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PLANNING REFUSAL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) (AMENDMENT) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015

APPLICATION NUMBER: AWDM/1165/25

Details of Development
CHANGE OF USE OF BASEMENT AND GROUND FLOOR FROM RETAIL (CLASS E) TO ADULT GAMING CENTRE (SUI GENERIS).

Location of Development
3 - 4 CONNAUGHT BUILDINGS CHAPEL ROAD WORTHING WEST SUSSEX BN11 1BA

In pursuance of their powers under the above-mentioned Act and Order the Council hereby notify you that they REFUSE to permit the above development, in accordance with the application and relevant correspondence registered on 15th September 2025.

The reasons for the Council's decision to refuse to permit the development are stated on the schedule overleaf.

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25/02/2026

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Reasons for Refusal

01. The proposed use, including its external appearance, is not considered to enhance the vitality and viability of the town centre, nor to make a positive contribution to the creation of a safe and secure town centre environment. The Local Planning Authority is not satisfied that it will not adversely affect local amenities, including nearby residents. It is therefore contrary to policies DM5, DM13 and DM22 of the Worthing Local Plan 2020 - 2036 and the NPPF paragraphs 56-57, 135 & 198.

02. The proposed use, including its external appearance, is considered to be out of keeping with and harmful to the character and visual amenity of the site and its surroundings. It is therefore contrary to policies DM5, DM6 of the Worthing Local Plan 2020 - 2036 and the NPPF paragraph 139. The impact includes less than substantial harm to heritage assets: the Connaught Buildings, which is a building of Local Interest, the Chapel Road Conservation Area and the nearby listed building at the corner of Chapel Road and Ambrose Place. This heritage harm is not considered to be outweighed by any public benefit arising from the proposal. It is therefore contrary to policy DM24 of the Worthing Local Plan 2020 - 2036 and the NPPF paragraphs 215 - 216.

01. For the avoidance of doubt this refusal relates to the following drawings/plans:-.

Reference/Drawing Number	Version	Date Rec
SUPPORTING STATEMENT		11.11.2025
Proposed Display Manifestation	920-PL-106 03	03.02.2026
HERITAGE STATEMENT	Ref: 8186	15.09.2025
COMPANY LANNING BROCHURE	JULY 2025	15.09.2025
FOOTFALL, PEDESTRIAN FLOW & LINKED TRIP SURVEYS		15.09.2025
SECURED BY DESIGN MEASURES		15.09.2025
NOISE ASSESSMENT	PR2001_220_FINAL	15.09.2025
PLANNING STATMENT	Ref: 8186	15.09.2025
LOCATION PLAN	1:1250	15.09.2025
SITE PLAN	1:500	15.09.2025
SIGNAGE SITE PLAN	1:500	15.09.2025
EXISTING ADVERTISEMENT	920-EX-005 00	15.09.2025
EXISTING BASEMENT	920-EX-002 01	15.09.2025
EXISTING GROUND FLOOR	920-EX-001 02	15.09.2025

Reference/Drawing Number	Version	Date Rec
PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT	920-PL-104 01	15.09.2025
PROPOSED BASEMENT	920-PL-103 02	15.09.2025
PROPOSED DISPLAY MANIFESTATION	920-PL-106 02	15.09.2025
PROPOSED GROUND FLOOR	920-PL-101 02	15.09.2025

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YOUR ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE FOLLOWING NOTES FROM THE ABOVE ORDER. THEY ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND DO NOT PRETEND TO SET OUT THE WHOLE OF THE LAW ON THE SUBJECT. IT WOULD BE WELL FOR YOU TO CONSULT YOUR SOLICITOR IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT

Appeals to the Secretary of State

1. If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2. If you want to appeal, then you must do so within six months, 12 weeks for a minor commercial (shop front) of the date of this notice. Appeals can be made online at: https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.

3. The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

4. The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

5. In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the local planning authority based their decision on a direction given by him.

6. If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. Further details are on GOV.UK.

Purchase Notices

7. If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

8. In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the District Council in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Planning Act 1990.

9. Further correspondence about this application should quote the reference number at the top right hand corner of the form.

10. Where this notice conveys approval or permission, conditional or unconditional, please note that the decision given does not purport to convey any consent or approval which may be required under the Building Act and Building Regulations, or any other legislation.

Reduced time for making a planning appeal where enforcement action is being taken

Where an enforcement notice has been served in relation to the same, or substantially the same, development as in the planning application no earlier than 2 years before the date the application was made, the period for receiving a planning appeal is within 28 days of the date on the planning application decision notice or of the date by which the LPA should have decided the application.

However, the LPA may formally decline to determine a retrospective planning application for permission for any development contained within a pre-existing enforcement notice served on or after 6 April 2012, where that notice was issued before the application was received by the LPA (see above). There is no right to make a planning appeal in such circumstances.

Where an enforcement notice was served in relation to the same, or substantially the same, development after the decision notice on the application was issued or after the end of the period the LPA had to determine the application, the period for receiving a planning appeal is within 28 days of the date the enforcement notice was served (unless this would extend the period beyond the normal 12 weeks or 6 months deadline).