

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
Application AWD/0538/26

Further to our existing application, a brief recapitulation of the variations we would like to make are:

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. As a highly popular locale in West Worthing, our patrons have asked that we make The Grizzly Bear more accessible. We are quite fortunate in this. While many hospitality venues are closing, we are in the unique position of having customers who want to spend more time with us. All we want to do is remain open and available during the times that people wish to go out and socialise. 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.

In meeting the needs of the public, we in turn will continue to have a viable and thriving business. In doing this, we will continue to employ local people, use the services of many local suppliers, and continue to make Worthing an even better place to live and to visit.

We aim to improve Worthing in everything we do, and we believe that Worthing needs more establishments like The Grizzly Bear. It provides a meeting place for locals and residents and creates a draw for visitors to Worthing – visitors who will spend time and money. Far from endangering public safety or creating an antisocial environment, our small bar is well run, with careful consideration and great respect for our neighbours. Staying open a bit longer with more

amenities gives locals and visitors alike more to enjoy, and it makes Worthing an even nicer place to be.

To clarify the changes we would like to make to Condition 11, it is important to note that we will not be cooking or preparing any food on our premises. Rather, we hope to make the most of our proximity to two local businesses: Rincon de Pepe and Bhodi's Kitchen.

Rincon de Pepe is a Spanish tapas restaurant approximately 100 meters over the road from The Grizzly Bear. They specialise in snacks and small plates – perfect for eating in the bar. Orders would be placed using a QR code in The Grizzly Bear, then the staff at Rincon de Pepe would carry the food to the bar in cardboard boxes. There would be no need to involve any form of delivery service such as Deliveroo or Just Eat. Sample items from the short menu include croquettes, patatas bravas, and Serrano ham.

Similarly, Bhodi's Kitchen is another local business that has opened next door to us. They specialise in handmade baked goods, and we would love to support them. Items like fresh sausage rolls or small pies we would take in in the morning. Then customers could purchase them from a presentation case on the bar. Again, there would be no call for a delivery service.

Seats/covers would be for 25 people.