

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: ...B... - Prevention of crime and disorder

C - Public Safety

D - Public Nuisance.....

Premises: **Rialto. 1 Main Street, Ponteland and land adjacent thereto.**

Ref:- **NZ 1660072807**

Reason for Representation:

(continue on separate sheet if necessary)

B. – Prevention of crime and disorder.

Objections:-

The size and design of the proposed licensed area is of the type which will encourage large groups from outside the local area to attend. Quite probably stag, hen and large party groups. There is to be eating, drinking and music from 11.00 am every day until quite late at night. This type of establishment encourages loud, discordant noise and can often result in excessive drunken behaviour. I appreciate there will be CCTV on the site but there is none in the wider village area. This behaviour could well spill over into the local area while people congregate in groups to wait for transport home.

There is also the possibility that this could cause additional petty crime and/or damage to local area as well as littering from late night revellers making their way home.

Currently Ponteland has very little need for a larger police presence but this may not be the case if large numbers of people descend on the village regularly.

C – Public Safety

Objections:-

As this proposed establishment seeks to attract large numbers of people this will no doubt also mean an increase in traffic coming into a village which already has traffic issues.

I acknowledge that a small area has been set aside for a taxi rank but this is a small area and we could see a line of taxis and mini buses in Main Street Ponteland waiting to drop off and/or collect people.

For those who choose to arrive in their own cars there is a distinct lack of public parking in the area, this will result in people parking cars on surrounding roads or streets.

The one way system planned for taxis has an entrance from a very small roundabout in the centre of the village which is always busy and the exit is adjacent to the exit from the nearby Public House (The Seven Stars). Having two exits onto a busy main street will be a safety issue for both drivers and pedestrians.

The one way system also reduces the size of the cars park for Lloyds Bank and the establishment removes parking availability for Rialto customers.

D – Public Nuisance:-

Outdoor music seven days a week from 11.00 a.m. till often late at night is not something Ponteland needs. Although now officially a town, in the opinion of most of its residents the centre of Ponteland is still a village area. Despite the applicants assurance that music levels will be kept low enough so that it will not be heard at the nearest residence the volume will no doubt creep up as the noise levels of customers increases. Noise carries especially loud voices and music and people who are having a good night out tend to sing along to music; those living in close proximity the Rialtos will find daily noise a definite nuisance.

Noise carrying from this large outdoor area will also cause a nuisance to those people sitting outside in surrounding licensed premises; Yolo, The Seven Stars, and people who wish to enjoy the quiet of their gardens in nearby Mayfair Gardens, Eland Haugh, Fairney Edge, and Dunsgreen.

While CCTV will be in place on the premises there is no provision to monitor behaviour once customers choose to leave. Having seen the aftermath of large numbers of people drinking late and congregating in Main Street on New Year's Eve and seeing the litter left behind I would hate to think this could become the 'norm' in Ponteland