

Planning Application : AWDM/0169/17

Retention of use of land for the temporary relocation of plant hire business (Rabbit Waste Management Ltd) with re-contouring of site and temporary storage of empty skips and containers on north part of site and storage, refuelling and cleaning of plant vehicles on western part for a period of up to two years (retrospective) with vehicular access from Martlets Way (retrospective).

Goring Residents' Association **opposes this planning application** and submits the following:

### About us

Goring Residents' Association is a well-established 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.

### Basis of our objection

#### Noise and Disturbance

About 20 residential properties are directly adjacent to the site. The land is being used for storage of empty skips and contractor's heavy duty plant that is available for hire. Collection and return of these items requires use of heavy duty lorries and low-loaders. Residents have reported this activity starting as early as 6am whilst nearby residents (in many cases families) are asleep. Skip-carrying lorries and low-loaders have noisy engines as do excavators and other plant hire equipment which has to be loaded/unloaded.

The noise and smell of plant hire vehicles being cleaned and refuelled in close proximity to houses and gardens is inconsistent with a residential community.

#### Access

Access to the site is via Mulberry Lane and the Martlets Trading Estate. Neither road is designed for large low loaders carrying assorted diggers and other heavy duty vehicles which generate noise, dust and vibrations.

#### Use of the site that is out of character with the area

Goring is a community of tidy, organised buildings and open spaces. This site, as recently viewed and currently used, is the only area of land in the community that is an eyesore.

The area is adjacent to numerous residential properties constructed before the site was occupied by the current tenants. Residents have had no 'say' until now on whether they wanted to look out over assorted skips, diggers and excavators parked or stored in a field.

#### Future planned use

Worthing Borough Plan is expected to propose that the land is developed as an extension of the neighbouring trading estates. These well maintained and much sought after estates already provide many employment opportunities. The land owners could be encouraged to immediately start developing long term plans for the site.

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