Development Management – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: AWDM/1052/24 **Recommendation:** APPROVE

Site: Multi Storey Car Park High Street Worthing West Sussex

Proposal: Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 7 (acoustic screens) of approved application AWDM/1439/23.

Relevant Planning History:

AWDM/1439/23: Proposed two storey Energy Centre, Thermal Store, electrical sub-station, car-park rooftop plant, and riser pipework. Permitted 26/03/2024

Consultations:

Environmental Protection: There are no EH objections to Condition 7 being signed off

Conservation architect: Usually the lighter colour blends better with an overcast sky, and hence is less noticeable. Hence my preference would be Papyrus White.

Condition wording
Condition 7 Prior to commencement of development precise details of the acoustic screens including details of the proposed colour have been submitted to and approved in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity.

Assessment
Discussion in the committee report sets out that

“However, at a total height of 3 metres the ASHP’s and the acoustic screens will be visible from adjoining streets… The acoustic enclosures would be effective in screening the heat pumps and a lighter colour is proposed to help reduce the visual impact against the skyline…there is a lack of detail about the precise design of the acoustic screens and a condition is proposed to require additional details prior to work commencing on site.”

Of the two colours submitted the lighter grey (Papyrus White) is preferred as it would blend in better with an overcast sky. It is considered that the information is sufficient in the interests of visual amenity.

Recommendation
Approve condition 7

Case Officer: Louise Prew Date: 29/10/2024