

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 18/06/2026 9:14 PM from Dr Amir Mostofi.

Application Summary

Address:	Ground Floor Front 7 Chapel Road Worthing West Sussex BN11 1EG
Proposal:	Installation of retractable security grille to entrance
Case Officer:	Rebekah Hincke

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Customer Details

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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Other
Comments:	**Objection to planning application AWDM/0646/26 / PP-14961584 - Ground Floor Front, 7 Chapel Road, Worthing BN11 1EG** I object to the application as currently submitted. I am a first floor occupier of the building and I am concerned that the proposal has been presented as a simple security measure for the ground-floor frontage, when it affects a shared entrance and access route in a multi-occupancy building. The submitted application form itself describes the building as a multi-occupancy commercial building. The submitted ground-floor plan also shows "Public Stair Access to Upper Floors". The proposed grille therefore has implications for other occupiers, staff, visitors, cleaners, contractors and upper-floor users, not just Yorkshire Building Society. My objections are as follows:

1. ****Conservation Area / visual impact****

The proposed grille would introduce a defensive, industrial-looking feature into the town-centre Conservation Area. Other banks and building societies in Worthing town centre appear to manage security without this type of frontage grille. The application does not show that less visually harmful measures have been properly considered.

2. ****Insufficient evidence that alternatives were assessed****

The application does not appear to explain why less intrusive measures - such as improved lighting, CCTV, alarmed monitoring, better out-of-hours management, patrols, or other anti-loitering measures - would not be sufficient.

3. ****Shared access and upper-floor occupation****

The grille affects a shared entrance route serving upper floors. The application does not adequately assess the effect on non-YBS occupiers or users of the public stair access to the upper floors.

4. ****Fire safety and means of escape****

The front entrance appears to be a main escape route for the front part of the building. The submitted documents assert that means of escape and circulation are unaffected, but I cannot see any supporting fire-risk assessment, means-of-escape assessment, or emergency-access assessment.

5. ****Emergency services access****

The application does not explain how the fire brigade or emergency services would obtain rapid access if the grille is locked shut during an emergency.

6. ****Unclear management / locking arrangements****

The building has multiple floors, offices and toilets, and may contain workers, visitors, cleaners or contractors outside normal hours. The application does not include a clear management plan explaining who is responsible for closing the grille, how the last person would verify that nobody remains in the building, or who carries responsibility if someone is locked in or out.

7. ****Internal release mechanism is not enough****

Even if the grille can be opened from inside, the planning documents do not explain how this would work safely in practice during smoke, panic, darkness, disability, unfamiliarity with the mechanism, or emergency conditions.

For these reasons, I ask the Council not to approve the application unless and until the applicant provides proper supporting information addressing fire safety, means of escape, emergency access, shared access to upper floors, and a clear management plan for safe operation of the grille in a multi-occupancy building.
