WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Adur & Worthing Councils FAO: Jackie Fox
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	24/09/2025
LOCATION:	Global House, 7 Portland Square, Worthing, BN11 1QH
SUBJECT:	AWDM/1118/25 Change the use of the first-floor offices at Global House from Class E (Commercial, Business & Service) to Sui Generis, specifically for use as a live comedy/entertainment venue
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	N/A
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice
S106 CONTRIBUTION TOTAL:	N/A

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) has been consulted on highway matters for the proposed change of use of first-floor offices from Class E to Sui Generis for use as a live comedy/entertainment venue. The site is located off Portland Road, an unclassified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

The site will operate shows Thursday-Saturday 18:00 – 23:00 and Sunday 11:00 – 23:00, whilst being closed to the public Monday – Wednesday. No information has been provided regarding venue capacity, although considering the scale of the floorspace proposed for the change of use, the LHA does not anticipate that the proposed use would give rise to a concern on the operation of the local highway network. Significant weight is given to the fact the site is situated in a highly sustainable location within Worthing Town Centre, that is well accessible on foot, by cycle and by public transport.

In addition, there are a number of public car parks within walking distance of the site. If vehicles were to park on the surrounding public roads, there are comprehensive parking restrictions in place that prohibit vehicles from parking in places that would be detrimental to highway safety. Considering these points made, no highway safety or capacity concerns would be anticipated.

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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