

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:Philip Ham.....

Address:.....1 Lynwood Close, Ponteland, NE20 9JG.....

Licensing Objective: ...“prevention of public nuisance” and “prevention of crime and disorder”

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

Reason for Representation:

Regarding the first Licensing Objection, I presume that the present Premises Licence application is a precursor to an application for planning permission, which would be necessary since a change of use, or of operational development, would be involved. Previous planning applications for this site have been for a group of 13 dwellings and as far as I am aware the matter is still under consideration (*16/03628/FUL | Re-submission of a residential development for 13 no apartments with car parking (as amended by plans received 21/12/18)*).

The land which was the subject of the above planning application, and for which a Premises Licence is now being requested, is within - and forms part of - the **Ponteland Conservation Area**. This an Area which is formally designated for conservation in order to protect the special character, architectural features, historical significance and perceived value of the Area to the community at large. This essential aspect of a Conservation Area has been addressed in the Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan, which has been formally “made” by NCC.

The proposed provision of extensive food and drinking facilities, with recorded and live amplified and un-amplified music on every day of the week over such a long part of the day – involving the coming and going of visitors to the site – would seriously degrade the character of the Conservation Area and would be completely unacceptable to the people of Ponteland at large.

I do not agree that items 18 and 19 – concerning noise control – would be workable or effective. Noise assessments as proposed would be based on subjective judgements, and not independently verifiable.

I further point out that the nearest boundary of residential dwellings (one of the locations where the noise would possibly be assessed) is less than 50 metres to the east in Callerton Lane from a probable location of a source of music on the site. It would at times be subject to traffic noise. Old Peoples' flats in Atholl House (currently empty but soon to be rebuilt) and dwellings in Mayfair Gardens are also close by.

Regarding the "prevention of crime and disorder" I note that Conditions 1 to 12 (at least) are relevant. But evidently, if drug-dealers or any other persons with criminal intent should find these Conditions onerous on the site, all they have to do is temporarily to step outside to carry on their activities in Ponteland Main Street, to the serious detriment of the Conservation Area.

Whilst I appreciate that considerable work has gone into the preparation of the Conditions, I feel they are too narrowly drawn and you will find that they do not meet the very real concerns of many people in Ponteland.

Signed

Date... 12th July 2021.....

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