

# 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: Mel Goodliffe

Address: 20 North Road, Ponteland NE20 9UH

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

Premises: Rialto, 1 Main Street, Ponteland, NE20 9NH and land adjacent thereto ref NZ16600 72807

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

**My representation is one of objection.**

**1. Prevention of crime and disorder.**

- a. **Drugs** - Albeit anecdotal in the main but witnessed first-hand in three licenced premises within Ponteland on several occasions, increased drug use is a possibility with another licenced premises and I see nothing in the Agreed Conditions to give comfort that a dequate management/supervision etc has been considered.
- b. **Anti-Social Behaviour** – Ponteland has seen increased anti-social behaviour in recent times which one appreciates could be levelled at a growing population but given the attraction of the village to both residents and outsiders, largely because of the existing licenced premises, I would level additional concerns regarding the control and behaviour of an increased (predominantly) night-time population.
- c. **Parking** – The location has and continues to be used for car parking for, predominantly, Rialto's existing restaurant. I'm not sure what the legal interpretation of 'disorder' is but relocating that parking requirement to accommodate this new facility will impact the villages already limited and/or restricted parking options.

**2. Prevention of public nuisance** – As I understand it, public nuisance traditionally dealt with environmental nuisance such as noise, smells and obstruction, but the focus is now also on more general forms of public misbehaviour. The increased noise and smells alone that such a substantial outdoor entertainment venue creates are sufficient in objecting to these plans. I'm not qualified to say where "crime and disorder" ends and where "prevention of public nuisance" begins. The Agreed Conditions make no reference to smell and Point 19 is arguably unenforceable and simply exacerbates the noise issue experienced for some time from The Seven Stars and The Diamond.

**3. Public safety** – I believe the above two points represent my views on public safety, but I would make additional reference to **a)** proximity to the river **b)** proximity to the neighbouring licenced premises (The Seven Stars) **c)** increased pedestrian and motorist safety at what is an extremely busy A road including the adjacent roundabout/junction and bridge, neither of which are particularly pedestrian nor motorist 'friendly'.

**4. The protection of children from harm** – The Agreed Conditions appear to include sufficient reference to the protection of children from harm.

In summary, whilst the Agreed Conditions are well intentioned, the management and operation of the existing restaurant appears competent and everybody admires and encourages entrepreneurship, this development is a step too far in terms of general disruption, noise, smell, parking, security, and safety. It also does call into question the number of licensed premises in the village which, by my count, is 14. Whilst Rialto is an incumbent licensee the size of the proposed development dramatically increases the number of customers across these 14 establishments which will have a detrimental impact on all aspects of village life. Accordingly, I object to the application.

Signed

Date 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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