

# 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: Andrew Maxwell..... Address: 5 Runnymede Road, Ponteland, NE20 9HE.....

..... Licensing Objective: See below.....

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

Reason for Representation:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)

The application states that the conditions are appropriate and proportionate. I disagree. The conditions are vaguely worded and lack positive commitment to ensuring a safe and peaceful environment at and near to the premises. Some examples are listed under each of the licensing objectives below.

Ponteland is not populous enough to justify such a large venue and it does not have the facilities to safely cater for large numbers of patrons travelling from outside of the village to attend these premises for events. The outdoor facilities of other licensed premises in the village are in the region of 10% of the size of this application. I suggest limiting the numbers applied for by Rialto to a similar size to be more in keeping with the culture and nature of the village.

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

The conditions detail only that records of drug seizures shall be kept. Not that any pro-active steps will be used to prevent use of or dealing in drugs on the premises.

**c) Public safety**

The conditions detail only that records of ejections of patrons and incidents of disorder shall be kept. Not that any steps will be used to manage the behaviour of patrons either on or outside of the premises.

**d) The prevention of public nuisance**

The conditions detail only that steps shall be taken to reduce the level of noise where it is likely to cause a disturbance to local residents. It does not describe whether the steps will be checked for effectiveness or whether the local residents will be consulted on the efficiency of the measures taken.

The mitigation of noise disturbance is limited to that from regulated entertainment and omits to mention the noise from people at the premises, crowds arriving or leaving, cars, etc.

Amplified music played outside will travel a considerable distance and cause disturbance to the surrounding residents. This will prevent people from being able to enjoy their outside space and will require windows to be kept shut. This will degrade peoples' quality of life in the surrounding area.

**e) The protection of children from harm**

Given that the application is for entertainment from 11am to midnight and 7 days per week then the increased activity in the area will inevitably impact on people that retire to bed early. This will include children. Loud music even during the local beer festival once a year can be heard for a considerable distance. There are no measures to control this noise pollution which will also be combined with the noise generated by crowds.

The lack of parking at the premises will increase the risk to children as customers will be inclined to park on residential streets.

Signed .....  
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Date 12/07/21