WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Jackie Fox
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	23/12/2024
LOCATION:	Café, 8-9 Montague Place, Worthing, BN11 3BG
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1504/24 Retrospective change of use from cafe (use class E) to a licensed entertainment venue (Sui generis).
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	N/A
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	N/A

This application has been dealt with in accordance with the Development Control Scheme protocol for small scale proposals.

This application seeks the retrospective change of use from café (Use Class E) to licensed entertainment venue (Sui Generis). The site is located on Montague Place, an E-classified road. The proposed change of use is retrospective, with the Application Form stating the site has been operating as proposed since 02/11/2024.

No vehicular access or parking is associated with this site – however, the LHA acknowledge the highly sustainable site location within Worthing Town centre, that is well accessible on foot, by cycle or by public transport. There are a number of public car parks within walking distance for those travelling by private car, and there are comprehensive parking restrictions nearby prohibiting vehicles from parking in places on-street that would be detrimental to highway safety.

In summary, the LHA does not consider that this proposal would have an unacceptable impact on highway safety or result in 'severe' cumulative impacts on the operation of the highway network, therefore is not contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 116), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

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