

Development Management – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: AWDM/0830/26 **Recommendation:** – APPROVE

Site: **Unit 7 - 11 Montague Street Worthing West Sussex**

Proposal: **Installation of external combined defibrillator and bleed kit cabinet.**

Date of Site Visit: 16/07/2026

Neighbours Checked: Y

Additional Neighbours Notified: N

Site and Surroundings

The site is located on the southern side of Montague St within the shops of the Arcade Buildings. The ground floor unit is occupied by Nationwide bank.

The building is on the Council's local interest list and the site is within South St Conservation Area.

Proposal

A defibrillator and bleed kit cabinet would be installed on a column on the face of the building at ground level. The cabinet is 625mm by 440mm and would project 285mm from the face of the building. It would be located 900mm above ground level.

Relevant Planning History:

None relevant

Consultations

The Worthing Society: This commercial building occupies a corner site at the entrance to the Royal Arcade. and located in the South Street Conservation Area. This is quite a minor alteration and defibrillators are a vital resource for First Aiders in an emergency situation. In our view there will be no harm to the conservation area.

Neighbour Representations

None

Relevant Planning Policies:

Worthing Local Plan policies (WBC 2023): SP1, DM5, DM24
National Planning Policy Framework (MHCLG 2026)
National Planning Practice Guidance

Planning Assessment:

Alterations to commercial buildings are acceptable in principle subject to their impact on the local interest building, the conservation area and residential amenity.

The cabinet is situated on a column on the frontage and is aligned with the adjacent ATM. The cabinet will provide a vital resource for the town centre. Due to its modest scale, it is not considered to harm either the local interest building or wider conservation area. The applicant has confirmed the illumination will not exceed 9cd/m² which is considered appropriate. The proposals preserve the appearance of the conservation area.

There will be no harm to residential amenity due to the nature and location of the cabinet.

Recommendation:

APPROVE subject to condition(s):-

1. Drawing Numbers
2. Standard time limit
3. Static internally illuminated to 9 cdm² only

Informative

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received and subsequently determining to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation? N

Case Officer: Louise Prew

Date: 07/09/2026

Authorised by: Peter Barnett

Date: 7 September 2026