

From: **Nigel De Wit**

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Subject: NH/25/12055 - AWDM/0761/25 - Unit 1 Red Square Retail Park - HR - NH response 01/07/26

To: Louise Prew <louise.prew@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

For Attention of: Louise Prew, Adur & Worthing Council

Your Reference: AWDM/0761/25 - Unit 1 Red Square Retail Park, 194 Sompting Road, Worthing

Proposal: Advertisement Consent for freestanding internally illuminated digital billboard

Our Reference: NH/25/12055

Dear Louise,

Since our holding recommendation of 01 June 2026 we have not received the additional information we requested in respect of the proposed structure, as required by the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) CG 300 document.

The design pack that was shared with National Highways on 28 May 2026 does not address the matter we have raised.

Our focus is on the structural integrity of the free-standing advertisement and how this meets the requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) CG 300 document.

This is required to demonstrate that the structure would not present an unacceptable safety risk to the users of the Strategic Road Network (SRN), in this case the A27.

To demonstrate compliance with the relevant standards, we need the applicant to complete the Cat 0 certificate as set out in DMRB CG 300.

We have shared constructive comments and advice with the applicant on initial drafts of the Cat 0 certificate.

We anticipate this can be resolved in a relatively short period of time. This remains the only outstanding SRN-related matter.

We are content that the submitted Safety Risk Assessment (SRA) (Rev. 02, 14 January 2026) is suitable and sufficient in assuring that safety risk is managed so far as is reasonably possible in support of this planning application. This matter has been resolved.

We therefore **recommend that this application seeking advertisement consent is not determined for a period of one month until 03 August 2026**. This should be sufficient time for the applicant to resolve the outstanding SRN-related matter.

This recommendation can be replaced, renewed, or reviewed during the one-month period, or at its end, dependent on progress made with regards to the outstanding matter.

We have copied in the applicant's consultant.

Should you or any others have any queries regarding our response, please contact us via planningse@nationalhighways.co.uk.

Kind regards,

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