



Local Policing Service Improvement & Engagement Department

Your Ref: AWDM/0538/26 Our Ref: LM/WOR/20/12B Date 30th July 2026

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Ms Morin,

RE: The Grizzly Bear 33 South Street Worthing West Sussex

Thank you for your correspondence of the 30th of July 2026, advising me of a planning application to vary the conditions of planning permission AWDM/0960/16 for change of use to drinking establishment (as subsequently varied by AWDM/1779/19): Proposed variations to allow to allow recorded and acoustic live music to be played on the premises (condition 8); to vary the opening hours to between 10.00 and 23.00hrs (Monday to Thursday), 10.00 to 24.00hrs (Friday, Saturday and Bank/Public Holidays), and 11.00 to 22.30hrs (Sundays) (Condition 9); to allow customers to eat takeaway food on the premises (Condition 11); to allow the existing tables on the private forecourt area to remain fixed in situ (Condition 12); and to allow the front door to remain open until 22.00hrs daily (Condition 17) at the above location, for which you seek advice from a crime prevention viewpoint.

The National Planning Policy Framework demonstrates the government's aim to achieve healthy, inclusive, and safe places which are safe and accessible, so that crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion – for example through the use of attractive, well-designed, clear, and legible pedestrian and cycle routes, and high-quality public space, which encourage the active and continual use of public areas.

Although the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in Adur & Worthing District is average as indicated within Police.uk additional measures to mitigate against any identified local crime trends and site-specific requirements should always be considered.

I have had the opportunity to examine the detail within the application and in an attempt to reduce the opportunity for crime and the fear of crime I offer the following comments.

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This latest planning application is seeking proposed variations.

I note the following points as outlined in the accompanying supporting statement:

Condition 8:

- *Remove the clause that says “no amplified music” as I don’t wish for that to be confused with the ambient music we play through speakers.*
- *We would like to be able to play live, acoustic music. If necessary, musicians could be limited to no more than 4.*

Condition 9:

- *Change opening hours to: 10am – 11pm Sunday to Thursday; 10am – 12am Friday, Saturday and Public/Bank Holidays.*

Condition 11:

- *We would like to allow customers to eat take-away food on the premises.*

Condition 12:

- *We would like to assure that our planning permission takes account of the three tables attached to the front of the establishment and bolted to the ground for safety.*
- *The benches for these tables are brought in nightly, and patrons are not allowed to sit outside after a certain time. We would like to bring the seating in at closing time, but if that is not possible, we would like it to be 10pm.*
- *We would also like to be allowed to keep the door open (weather permitting) as late as possible.*

All these variations have been requested so that we can better serve our clientele.

It is important to note that opening hours were extended from 2020 to 2021. The longer opening times were extremely successful and caused no problems, but they were temporary. We are simply requesting that the longer opening times be reinstated permanently.

I will address each of the proposed variations from a crime prevention perspective (where appropriate).

If approved:

Condition 8 - Live music will bring potentially attract larger audiences into the vicinity which will increase footfall and potentially affect the amenity of the surrounding local community.

Condition 9 – An increase in trading hours will increase footfall and potentially affect the amenity of the surrounding local community.

Condition 11 - Will increase footfall to surrounding local restaurants again potentially affecting the amenity of the surrounding local community.

Condition 12 Will allow increased loitering if tables and chairs are left fixed in-situ and not taken in overnight which could increase anti-social behaviour. Allowing the tables to remain in situ until 10pm and allowing takeaway food to be consumed at them will also mean additional noise thus affecting the amenity of the local community.

Condition 17 - Keeping the door open to the premises as late as possible will mean additional noise is being generated from the premises.

The applicant and their partners are strongly advised to consult directly with the licensing team at Sussex Police with regards to these proposed changes. The Sussex Police Licensing Team may have some of their own requirements to be implemented into the premises before they are satisfied it meets licensing objectives on the day-to-day operation of the premises which is why it is extremely important that the applicant contacts them as soon as is practicable.

If not having done so already - the applicant and their partners are also strongly advised to consult directly with the fire service to discuss a fire risk assessment especially with regards to occupant capacity because if this planning application is approved live music may attract a larger number of patrons.

My concerns with this application centre around amenity and the potential impact with regards to the surrounding location cannot be overlooked especially as Condition 9 is requesting a change in opening hours to: 10am – 11pm Sunday to Thursday; 10am – 12am Friday, Saturday and Public/Bank Holidays.

Should this planning application be approved - a large degree of sensitivity will be required to make sure the surrounding local community is not unduly disturbed, and it will therefore be a matter for the applicant to ensure that this is managed in the most appropriate manner.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to offer comments in response.

The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 heightens the importance of taking crime prevention into account when planning decisions are made. Section 17 of the Act places a clear duty on both police and local authorities to exercise their various functions with due regard to the likely effect on the prevention of crime and disorder. You are asked to accord due weight to the advice offered in this letter which would demonstrate your authority's commitment to work in partnership and comply with the spirit of The Crime & Disorder Act.

Yours sincerely

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