

GORING RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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WORTHING LOCAL PLAN

Goring Residents' Association is a well-established resident's membership organisation (founded in 1944). About 25% of Goring residents are members. One of our aims is to preserve and enhance the amenities of Goring.

GORING STRATEGIC GAP - South and North (known as Chatsmore Farm)

The Goring Residents' Association (GRA) welcomes the Worthing Borough Council's decision to designate and provide protection to the Goring-Ferring strategic gap. We also thank them for recognising the input from the GRA who provided documented information to make these areas a Local Green Space (2.60/2.69/2.73). The request for this was formally presented to WBC in June 2014.

The GRA will gladly support WBC's belief that -

- These Local Gaps (SP5) are important in preserving Worthing's character and identity by preventing settlement coalescence
- These Local Gaps (SP5) are the only part of the undeveloped coastline between Littlehampton and Roedean which provides a visual connection between the undeveloped coastline and the South Downs National Park
- The Local Gap (North) (SP5) has substantial ecological value with rare and protected birds and bats
- These Local Gaps (SP5) offer people leisure activities which promote health and well-being in our community
- These Local Gaps (SP5) have informal footpaths that allow locals and visitors to walk and exercise their dogs.
- These Local Gaps become designated as a Local Green Space (SP6) which will help protect this area for future generations
- This Local Gap (SP5) and Local Green Space (SP6) is valued for its historic association, views, wildlife and bird-watching, black skies to enjoy stargazing and tranquillity which is not found in other parts of Worthing due to it being built up.
- This Local Green Space (SP6) is a valued place for relaxation and exercise

The GRA would not support, at this time, approval for any structures associated with any informal or formal recreation activities which could damage qualities for which the Local Gap and Local Green Space is valued.

The Greensward - Village Green status (CP8)

The GRA note the WBC recognises the demand for parks and open spaces. With reference to this commitment, the GRA request that specific recognition of the Goring Greensward's Village Green status with its associated legal protection is identified in the plan

The Coastline (CP13)

The GRA is concerned that the natural coastline with its associated vistas and access to views are protected for the enjoyment of Worthing Residents and visitors. This not only enhances the wellbeing of residents and visitors, it is also a causal factor in people choosing to live in and visit Worthing and a major contributor to the local economy.

The GRA would definitely object should WBC continue with their plans on increasing the beach huts from George V to Sea Lane Café.

Worthing Leisure Centre, Shaftsbury Avenue (AOC4)

HMRC Offices, Barrington Road (AOC5)

Martlets Way (AOC6)

At this time, until detailed plans are available, the GRA will neither support nor object to potential development for Worthing Leisure Centre, HMRC offices or Martlets Way. However, we ask the Council to ensure

- A cohesive plan between these areas
- No high rise buildings which overshadow existing residential properties
- Junction improvements at Barrington Road/Shaftsbury Avenue
- Junction improvements from the leisure centre to Shaftsbury Avenue
- Junction improvements on the Martlets Way development
- Adequate onsite parking for residents, workers and those using leisure facilities
- Employment units will not impinge on local residents with noise or pollution
- Adequate amenities such as schooling, doctors, transportation links etc., are considered prior to any regeneration taking place

Brooklands Recreation Area (SP5) and (SP6)

The GRA will definitely support WBC with their plans on making Brooklands Park into a Local Green Gap and Local Green Space

The GRA would like to thank Worthing Borough Council for their continued commitment to Goring and with the things that the residents hold dear and what makes Goring - Goring.

Yours faithfully

Eleanor Millward

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for and on behalf of the GRA committee