



Local Policing Service Improvement & Engagement Department

Your Ref: DM/24/2413

Our Ref: PE/MID/24/08/A

Date 13th December 2024

Dear Mr Watt

RE: Savannah Cafe Bar, 44 - 46 The Broadway, Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

Thank you for your correspondence of 28th November 2024, advising me of a planning application for the variation of Condition 2 of planning application 08/03019/FUL to allow to open extra hour on Friday and Saturday to 2:30 am 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 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 aim to achieve healthy, inclusive, and safe places which are safe and accessible, so that crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion – for example through the use of attractive, well-designed, clear, and legible pedestrian and cycle routes, and high-quality public space, which encourage the active and continual use of public areas.

The level of crime and anti-social behaviour in the Mid Sussex district is below average when compared with the rest of Sussex, as indicated within Police.uk. There have been a small number of incidents reported to the Police during the last 12 months around the above location. I have no major concerns with the proposals at the location, however, additional measures to mitigate against any identified local crime trends and site-specific requirements should always be considered and I would like to raise the following observations.

Condition 2 of planning application 08/03019/FUL states.

The forecourt shall not be used for the sale and consumption of food and drink except between the hours of 06:00am to 00:00am Mondays to Thursdays, 06:00am to 00:00am Friday and Saturday and 10:00 am to 00:00 am Sundays

Reason: To protect the amenities of the occupiers of the adjacent properties and to comply with Policy B3 and B23 of the Mid Sussex Local Plan.

Mr A Watt
Planning Officer
Planning Services Division
Mid Sussex District Council

This application is requesting to open an extra hour on Friday and Saturday to 2:30 am at the above location

Condition 2 of planning application 08/03019/FUL clearly states.

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Therefore, if the applicant is seeking an extra hour on Friday and Saturday evenings. The planning application description should read, *requesting to open extra hour on Friday and Saturday to 01:00.*

I have consulted with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team and the Sussex Police Licensing Department regarding this application. Both of which have raised no major concerns at this stage.

I would ask that full consideration is given to the potential for additional noise levels that will occur into the early hours of the following morning for the immediate and surrounding residents given that this application is requesting to extend the forecourt's existing outside usage.

Reason, in order to protect the amenities of the occupiers of the adjacent properties and to comply with Policy B3 and B23 of the Mid Sussex Local Plan.

Should the application be changed to, requesting to open an extra hour on Friday and Saturday to 01:00. Sussex Police would not have any objection from a crime prevention perspective subject to my above observations, concerns and recommendations having been given due consideration.

I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment.

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.

