorded music, sound systems, entertainers, karaoke machines, TV displays, AV units and DJs together with up to 700 people talking, shouting and singing, would generate on an open-air site, and when leaving, will cause a significant public nuisance to residents- particularly as it is an outdoor site without any possible control of the noise.

A music license and the potential applications for extensions and later opening hours for events could lead to significant additional disturbance if this current application is approved.

It is the proximity of the site to significant numbers of residents living in the area, and within 500m and a kilometre of the site, that will be affected by the noise pollution generated by up to 700 people and the entertainment and music on the site that is the greatest concern. [see map below]



The existing far smaller outside] seating areas for approximately 50 to 100 people at The Seven Stars and the Diamond have generated issues with shouting, singing, general noise, public address speakers and loud music in the last few months, especially during Euro2021. People walking home through residential streets from similar nights out already raise concerns even with limited existing numbers. Granting approval for up to 700 additional people leaving the site would increase the risk of disturbance and public safety significantly.

3. Public safety:

Objections as raised in points 1 and 2

The risk of accidents and injury to people using and passing the site, given the nature and uses that are proposed, the operating hours, and the inadequate site access and egress points for traffic and pedestrians onto the busy A696, is significant.

Up to 700 visitors plus staff and entertainers on site will also lead to disorder and disturbance at times given the nature of the uses proposed. The parallels seen on Osborne Road in Jesmond of significant numbers of people moving from venue to venue, blocking roads and causing nuisance highlights the issues which are likely to be created if this application is approved.

Any application on this site for a significantly smaller proposal would raise similar concerns- it is the openness of the outdoor site and the risk of significant noise and disturbance during opening hours to existing residents in the area and at closing times which are contributory factors to public safety and nuisance.

4. Protection of children from harm: No obvious issues.

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