



12 High View Ponteland Newcastle upon Tyne NE20 9ET

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Dear Sirs,

Re. Licence application reference NZ16600 728 07

The Rialto, 1 Main Street Ponteland.

We wish to raise objection to these proposals.

The area of land to which this application applies is located at the heart of the Ponteland Village Conservation Area, behind a row of properties on Main Street that includes Lloyds Bank, two restaurants, an estate agents and a showroom.

To the west we have the Seven Stars pub and on the other side across the river, on Callerton Lane, there is the Methodist Chapel together with some residential accommodation.

What is proposed has the potential to generate significant noise and light nuisance, adversely effecting the operation of all these premises and would have an adverse effect on the essential character of the Conservation Area.

The layout implies a vehicular through-route which does not in fact exist, there being but a single vehicular access into the site, which is narrow and possessed of very poor sight lines, it being particularly difficult to sight fast moving traffic, coming from the right, when leaving the entry. There would be insufficient car parking.

It is not clear as to how pedestrians are intended to gain access. If, as we assume, it is not to be via the Rialto premises, there is likely to be conflict between pedestrian and vehicle movement.

The increase in vehicular movement such a scheme would generate could have serious implications for road safety on Main Street itself.

In our view the proposal is unacceptable and needs to be refused.

Kind regards

John Hague,

Chairman Ponteland Civic Society

Licensing Department

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