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Dear Sirs

Planning Application AWDM/0653/23 | Demolition of existing public shelter and redevelopment to provide two Use Class E(b) restaurants set over two floors. | Shelter South Of West Buildings, The Promenade Marine Parade Worthing West Sussex.

Sussex Industrial Archaeology Society object to the demolition of this important seafront shelter.

It was built, together with its counterpart to the east of the pier, in 1925, by WJ Ceams of London . The Borough Surveyor had previously visited Margate to inspect their shelters and based his design upon them. The glazed screens (recently boarded over) afforded views of the sea for those sheltering on the leeward side, and also allowed those approaching the seafront from the north down West Buildings to glimpse the sea beyond. Its design is simple but distinctive, having a decorative cast iron valance above cast iron columns that also act as rainwater pipes to drain the roof. The hardwood glazing bars to the screens are slender adding to the building's lightness and transparency.

The shelter was put on the Local List in 2003 and it gets a favourable mention in new Sussex (West) *Pevsner* of 2019.

The two shelters are the oldest structures on the seafront hence this one should be retained and refurbished as an important part of the town's architectural heritage, and an asset to the Marine Parade and Hinterland Conservation Area. Furthermore, the proposed development on its site is of a such a scale that it will completely block the view of the sea from West Buildings, and thus be harmful to the character of the Conservation Area

Yours Sincerely

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