

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.

Name: John Bunting Address: 1 Sandringham Way, Darras Hall, Ponteland, NE20 9AE

Licensing Objective: Crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm.

Premises: Rialto, 1 Main Street, Ponteland and land adjacent thereto ref NZ 16600 72807.
RXA.HOL356.1

Reason for Representation:

I wish to object to this application on the following grounds.

Crime and disorder.

There are currently four licensed premises, comprising three public houses and one social club, within less than 100 metres of the proposed development. In addition, Waitrose supermarket also sells alcohol for consumption off the premises until 21:00 Monday to Saturday, and 16:00 on Sunday. These premises provide sufficient capacity and adequately serve the needs of the people of Ponteland. This new "attraction" is designed to appeal to people from outside the Ponteland catchment area and will undoubtedly increase the potential for disorder. There is already a problem with youths coming into Ponteland from outside the area and anti-social behaviour.

Prevention of public nuisance.

The location of this proposed operation is wholly unsuitable. It is proposed that the venue, (which will have a total capacity of around 500 people) be allowed to have live and recorded music outdoors from 11:00am until midnight. There are five blocks of retirement and care homes within 250 metres of the proposed development, the closest being Athol House, Callerton Lane, Ponteland, which is only 50 metres away, and the noise from both the live and recorded music would present a gross intrusion into the homes of the elderly residents at all of these locations. There are also two churches which hold regular Sunday and midweek services within 100 metres.

As for the claim by the applicants that there will be no noise heard beyond their boundaries: who will monitor this and how? What happens when the wind direction changes?

The public transport system serving Ponteland is poor. Pre-pandemic: parking in Ponteland was a real problem. This proposal reduces the total number of spaces available in the village and increases the pressure on those which remain.

Public safety.

The level of policing in Ponteland is insufficient to safely handle a venue of this size where there could be a substantial crowd on numerous occasions. The fact that alcohol is planned to be sold every day from 11.00am to Midnight will increase the possibility public order disturbances.

Protection of children from harm.

There are three schools within 250 metres of the proposed development. The noise from both the live and recorded music, which is proposed be allowed from 11:00, would be a gross distraction for the pupils and present the teaching staff in all of the schools with problems trying to maintain the attention of the pupils they are trying to teach. This would harm the education of the children, thus harming their long-term life prospects. Additionally, it could become an open-air attraction for some of the older high school children.

Signed: John Bunting

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