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Subject: Support for disabled access: AWDM/0484/25

RE: AWDM/0484/25

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to ask for your support and to right a wrong that is currently occurring for a small business in Worthing, Soundcheck.

They have taken on a space that needed love and created a welcoming environment for members of the community, particularly those seeking a unique experience not found anywhere else. They provide jobs and opportunities for artists to share their talents. Visiting members of the public enjoy great music and quality events, something which you should be proud of.

The community are invited in to Soundcheck for food, drink, local musician performances, quizzes and even art evenings, and Soundcheck do not seek to exclude anyone from enjoying the space.

Unfortunately they have been impeded in their efforts to improve the space and create disabled access. They are being obstructed, even after working closely with the council to ensure what was proposed and subsequently being built was within the provided guidelines, then to be told this must be stopped and removed.

At a time where support for local businesses, and hospitality in particular, is so vital, I ask you to stand for what is right and ensure this business has the support of it's elected councillors to be able to succeed in their goal of entertainment for all.

They cannot afford, nor should they be expected, to remove what was in line with guidelines and be forced to deliver an outdated plan from a previous (and since failed) occupant that does not meet the needs of the community.

Can you sit by and allow the disabled residents, and tourists the bar would encourage, to be failed by such a poor decision?

I ask you to think of the whole community; the business owners, the patrons, those yet to visit but would love to, and the message this sends that those with the power to help are choosing not to.

Please contact Soundcheck with you support and ensure they are able to proceed with providing disabled access to their wonderful establishment.

Yours sincerely,

Danielle Ash