Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 07/10/2025 7:42 PM from Mr PAUL OBRIEN.

Application Summary

Address:	Multi Storey Car Park High Street Worthing West Sussex
Proposal:	Extension to buried pipework and associated equipment to connect to the district heat network. The pipework will run underground along High St, through Steyne Gardens and east and west along the promenade to connect the energy centre with Splashpoint and Pavilion Theatre.|cr||cr|RECONSULTATION: Amended plans showing updated route information through Steyne Gardens and statement of community involvement
Case Officer:	Louise Prew

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Customer Details

Name:	Mr PAUL OBRIEN
Email:	
Address:	96 Brighton Road Lancing West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other
Comments:	My name is Paul O'Brien, i've had a small independent business here in Worthing for 18 years and loosely head up the town centres independent traders group who have met several times over the past year to discuss deep concerns with the hemiko development and it's effect on the town centre. The last meeting culminated with over 40 businesses attending all of whom are worried about their future. I've also had the benefit of sitting on the monthly hemiko sounding board so have an in depth knowledge of the inner workings of this development. Although i have commented twice before on this application those can now be largely dismissed as we now know the full extent of how damaging phase 2 will be. Businesses by large actually don't oppose the heat network , just they way it has

been managed and the disruption it has caused over the past 10 months.
In each meeting we have been told misleading versions of the truth on current phases and several times we have been lied to by hemiko . We have spend countess hours meeting with WBC,WSSC and Hemiko to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum, This is time we should be spending on our individual businesses but are forced to instead hold hemiko to account.
Several businesses have closed and their statements have firmly put the blame at hemikos door. We simply cannot afford to lose anymore and some restrictions and structure must be put in place by our planning team.
Hemiko had initially agreed to not work over the summer of 2026 and as a seaside town who largely relys on tourism economy this is an absolute must. However having attended a meeting with hemiko last week the wording has again , just like last summer , changed from " we won't work over summer to We hope to be finished by the summer " . This is simply not acceptable and we need no work restrictions in place.
We also need clear restrictions in place to not work over The 2 weeks of Easter when the town starts to slowly come back alive after the slow first 3 months of the year of trade. On top of this we need restrictions in place for key dates and times of the year to include bonfire nights , December christmas trade and bank holidays .
As a town made up of lots of small businesses we simply cannot have another year of disruption from hemiko like 2025 and need our towns planning comitee councilors to help us ensure this by putting " no work " restrictions in place on key dates and times