

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: ...Gary Foster Address:4 Deyncourt, Ponteland, Northumberland, NE20 9RP.....

..... Licensing Objective:All referred to as a, b, c, d, e below

Premises: Rialto, 1 Main Street, Ponteland, NE20 9NH, and adjacent land ref
NZ1660072807.....

Reason for Representation:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

I disagree that the conditions are appropriate and proportionate. There is minimal commitment to ensuring a safe and peaceful environment at and near to the premises.

The size and population of Ponteland is not large enough to justify the size of venue outlined in this application. The village does not have the infrastructure nor facilities to safely cater for the increase in people traveling from outside of the area to attend the premises. The outdoor facilities of other licensed premises within the village are around 10% of the size of this application, and it would seem appropriate to limit the proposed site to a similar size to remain in keeping with the culture and nature of the village

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

The conditions detail that records of drug/illegal item seizures shall be kept, but does not outline any pro-active steps to prevent incidents of crime. Such an increase in customer numbers will inevitably bring an increase in incidents

c) Public safety

The conditions detail only that records of ejections and incidents of disorder will be kept, but does not outline any pro-active steps to manage behaviour of customers on or around the site. Such an increase in customer numbers will inevitably bring an increase in negative incidents.

Additional traffic around the area coupled with an increase in number of people (attending the venue or making their way around the village) will also present an increased risk to pedestrians.

d) The preventions of public nuisance

The conditions detail that assessments will be made regarding noise levels and that appropriate steps will be taken to reduce this where disturbance to local residents is likely. It does not describe if and how local residents will be involved in this process in terms of assessing disturbance nor the success of the measures taken.

It also states that noise from amplified live and recorded music arising from regulated entertainment held within the designated premises shall be inaudible at the boundary of the nearest residential dwellings. Given the proximity of residential properties across the river on Callerton Lane this would seem almost impossible. Experiences of local residents over recent months with outside live music at other venues within the village has been negative.

In addition, the conditions only refer to regulated entertainment, and do not take into account additional noise and disturbance from people arriving/leaving, additional traffic, etc. Additional traffic and lack of on-site parking is also likely to have a negative impact on local residential streets.

e) The protection of children from harm

The application is for entertainment from 11am – midnight, 7 days a week. This increased activity and associated noise levels will inevitably impact on those who spend time outside in and around the village (including schools, leisure facilities and residential properties), and go to bed early, including children. The increase in patrons coming from outside of the village and lack of parking on site will have an impact on traffic levels and parking around and on local residential streets.

Signed Date 12/07/2021.....

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