



Local Policing Service Improvement & Engagement Department

Your Ref: LU/119/26/S73 Our Ref: LM/ARU/26/07A Date: 16th June 2026
Contact Name: Lee Melbourne

Dear Mr Chalk,

RE: Cassino Slots 48-50 High Street Littlehampton BN17 5ED

Thank you for your correspondence of the 16th of June 2026, advising me of a planning application for the Variation of Condition 3 imposed under LU/249/19/PL relating to hours of operation at the above location, for which you seek advice from a crime prevention viewpoint.

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.

Although the level of crime and anti-social behaviour in the Arun District is average as indicated within Police.uk additional measures to mitigate against any identified local crime trends and site-specific requirements should always be considered.

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.

I note that this planning application is seeking permission to vary the hours to midnight daily, and proposes to amend condition 3 to read:

'The use hereby permitted shall be open to the public 09:00 to 00:00 hours (midnight) - Monday to Sunday'.

Mr Chalk
Planning Officer
Planning Control
Arun District Council

Previously the application was approved under the following wording:

The use hereby permitted shall be open to the public 09:00 to 21:00 hours - Monday to Saturday and 10:00 - 18:00 hours Sunday and Bank Holidays

Reason: To protect the amenity of local residents in accordance with Policy QE DM1 and D DM1 of the Arun Local Plan.

My main concern with this application is the extension of hours.

Whilst I am pleased to note the robust management plans in place – an increase in hours will mean additional footfall until the early hours 7 days a week and the potential for the amenity of the local surrounding community cannot be overlooked.

Should this planning application be approved – a large degree of sensitivity will be required to make sure the local community **are not** unduly disturbed, and it will therefore be a matter for the applicant to ensure that this is managed in the most appropriate manner.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to offer comments in response.

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

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Dear Planning,
Please find consultee comments as requested on the above application.
Kind regards,
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