

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), c), d)

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

Reason for Representation:

Having looked very at the proposed application for a premises licence documentation, I wish to register my objections to the application for the following reasons:

b) Prevention of crime and disorder - the addition of a potential 500 - 800 additional people consuming alcohol in a small town centre is a recipe for an increase in crime and disorder. Our Police services are very stretched already and have reduced significantly in the 10+ years I have lived here. The daily presence is almost nil. One only has to see what happens when large groups of mostly younger people, many from outside of Ponteland, congregate in the centre on New Year's Eve. Drunken abusive behaviour, scuffles, fights, some incidents requiring Police intervention, some not, but if that were to happen potentially 7 days a week? This will directly and negatively contravene this licensing objective.

c) Public Safety - the additional traffic into Ponteland; the health risks of the undoubted broken glass that will litter the streets (think New Year's Eve), vomit, rubbish etc, each one of these matters poses a real risk to Public Safety. At a time where our community and country are recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, this is a definite time to put public safety first. In addition, the extra traffic in the area will be considerable and undoubtedly affect air quality and increase pollution. More traffic negotiating narrow streets, pavement parking once again puts Public Safety at risk.

d) Prevention of Public Nuisance - all the residents living close to the town centre, including many elderly and vulnerable people, will be subjected to a much greater amount of noise and disturbance than there is now. Music, whether live or recorded playing until midnight will provide a massive nuisance to those in the immediate vicinity of the proposed venue. Thereafter there will be the traffic and people noise associated with hundreds of people arriving and departing the area late at night. Clearly this in itself will be a Public Nuisance.