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Ponteland,
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5th July 2021

Licensing Department,
Northumberland County Council,
County Hall,
Morpeth,
NE61 2EF.

Dear Sirs,

Ref: NZ 16600 72807.
(RXA.HOL356.1)



We refer to the recent application for a premises licence for Rialto's in Ponteland as per the above references.

We strongly object to this application for the reasons and points as provided below and hope this is fully declined by the council.

1: This proposal is for an extension to the restaurant, Rialtos, to provide an open air venue outside the restaurant beside the River Pont, to provide food, drinks and music in an open air setting.

This is to be built in a conservation area protected and defined by Northumberland County council.

In particular the relevant points as defined are:

- the general character and distinctiveness of buildings, spaces, public realm and the landscape.
- views into and from the site and surroundings.

Alterations, repairs and extensions.

- Even small changes can detract from the areas character, so all need to be carefully considered. This could include repairing and replacing.

2: This proposal as seen from the plan presents as too large for a small town, Ponteland. Although no numbers are provided, by viewing the site and the plan, our estimate is approximately 300ish seated guests. (plus possibly more standing.)

The plan also shows for 4 servery's along with food stalls and public booths.

What are these buildings, size and type. ie containers, wooden sheds??

None of these can be considered appropriate in a conservation area at a focal point of Ponteland.

3: There is limited public transport into and out of Ponteland after 8pm. It is therefore assumed that personal transport/ taxis will be used. Where are the vehicles to be parked as it seems no consideration for this has been made. These vehicles will also create noise and air pollution at times of the day which again is inappropriate.

4: **Environment.**

There will be considerable changes affecting the environment.

Outdoor noise and music will travel easily, especially at night affecting and disturbing the whole of Ponteland.

There is potential for the pollution of the river Pont.

The proposal is right beside the river and on windy days paper and plastic could easily blow into the water.

Are heaters to be used in winter with all the climate change implications.

Outdoor heaters are inefficient, energy wasteful and contribute greatly to global warming.

For these reasons we reiterate that we strongly object to this application.

We believe this licensing application is an attempt to create an outdoor dining and drinking area in a conservation area of Ponteland by trying to circumvent proper planning approval.

Yours faithfully,

Alan and Christine Atkinson.

Cc: Planning dept.