Rialto container application, Ponteland village, Notice of Representation.

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Dear Sir,

I am unable to open the word document, I hope you can accept this as my Notice of Representation.

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Formal objection to the Rialto restaurant application, Ponteland village centre.

My reasons for objecting are as follows;

- 1)The development is far too big and inappropriate for the location, with local residents already complaining about the noise from the existing business. Public nuisance.
- 2)Road access to Rialto is by one small roundabout which is on the major arterial route through the village in all directions and is already a bottleneck. The proposed Hackney cab rank will severely exacerbate this. This route is the direct link from the local fire brigade station and the inevitable delays here could have serious consequences to life and property in the event of a fire or accident emergency. Public safety.
- 3)Ponteland centre already has twenty food and alcohol outlets, including the existing Rialto. Parking, noise, rubbish and noisy rowdy behaviour are already a problem and will be made much worse by such a large development, even if scaled back. It is simply not needed. Crime and disorder.
- 4)There is a significant concentration of retirement and sheltered housing adjacent to the existing Rialto who already have problems with the restaurant.Public nuisance
- 5)All of the newly built Ponteland schools are within 500m of Rialto and I believe there is a significant risk of lunch time and afternoon alcohol related accidents to children, especially when the three schools close simultaneously. Child safety.
- 6)Public transport to the village finishes at 20.00.There will be a significant influx of cars. There is one large and a much smaller public car park both of which are pretty well at capacity. Inappropriate car parking is already an issue, with all the existing pub and restaurant car parks operating ANPR penalty parking schemes. A serious public nuisance from car parking is inevitable and will in turn lead to alcohol fuelled disorder and crime. Crime and disorder.
- 7)The river Pont acts as a magnet for alcohol fuelled inappropriate behaviour. This risk will be magnified significantly by the location of Rialto on the riverside and the sheer number of customers. Public safety.
- 8)This development catering for several hundred people will attract two hundred cars. These will inevitably park, at best, in the newly built Council leisure centre and thus block genuine leisure centre users. Public nuisance.
- 9)This development offers nothing to Ponteland village and will severely detract from it. The very limited employment opportunities will be low pay,low skill,part time and largely from outside the village.

Yours faithfully,

David Stanwick

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