

OBJECTION TO PROPOSED EXPANSION OF RIALTOS RESTAURANT PONTELAND (REF NZ16600 72807).

I have looked at the above application which will convert the existing restaurant car park into an outside eating/entertainment area with a capacity for circa 500 persons both seating and standing, nightly live music and the provision of a taxi rank.

1. The junction(s) of the proposed one way entry/exit road will endanger both traffic using The Main Street and also pedestrians.
2. The proposal does not provide any parking for customers visiting Rialtos.
3. The proposal is near to existing residential homes and flats which will be subject to unacceptable noise levels and probable cooking odours.
4. There appears to be no additional WC facilities for the large increase in expected customers, existing facilities would not be sufficient
5. It is likely that discarded food, debris etc. will find its way adjacent to the Pont River and create an eyesore and health hazard to the general public.
6. The location plan attempts to show that the proposed venue will be hidden from view (Callerton Lane) by existing trees. This is not the case, the trees are deciduous and sparsely planted.

Ponteland is a much loved village and this proposal would irretrievably destroy its 'heart and soul'.

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