

I am the Chairman of the Goring Residents' Association which represents 1800 residents in the Goring Ward. On their behalf we wish to **OBJECT** to the erection of more beach huts along the promenade between George V and the Sea Lane Café.

### **Obstruction of Sea Views**

- The erection of additional beach huts along our beautiful coastline which will block the wonderful wide ranging views enjoyed by millions of visitors and residents alike. They will destroy the pleasures of the iconic walk along the promenade from the Pier to Sea Lane Cafe.
- There are many 'memorial' seats to sit on and enjoy the calming views between the existing huts that the sea provides. If more huts are built, the only view from these seats will be the back of a hut.
- The Worthing Local Plan states that visitors to the area are extremely important to the town's income. Any additional beach huts will spoil enjoyment of sea views and walk, and could impact negatively on visitor numbers and the well-being of the local population
- We object strongly to the Goring-by-Sea promenade being made 'not fit for purpose' so that the money raised by selling the beach hut plots can be used to add only a few additional huts to the Worthing area.

### **Existing Beach Huts**

- The existing beach huts are underutilised and some poorly maintained.
- We don't want a 'shanty town' on our beautiful beach for the benefit of a few people and extra revenue for the Council.
- The Council need to enforce maintenance standards more rigorously with those already in situ before any thoughts of increasing beach hut numbers.

### **Local Facilities**

#### **Room for All**

- The Greensward is a very favourable place for kite/wind surfers, families, game playing and picnicking.
- The erection of more huts will encourage more cars to the area. This will reduce easy access to the Greensward, which in turn will increase the parking in Marine Crescent, Marine Drive and nearby roads to the detriment of local council rate payers.

#### **Toilets**

- There is one toilet near George V and a small block of toilets by Sea Lane Café.
- This is already insufficient for visitors and local residents, and therefore any additional large numbers of huts would add further inconvenience

#### **Local facilities**

- There are no immediate local facilities on or near to the promenade
- Most hut users would be self-sufficient and not give any financial benefit to the local retail area, except Sea Lane Café and fish monger
- This could see a reduced foot fall from local residents who could not park or use their catering facilities
- We feel that regular attendees are more beneficial to the area than occasional visitors

### **Due Diligence - Is it both Legal and Ethical?**

- Worthing Council has submitted the planning applications, Worthing Council is to hear them, and Worthing Council will benefit from the full financial gain if the applications are approved
- In these circumstances, we do not consider that Worthing Council will take 'proper care and attention' to ensure that objections are taken fully into consideration when the applications are heard.

### **According to the Joint Committee Report - October 18**

- It is our understanding from the Joint Committee report of the 18<sup>th</sup> October, that should Phase 1 of an additional 8 huts in Goring be agreed, a review could take place. That could then enable further phases to be implemented without further planning applications for an additional 86 beach huts between George V Avenue and Sea Lane Café.
- According to this report there are already 288 beach huts along the George V Avenue to Sea Lane Café stretch adding a further 94 would bring a total of 382 beach huts along this short stretch of coastline alone.
- According to this report there are already 94 beach huts along the George V Avenue to Clarence Court with 72 additional huts planned which will bring the total in that stretch to 192.
- The distance from George V Avenue to Clarence Court is much longer than from George V Avenue to Sea Lane Café and yet proportionally will have less disturbance.

## **WE OBJECT TO PHASE 1 AND ANY OTHER PHASES FOR ADDITIONAL BEACH HUTS BETWEEN GEORGE V AVENUE AND SEA LANE CAFÉ**

**Eleanor Millward**

**Chairman**

**For and on behalf of Goring Residents' Association**