Local Policing Service Improvement & Engagement Department

Your Ref: AWDM/1188/25 Our Ref: LM/WOR/25/09A Date 10th October 2025

Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Ms Morin,

RE: The Georgi Fin 54 Goring Road Worthing West Sussex

Thank you for your correspondence of the 10th of October 2025, advising me of a planning application to vary Condition 1: (Approved Plans), Condition 4: (Opening Hours) and Condition 9: (Outside Seating) of previously approved AWDM/1884/16 for change of use from Use Class A1 (shop) to Use Class A4 (drinking establishment) micropub with installation of refrigeration unit to rear (north) elevation. PROPOSED CHANGES Opening Hours: 11:00 to 22:30 (Mon-Thurs), 11:00 to 23:30 (Fri & Sat), 11:00 to 22:00 (Sun). Outdoor Seating comprising 6 tables and 24 seats (11:00 to 22:00 hours each day) plus 4no fixed planters 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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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.

From a crime prevention perspective - my main concern with additional hours of trading is the amenity of the surrounding local community who may be adversely affected with longer opening times and the provision of outdoor seating which will allow for up to 24 guests to drink outside. 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 in order to accord with Policy DM5 and DM22 of the Worthing Local Plan.

Additionally - should external seating be permitted the Manual for Streets document recommends the minimum distance of 2 metres of pavement should be left clear and unobstructed, available for pedestrian use.

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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