

ADDENDUM TO PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

MEETING DATE - 27 APRIL 2017

The following agenda item has various updates to the original Committee report.

Application Number: AWDM/0202/17 **Recommendation – Approve**

Site: 6 New Street Worthing West Sussex BN11 3BT

**Proposal: Variation of condition 3 of approved application
WB/05/0225/Full to change opening times to Monday-
Thursday: 1 hour longer trading from 8.00am - 1.00am;
Friday- Saturday: 2 hours longer trading from 8.00am-
2.00am; Sunday and Bank holidays 1 hour longer trading
from 8.00am - 24.00 hrs**

Additional Supporting Statement from Chamber of Commerce

20th April 2017

Extended Hours of trading application -The Dinner Rooms limited T/A Food Restaurant

Dear Sirs

The Worthing and Adur Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ltd is a wholly and not for profit organisation which over 100 years has represented the business community the Worthing and Adur area. We have no financial interest in the applicants or in the properties which relate to this planning application. Our aims and objectives are to encourage economic growth, create prosperity, and ensure there are sufficient jobs and sustainable employment for the people who live and work in our area.

We have therefore assessed this application against those criteria.

The real possibility of creating a stronger restaurant offer has been a major factor in our calculations. We believe that the changes in the restaurant trade make it essential to allow freedom of choice for the increasingly changing market in our area and that this type of quality venue should be encouraged. The amount of investment into this premises should be welcomed as it can only be an improvement which can only result in a benefit of the Town Centre. The prospect of curtailing the flow of visitors to Brighton for a late evening experience is something that could be well received by the new influx of residents we are experiencing from the Brighton area, along with the local residents who return from cultural events from out of our area and have no late evening offer other than nightclubs available.

By this investment we would hope to see an increase in employment and if nothing else, improved job security. With the level of training proposed the inconvenience to the local area should be minimal and if anything improved. This is an area within the town that already has other establishments trading in these hours who are not putting in as many measures to avoid increased inconvenience to residents as are planned in this case.

There is generally an inclination for other establishments to make improvements when the competition are seen to be investing which can start a trend in the market which is worth encouraging.

Overall, therefore, the Worthing and Adur Chamber of Commerce and industry Ltd strongly supports this application for change in trading hours and we strongly urge the planning committee to grant consent for this.

Yours sincerely

President

Additional Consultation Response from Police

Sussex Police
Serving Sussex
www.sussex.police.uk
Local Policing Branch

Dear Mr Devonport

Re: 6 New Street Worthing, West Sussex.

Thank you for your recent correspondence advising me of a planning application for the variation of condition 3 of approved application WB/05/0225/FUL for the premises at the above location, for which you seek advice from a crime prevention viewpoint.

I have had the opportunity to examine the detail within the application and I have been in consultation with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) and Sussex Police Licensing Department for this area. In an attempt to reduce the opportunity for crime and the fear of crime I offer the following comments.

The National Planning Policy Framework demonstrates the government's commitment to creating safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion, and with the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in Worthing district being above average when compared with the rest of Sussex, it will be important to consider all appropriate crime prevention measures when viewing the proposals.

I was pleased to note that the applicant has consulted with our licensing department from a licensing perspective.

The area is within the parameter of the late night economy of Worthing Town Centre and as such it experiences large amounts of footfall, noise, litter and acts of anti-social behaviour.

The application proposes to increase the opening hours as follows;

□

Monday to Thursday, 1 hour longer trading from 08:00 – 01:00.

□

Friday & Saturday, 2 hours longer trading from 08:00 – 02:00.

□

Sunday & Public Holidays, 1 hour longer trading from 08:00 – 00:00.

Furthermore, the applicant wants to cater to customers wishes to stay longer on the premises after meals and carry on with refreshments without having to change venues. This raises concerns for the NPT responsible for this neighbourhood in how the extension of hours will impact upon the amenity of the surrounding community and Police resources.

There are in total at least 130 seats within the premises of which under the Sussex Police licensing agreement a delineated area for only 24 customers to stand and purchase and consume alcohol directly from the staff at the servery is available. The remaining space is allocated to table with alcohol being ancillary to food that is served at table by waiters / waitresses.

What you have to appreciate is that the quality of the premises management, the number of door staff on duty, and the behaviour and the demeanour of patrons whilst relevant, won't negate the cumulative impact of large numbers of persons exiting onto the streets in the early hours of the morning. These are the concerns raised by the NPT The NPT and I have concerns that the proposed extended opening hours would result in large numbers of persons, often who are intoxicated, remaining on the streets into the early hours of the morning. This would directly affect the amenity of the immediate residents in the form of noise and footfall and impact upon the provision of policing resources, particularly on Friday and Saturday nights, when demand on policing is often at a peak.

It is also my concern that the proposed extended hours would be contrary to Policy AE16 of the Worthing Sussex Local Plan, which is to safeguard the amenity of neighbouring residential occupiers. To that effect Sussex Police do not support this application.

The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 heightens the importance of taking crime prevention into account when planning decisions are made. Section 17 of the Act places a clear duty on both police and local authorities to exercise their various functions with due regard to the likely effect on the prevention of crime and disorder. You are asked to accord due weight to the advice offered in this letter which would demonstrate your authority's commitment to work in partnership and comply with the spirit of The Crime & Disorder Act.

Yours sincerely

Phillip Edwards

*Designing Out Crime Officer
Sussex Police Headquarters*

Considerations

The comments underline the tension between amenity and economic activity inherent in such an application and discussed in the substantive report.

Recommendation

Unchanged.

Head of Planning and Development 25.4.17