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PARKING REPORT

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1.00 Introduction

1.01 This Parking Report is prepared in response to Condition 16 of the planning permission ref AWDM/0303/24, dated 23 April 2024. This required that parking surveys be carried out on both a match day and a non-match day to identify the level of parking in legal parking spaces on the surrounding public network. The survey was also to identify any level of illegal parking.

1.02 Monson Engineering Ltd was commissioned by the Client to carry out a parking survey on the adjacent roads and to prepare a brief Parking Report.

2.00 Parking Surveys

2.01 The scope of the survey(s) was discussed with Jamie Brown of West Sussex CC Highways. In essence the surveys were to take part at 3:00 on two Saturdays, one when Worthing FC were playing at home and the second when they were playing away from home.

2.02 The survey was to cover on street parking within a minimum of 200m from the ground entrance. Where the 200m came to the middle of a road, the survey was to continue to the roads next junction.

2.03 The number of parking spaces was assessed a useable 5m spaces, i.e. 10m+ of space amounts to 2 spaces becoming 3 spaces only when there is 15m. Crossovers were excluded as were any disabled bays (only 1 found) or where parking restrictions are in place.

2.04 The surveys took place on: -

Dates: -	Sat 4th Dec 24 (Worthing FC home to St Albans)
	Sat 8th Feb 25 (Worthing FC away to Tonbridge)
Time: -	3:00 on both days
Type: -	Beat survey
Location: -	All bays and on-street parking within a minimum of 200m. (see Appendix B for sketch plan)

The results of the survey are included in Appendix B.

2.05 The data shows an extra 121 cars parked on the day of the home match. There was, however, still free spaces available at the time of the survey.

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3.00 Observations

3.01 It was noted that a small number of cars had parked across crossovers on the day of the home match. I am aware that resident living close to stadia will sometimes park across their own crossover to makes sure they do not get blocked in by inconsiderate parkers. It is also known that residents can let visitors park across their crossovers, not just on match days but whenever they are visiting.

3.02 On the day of the home match, I observed a small number of St Albans fans (blue and yellow scarfs) walking towards the stadium from outside the survey area to the northwest and assume that they had parked in available space further away from the stadium. A number of Worthing fans were observed (red scarfs) who may also have parked further afield but who may also have been local resident arriving on foot.

4.00 Parking Variables

4.01 The level of car parking demand on a match day may depend on a number of variables. These can include such factors as: -

Current league status (e.g. National League South v League 2);
Current form and position in the division;

These can be mixed as the better the team are doing the more people are likely to attend and need parking but a team performing poorly in a higher league may attract less fans than if they are performing well in a lower league. Fans like to watch winning teams.

Proximity of opposition;

As for away fans the matter of current form again applies but also distance. If Truro City (for example) are bottom of the league they are unlikely to have many fans travel to Worthing to watch them play whereas a top of the table derby with Eastbourne Borough could attract a big following. It may also be possible for local team's supporters to use public transport rather than driving.

Nature of opposition fans;

Some teams have larger followings for away games than others.

4.02 Further factors that may affect attendances and hence parking demand can include weather, holiday weekends, Xmas shopping and the like.

The simple summary is that some fans will come by car and will park as near to the ground as they are able, but how many will come for each game is anyone's guess.

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Appendix A – Location/Site Plan

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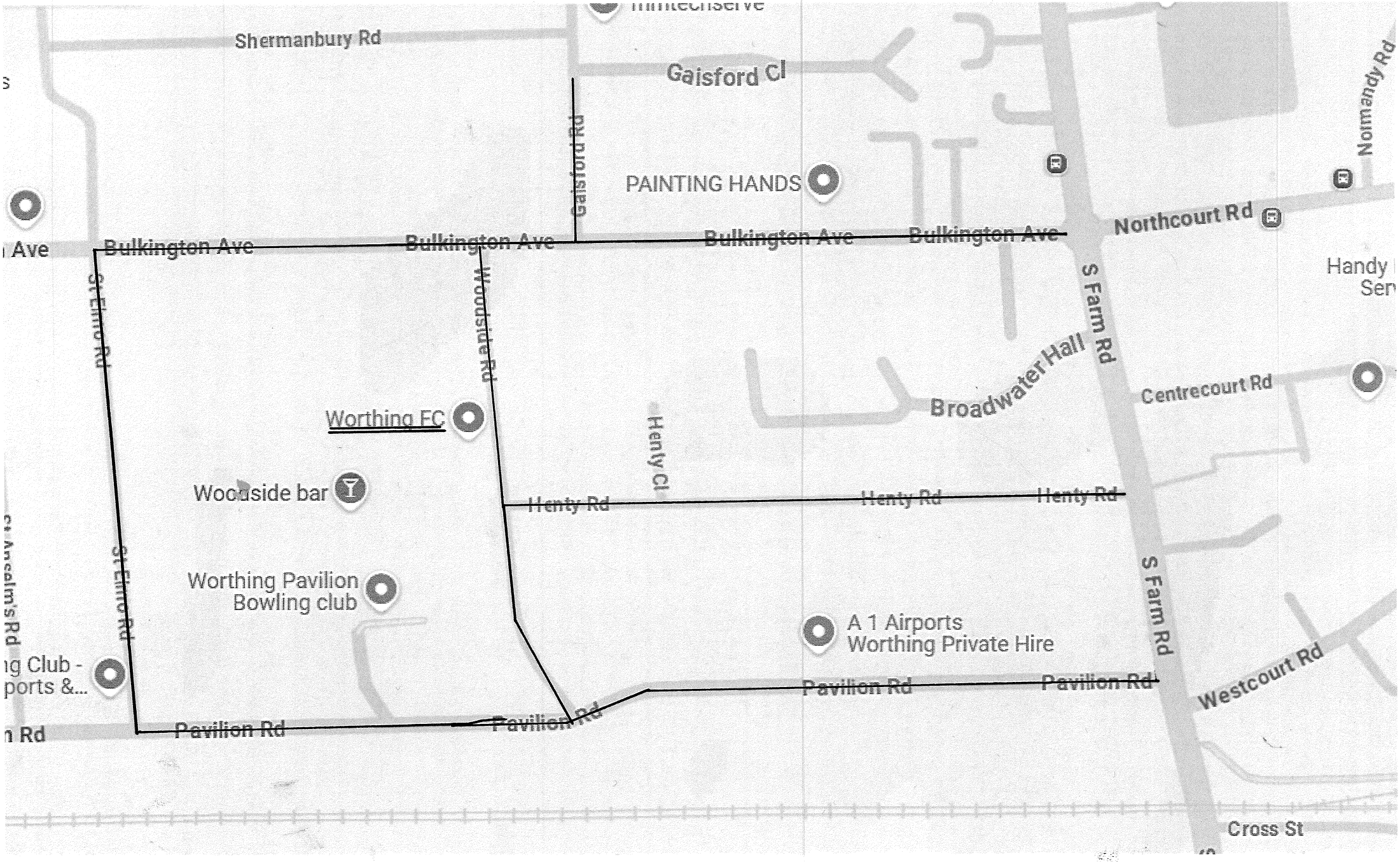
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Worthing Pavilion
Bowling club
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Appendix B – Parking Surveys

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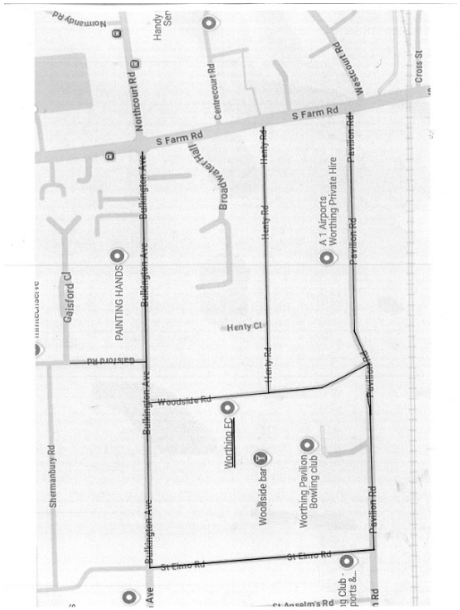

		14/12/2024			08/02/2025		
Road	Spaces	Parked	Free	Stress	Parked	Free	Stress
Pavilion Road south	71	65	6	92%	53	18	75%
Pavilion Road north	30	26	4	87%	20	10	67%
Henty Road south	31	31	0	100%	17	14	55%
Henty Road north	27	27	0	100%	15	12	56%
Bulkington Avenue south	48	41	7	85%	23	25	48%
Bulkington Avenue north	59	49	10	83%	34	25	58%
Gaisford Road east	9	8	1	89%	5	4	56%
Gaisford Road west	12	12	0	100%	3	9	25%
St Elmos Road east	25	21	4	84%	14	11	56%
St Elmos Road west	28	28	0	100%	22	6	79%
Woodside Road east	21	21	0	100%	11	10	52%
Woodside Road west	21	20	1	95%	11	10	52%
Total	382	349	33	91%	228	154	60%

Notes

The number of spaces are identified as follows:-

All	Disabled bays are not counted as bays nor are cars parked in them counted.
Pavilion Road south (to St Elmos Road)	Number of useable bays of 5m excluding private drives/accesses.
Pavilion Road north (to St Elmos Road)	Number of useable bays of 5m excluding private drives/accesses.
	Single Yellow between S Farm Road & Woodside Road. Parking noted on both days during restricted hours but not included.
Henty Road south	Number of useable bays of 5m excluding private drives/accesses. Double yellows around junction with Woodside Road.
Henty Road north	Number of useable bays of 5m excluding private drives/accesses. Double yellows around junction with Woodside Road.
Bulkington Avenue south (to St Elmos Road)	Number of useable bays of 5m excluding private drives/accesses.
Bulkington Avenue north (to St Elmos Road)	Number of useable bays of 5m excluding private drives/accesses.
Gaisford Road east (to Gaisford Close)	Number of useable bays of 5m excluding private drives/accesses.
Gaisford Road west (to Gaisford Close)	Number of useable bays of 5m excluding private drives/accesses.
St Elmos Road east	Number of useable bays of 5m excluding private drives/accesses.
St Elmos Road west	Number of useable bays of 5m excluding private drives/accesses.
Woodside Road east	Number of useable bays of 5m excluding private drives/accesses. Double yellows around junction with Henty Road
Woodside Road west	Number of useable bays of 5m excluding private drives/accesses particulalry across frontage of stadium.