

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: **Grahame Venus**

Address: **11 Runnymede Road, Darras Hall, Ponteland, NE20 9HE**

Licensing Objective: a), b), c), d)

Premises: **Rialto, 1 Main Street, Ponteland (application ref: Suna Miah NZ1660072807)**

Reason for Representation:

After reviewing the proposed application for a premises licence, I wish to register my objections to the application for the following reasons:

a) Protection of children from harm – the presence of drunk and incapable adults on or around the main street through Ponteland will be a disturbing and harmful sight for children of all ages and not something I would like my grandchildren to observe. I have witnessed this for myself as recently as Saturday 3rd July outside the Seven Stars Public House where people had gathered to watch the football earlier in the day. 2no drunk and incapable females were observed to be physically sick in full view of the public and passing traffic at approximately 7.30pm. They stayed there until a taxi arrived which they departed in.

b) Prevention of crime and disorder – the influx of hundreds of people from the surrounding suburbs will add to the problems Ponteland village already has especially at a weekend when the local pubs and restaurants are usually quite full anyway. The local police station has been closed for a few years now and the only presence even during the week is 1no volunteer ex police officer, but he does not seem to be present at weekends. If there are any incidents the police have to be contacted by telephone and when I have observed this process they invariably arrive when it is too late, and the perpetrators have long departed. In over 30 years of living in the area I have only witnessed this event happen twice and both times have been in the last year when outdoor seating has been arranged and people usually young men come into the village because it is the only place they can get drunk together. The proposed application will exacerbate the problem many times over. This can be witnessed at Bank Holidays and especially over Christmas and New year when people come into the village, and they spill out onto the streets where the effects of drink and overcrowding invariably lead to drunken behaviour, verbal abuse, and occasionally violent confrontations.

c) Public Safety – The people coming into the area and to this particular location will need transport which will mean extra traffic adding to the already problematic issues that Ponteland has historically. The Ponteland by-pass

has been on the agenda for as long as I can remember and the main pinch point in the village is exactly where this license is for which is the roundabout on the North side of the bridge. The entrance to the property is a blind turning when coming from the South and the extra traffic trying to access this turning will cause many more incidents which could easily result in collisions with other vehicles or members of the public. The main street already has an issue with cars parking on yellow lines outside the restaurants when picking up takeaways and public houses when picking up and dropping off customers. The side effects of pollution and damage to air quality will also cause issues for public health. With the health of people being a major issue in the last year or so due to the Covid-19 situation you would think public health and safety would be a priority for our community.

d) Prevention of Public Nuisance – Ponteland is a relatively quiet village, and this is one of the main attractions for residents who choose to live here as they get older. There are many elderly residents who live in the area and there are retirement and sheltered housing withing a few hundred yards of the proposed location. I live approximately 500mtrs as the crow flies from the nearest public house and I can hear the noise when there is a football match on the big screen, and I can tell when a goal is scored from the cheers ! The noise generated by a crowd of people drinking and the possibility of music being played will I believe cause undue stress to anyone withing earshot especially late in the evening. The prospect of this occurring every weekend is awful.

In conclusion and for the reasons stated I wish to record my formal objection to the licensing application in respect of the proposal - Rialto, 1 Main Street, Ponteland (application ref: Suna Miah NZ1660072807) just off Ponteland Main Street.

Signed:

Date: 09/07/21

Please send this notice to the address below:

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