Expiry Date – 23/04/2025

Development Control – Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: AWDM/0147/25 **Recommendation – APPROVE**

Site: **St Stephens Church, Angola Road, Worthing, West Sussex BN14 8DU**

Proposal: **Free-standing non-illuminated sign showing church service times, fronting Angola Road**

Date of site visit: 3 April 2025

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The proposal is to erect a freestanding sign in the front of the property behind the low brick wall adjacent to Angola Road.

The body of the sign will be 1.4 m tall by 1.65 m wide. The full height of the sign will be 1.7 metres tall. It will advertisement service times and will not be illuminated. The sign will be powder coated lack aluminium with white lettering.

The sign will be in the forecourt of St Stephens Church, a property to the west of Angola Road near its junction with Dominion Road. The church is a single storey modest building located to the north of the site. It currently has a porch structure with signage and service times on a board adjacent to the front door.

The site is opposite a Tesco Express and to the south of a small group of shops and nursery building. The site is not within a conservation area and does not contain a listed building.

Representations: None.

Consultations: None.

Relevant Planning History:
None relevant

Relevant Planning Policies

National Planning Policy Framework (2024)
National Planning Practice Guidance

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Worthing Local Plan (2023) 2020-2036: SP1, DM5, DM6

Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007

Planning Assessment

Principle

There is no objection in principle to the display of advertisements which will be considered on their effect on visual amenity and public safety.

Amenity

The sign provides information about service times for the church. The modest scale, and design of the sign, including that it is not illuminated, is considered appropriate for its context and does not adversely affect the amenity of the area.

Public Safety

The proposed signage would not hinder or obstruct pedestrians or vehicles or impinge on the public highway as it is located within the application property. The sign is not illuminated and therefore will not affect drivers using the highway.

Recommendation

APPROVE subject to Standard Conditions 1-6 and

7. Approved Plans

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

1. 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.

Case Officer: Louise Prew Date: 10/04/2025

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 11.04.2025