WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Gary Peck
FROM:	WSCC – Highways Authority
DATE:	17 March 2025
LOCATION:	Worthing Football Club Woodside Road Worthing BN14 7HQ
SUBJECT:	AWDM/0303/25 Approval of details reserved by condition 16 (parking surveys) of AWDM/0303/24.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	n/a
RECOMMENDATION:	No Objection

Discharge of condition 16 – no objection

Within 1 month of the first use of the stand hereby approved, parking surveys undertaken on both a match day and a non-match day shall be submitted by the applicant identifying the number of legal parking spaces available on the surrounding public highway network and assessing any adverse impacts upon the highway network, including illegal parking.

The results of any such survey shall be made available to the Borough Council and Highways Authority to consider any requirements that have arisen because of the development, with further consideration being given by the Planning Committee before the condition is discharged. Ref: AWDM/0303/24 Notwithstanding the above, and if not already achieved, should the Football Club achieve promotion to the National League (Step 1) in any subsequent season following the erection of the stand, a further match day and non-match day survey shall be undertaken no later than 1 month following the first home game of the season in question to allow consideration of any increase in attendance to the stadium.

Reason: To ensure that any adverse highways impacts arising as a result of the development and potentially increased use of the stadium are adequately mitigated.

The applicant has provided a parking report undertaken by Monson Engineering Limited. A parking beat survey took place on two dates, Saturday 4th December 2024, when worthing were playing at home and Saturday 8th February 2025 when they were playing away.

121 additional cars were counted on the day of the home game, but whilst the parking stress was higher and a few locations at maximum capacity the results shown below show that in both home and away game days there were still free spaces at the time of the survey.

		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%

Whilst there are still other variables to consider within this snapshot such as league status and location of opposing team's fans to the club i.e. the more local team matches are likely to attract more fans than a team in a county further afield.

In summary WSCC are able to discharge this condition as whilst it shows that some locations are at 100% capacity when there is a home game on, there is still spare capacity in other streets within the recommended 200m walking distance.

It is acknowledged this will be reviewed should the clubs league status change in the future.

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