

12 JUL 2021

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: Roger Critchell..... Address: 55 Eastern Way Ponteland NE209RE
.....

..... Licensing Objective:
RXA.HOL356.1.....

Premises: ...Rialto, 1, Main Street,
Ponteland.....

Reason for Representation:

I wish to object to the application of a premises licence under S17 Licensing Act 2003 for the following reasons

The premises concerned is situated on a main thoroughfare through central Ponteland and is in an area where there are numerous public houses and restaurants who fulfil the needs of local residents and visitors. These currently operate to a high standard attracting a diverse audience of families, old and young alike.

The area is already experiencing crowding with a significant increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic both weekday evenings and weekends from persons visiting the respective premises that I have mentioned. This is having an impact on local residents but it is sustainable at this time.

The infrastructure as it currently is in Ponteland cannot be expected to deal with the additional issues that are likely to occur as detailed below;

Crime and Disorder

The proposal of having a further 500 people into an already crowded area will need Policing. The Police are stretched now with the nearest resource being at Etal Lane and limited, almost existent, patrolling in the village. The fact that the intention is that live music and the service of alcohol will be throughout the 7 days is statistically

almost certainly to attract a younger element of clientele. This will bring with it antisocial behaviour, drunkenness and almost certainly drug abuse within the premises or more likely the streets and surrounding public spaces. This unfortunately is a proven social fact in England at present. People spilling onto the street and public spaces will result in crime and possibly local people attempting to intervene. Therefore, the likelihood of assault is realistic and a reasonable assumption. This will require the services of paramedics in addition to the Police.

Public Nuisance

Noise pollution will be impossible to control. This will have a significant impact on the local community. Also, it will impact on the other public houses and restaurants. This will make visiting those premises for family pleasure and personal enjoyment very uncomfortable.

In addition, who will clean up the mess that is left behind by large crowds particularly when they all vacate at closing. Litter is of high concern to the community at present. Evidence of this can be found on local websites and community chat groups.

Public Safety

As already mentioned, the premises exit onto a main pedestrian and vehicle thoroughfare, the A696 which is a main route to Scotland and busy. Even if exiting is to the rear, people will have to come onto the main thoroughfare as the rear backs onto a river. The likelihood of personal injury and road accidents is very high. Again, this will impact on our stretched public services.

Parking is an issue in the village there just isn't enough to deal with some 500 additional people. Areas for Taxi's to operate in is limited having regard to the river and the main road. The bus service stops at night so people becoming stranded is a real possibility and when under the influence of alcohol injury by falling into the road and or the river is likely.

Protection of Children

Noise pollution affecting nearby residential areas will happen and impact on family life particularly as its planned to be 7 days of activity in a week will be unavoidable. This leads a detrimental effect on children's lives and could increase domestic abuse through parents become frustrated

Signed

Date 6th July 2021

Please send this notice to the address below:

Licensing Section
Northumberland County Council
Stakeford Depot
East View
Stakeford
Northumberland
NE62 5TR

Telephone: 01670 623856

Email: