

## Licensing application RXA.HOL356.1

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Along, no doubt, with many others, I am writing to object to the above licensing application by the owner of Rialto's in Ponteland.

The live and/or recorded music will be an obvious source of nuisance: there are residents nearby – including, just across the river Pont, a communal dwelling for older people – who will be subjected to the noise until midnight.

There will be congestion caused by the large numbers of cars that customers will use as well as by taxis that will be waiting in attendance on Main Street at closing time. Local residents will doubtless find their streets used as alternative, free parking spaces; unless restrictions are imposed on nearby streets, in which case any visitors to residents will be inconvenienced.

The potential for disturbances at closing time will be almost a certainty. It would be naïve to believe that a large number of people, leaving the premises at the same time and having been drinking, will do so quietly, safely and in good order. There would need to be an increased police presence in order to ensure peace, quiet and safety.

Access to and exit from the proposed development is constrained. In the event of an emergency, the emergency services might find their work seriously compromised.

Given the outdoor nature of the intended space, it is hard to see how the potential for litter will be avoided. All the more so since the boundaries of the property are bordered by undeveloped areas.

Similarly, the relatively public nature of the site militates against the widespread public concerns about the glamorisation of alcohol consumption among the young, particularly so given the position of Rialto's in the centre of Ponteland and virtually opposite the new High School.

Overall, this licensing application leaves a range of serious concerns – about safety, nuisance, traffic and child protection – unaddressed.

Yours faithfully,  
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