WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Amanda Haslett
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	3 July 2025
LOCATION:	332 Goring Road Worthing BN12 4PE
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0417/25 Proposed change of use from Class E to Sui Generis (drinking establishment, eatery and deli) with outside seating area.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

I refer to your consultation in respect of the above planning application and would provide the following comments.

This application seeks the change of use from Class E to Sui Generis to provide a drinking establishment, eatery and deli with outside seating area. The site is located on Goring Road, an A-classified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.
No vehicular access is associated with this site. The proposed change of use is not anticipated to give rise to a material intensification of movements to or from the site.

No vehicular parking is proposed – As such, parking would have to be accommodated on-street or within nearby paid-for provision, as per the likely existing arrangement. The LHA would not anticipate that this would give rise to highway safety concern or parking capacity issue in this location. Servicing would be to the rear of the site as per the existing arrangement for the Class E use.
Weight is given to the fact the site is situated in a sustainable location within walking distance of public transport links and is accessible on foot or by cycle.

A portion of the land proposed to be used as outdoor eating appears as though it could overlap with the Publicly Maintained Highway as exact dimensions have not been provided. Any items placed within the public highway are not to be permanently fixed and are to be removable. This is to permit the maintenance of the public highway and to ensure that a permanent obstruction does not result. If Planning Consent is approved, a separate Licence agreement will be required to be entered into, please refer to guidance at https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/aboards-tables-chairs/ for more information.

The applicant is advised to obtain the exact location of the Publicly Maintained Highway from the WSCC Highway Boundary team if they are not looking to place tables and chairs on the publicly maintained highway, please contact land.charges@westsussex.gov.uk and include a plan of the proposed search area. There is usually a fee for this information. Additional information can be found at
https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/information-for-developers/highway-boundary-information/

In summary, the LHA does not consider that this proposal would have an unacceptable impact on highway safety or result in 'severe' cumulative impacts on the operation of the highway network, therefore is not contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 116), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

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