

# 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: Dr Valerie Larkin

Address: 30, Hawthorn Way, Ponteland NE20 9RU

Licensing Objective: .....

Premises: **Rialto's Main Street Ponteland.**

Reason for Representation:

Dear Sir / madam,

I object to the application based on the following concerns:

- The size and nature of the proposed changes to Rialtos are not in keeping with its location, a quiet residential rural village.
- The area consists of mainly families and older residents, who have concerns regarding the change from inside restaurant to external entertainment area, as this will radically change the impact the business has on the local community and environment.
- There will be increase noise, due to a large external area not providing any soundproofing and associated 'entertainment' e.g. noise from guests and music. As per planning application, amplified entertainment is planned, the applicant states that's this "*shall be inaudible at the boundary of the nearest residential dwellings*".
- There is no mention of how this will be achieved, which acoustic equipment will be installed at what location to assess decibel levels, who will monitor and evaluate any noise assessment and if this will be assessed proactively, i.e. as a prior test of any equipment or reactively, i.e. only when a resident complains. As such I feel no plans are made to reliable assess noise and light impact, which will result in increased disturbance to the local community and increase in complaints and therefore use of council and police time dealing with resulting problems.

- There will be increase light pollution, due to a large external area and associated 'entertainment' which is incompatible with this quiet rural residential area.
- The focus of Rialtos will move from eating, with some alcohol, to the external entertainment area for which the focus is alcohol consumption. This increases the possibility of inappropriate behaviour, not commensurate with a quiet residential rural village.
- Increased traffic and parking problems which are inappropriate for a small residential rural village.
- These issues will have a detrimental effect on the health and wellbeing of the local community and residential area, impacting upon sleep and rest due to increased noise and light; preventing local residents from using their private gardens / having windows open due to noise issues; and safety concerns regarding customer behaviour, rubbish and excess traffic and parking issues.

Signed ...*Valerie Larkin*      Date 8/7/21

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