

## 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: Nigel Williams Address: 55 Elan Edge  
Ponteland NE20 9AY Licensing Objective: Prevention of public nuisance  
 Premises: Rialto Restaurant, Ponteland

**Reason for Representation:**

My objection is based on my concern that this new licence will increase the possibility of public nuisance for the many dwellings nearby, including my own.

Firstly I am concerned about the noise nuisance. The application anticipates substantial numbers of people gathering and eating and drinking accompanied by live and recorded music - all in the open air. Since premises have gradually opened after lockdown it has been noticeable that noise from outdoor entertainment carries significantly and makes it uncomfortable to sit outside in the evenings. The granting of this application would exacerbate this situation greatly.

The scale of the proposed development, including the provision of a taxi rank, makes it obvious that this is designed as a destination venue catering for customers from a wide geographic area. Ponteland is in danger of becoming a place where people come to party. To grant this licence would change the fabric of what can still be considered a village atmosphere.

I note that a drawing attached to the application shows trees to the east of the development, presumably to suggest that the houses situated just the other side of the River Pont would be shielded somewhat from the noise. There are some trees here at present but not as many as portrayed as on the drawing so I would suggest that this is misleading. Permission has also just been granted for a retirement development at the other side of the riven in full view and earshot of this development.

The provision of a taxi rank at the venue will lead to an increase in traffic movement in what is already a very busy area.

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