

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.

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Licensing Objective: Prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, public safety

Premises: Rialto, 1 Main Street and land adjacent ref NZ 16600 7280

Reason for Representation:

Prevention of crime and disorder

A development such as this proposal is wholly inappropriate for location in Ponteland Village. It is obviously aimed at attracting visitors from outside the area in large numbers to a location that is already well provided for in respect of restaurants and public houses.

The occupancy of the existing venues provides more than adequate facilities for current residents and visitors alike, a visit to the various establishments in the village at peak times will verify that.

The occupancy numbers of the proposed development suggest a significant potential risk of disorder associated with large numbers of people and the consumption of alcohol and there will no doubt be the need for additional policing. This development is therefore totally inappropriate for Ponteland.

Prevention of public nuisance

For similar reasons to those stated above, there is also a high risk of public nuisance. Parking in Ponteland Village is limited and attracting the number of people indicated in the plans that have been submitted will give rise to unnecessary congestion and the need for additional policing.

Additionally, as the application includes the playing of music outdoors, both live and recorded, this cannot fail but to have an adverse effect on the quality of life of local residents. Being a relatively small village there are private residential dwellings such as the Eland Haugh estate that are close to the village centre and it will be impossible not to be affected by significant noise pollution.

I would suggest that it will be impossible to adhere to paragraph 19 of the Agreed Conditions that requires amplified music to be inaudible at the boundary of the nearest residential dwelling. A walk around the village will easily prove that point.

At a time where current events have had a significant effect on mental health and wellbeing, the effect of this development and the potential destruction of the quality of life for local residents just cannot and should not be allowed.

Public safety

The Agreed Conditions attached to the application require a great deal of security measures to be adhered to. That in itself suggests that there is a risk to public safety. It even states that there is a requirement to advise the police of the seizure of drugs and other illegal items. Whereas this will no doubt be a requirement for similar venues operating in city centres and other high demand social developments, it has to be noted that this is Ponteland Village, a quiet, respectable semi-rural village that does not have the need nor the infrastructure to accommodate this kind of development.

If this proposal is allowed to proceed there is bound to be disruption and an adverse effect on public safety.

Signed

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