

APP/M3835/W/21/3281813

I Grant Ring would like to make the following statement in regards to planning appeal APP/M3835/W/21/3281813 I feel that during the course of the information presented so far at the appeal facts and information for the inspector from the public's point of view has been missed. I will try and attend to make this statement but due to work commitments I don't think it will be possible.

Development proposal

A lot has been made by the appellant that building a housing estate will not affect the views in the area both from south of the site looking up towards the national park and from the A259 and high downhill looking towards the sea.

The fact that on two sides the site is surrounded overwhelmingly by bungalows seem to have been left out by the appellant the area of the site is located in a part of Goring and Ferring that is mainly bungalows and is known for being such and hence why people move to the area so building a housing estate right in the middle would not be in keeping with the area at all.

The second point that seem to get a lot of discussion was if this is an indent or a gap the only facts that should be considered here is what is it known as locally and we the residents of Adur and Worthing know it as the Goring Gap due to its size and presents in the area. if it was an indent it would be a much smaller area of land and not so vast and open.

Traffic and road change proposal

Traffic flows and queues were discussed in length and as a member of the public watching I could not believe how far from reality these simulations were and how much information was not provided to the inspector.

Let's start with the simulations as is now these do not in any way reflect the levels of traffic and queues that local residents have to sit in at present they fall far short of the disruption experienced during the peak periods in the simulations there were also cars hitting each other and taking the wrong lane for the roundabouts so hardly reflective of traffic flows.

If a resident from the local area working in say Haywards Heath, Burgess Hill or another part of Sussex or Surrey and would need to travel home via the A27 the inspector has not been provided with the current level of disruption and traffic hold up just to make it back to this area.

To trip from Burgess Hill down the A27 you would be held up at the Shoreham Fly over and Sussex Pad (This is currently and before 600 houses currently being built come online) then again at Lancing Manor roundabout moving along to being held up at Ilyons Farm and again

at Thomas and becket traffic lights and finally beheld up from southern Water building to the Northbrook roundabout (Cross ways roundabout) these are significant hold ups and traffic jams that you would only know about if you have the experience of commuting.

The appellant feels a change at the crossway's roundabout will make all the difference but what they did not say it's that to achieve what they are proposing they will need to compulsory purchase land off local residents as there is no space to add lanes at that roundabout (Please can the inspector make a visit to this roundabout during his site visit)

We were even told by the appellants witness that the removal of the bridge that is used daily by hundreds of college students and school child to safely cross the 50-mph dual carriage way would be replaced by a traffic crossing the bridge has had zero young children or college students harmed by a car the same cannot be said for a traffic crossing more so on a 50-mph dual carriage way.

Any extra traffic would place even greater pressure on this area that is already saturated with traffic jams.

The appellants witness made a great deal of making that point that the traffic simulations don't include a human element and people with local knowledge would take a different route what he did not know as he is not local is the reason we don't take other routes is because it would take even longer than using the A259 he also made a point that the right turn out of Goring Street onto the A259 heading towards the south was dangerous I have never seen an accident at this junction as local residents don't often make a right turn as if you live in Goring Street and want to go South you go South on Goring Street and then left on Goring Way to get to the A259 as it would take longer to make a right turn if you went north.

Site Area

The local residents put a very high value of this area there had been not to my knowledge any planning application that has come even close to getting 500 objections let alone well over 1000 as this application had and these were not just people filling in an online objection but older residents taking the time to hand write letters of objection.

We value this space so highly because it does indeed provide a much-needed Gap in the developments between Going and Ferring and a close by area for a walk, bike ride or run With fantastic views of the national park and high downhill if it was not so highly thought of the objections would be far less in the 10s not 1000s

The land is also often used by the Air ambulance to land if one is required in this area so a vital resource for them.

There is also the view from Singleton Crescent that all residents will lose we purchased properties for that view and not to have to block by a unnecessary housing estate

We also do not want a president set that Grade 1 farming land can be built on over brown filed sites and other redevelopment opportunities in the area this area will always have a housing shortly due to the sea to the South and Downs to the North and that does not mean every green space in-between should be built on the current resident's well-being should be considered fully.

Doctors / Dentist and Schools

I have lived at my address for over 8 years I still am unable to obtain a local NHS dentist and I try every month to find openings my children have been placed in a non-catchment school as Goring by Sea Primary was fully allocated and Doctors it's very hard to get an appointment due to the number of patients they have on their books so the appellant is negligent to even propose build here knowing that new residents will not be able to access these services unless they are willing to build and fully fund there for 10 years

Public transport

The appellant makes a big deal of this being located next to Goring Train station what they fail to mention is a season ticket to London is over £5k and the trains 9 times out of 10 will be late during the peak periods again they would know this is they had been commuting the route so it's not a viable travel choice.

Appellants bad faith

The appellants held towns halls in Worthing to consult with residents about their plans They made it clear in these meetings should the council refuse this they would not appeal and once and for all leave the site alone they have broken this promise to the local residents and there only goal is to make profit for the company they don't care about the local environment of the local residents and how this will affect them and seemingly the residents that will have to live on their housing estate.

If the inspector should find that he needs to approve this proposal despite the objections and local residents' feelings. I request that the following restrictions be put on the approval

- 1) All builds to be no more than 1 story high to be innkeeping the with bungalows it will be situated next too**
- 2) All traffic mitigations and land required for them must be purchased and completed before any building work is allowed on the site. To ensure these will be completed**
- 3) The Land north of the rife is restricted from being built on for a period of 100 years**
- 4) The other Gaps in the area are projected from development and this does not set a president**
- 5) Access be provided from the housing estate to the A259 as well as the goring road So, there are two entrances and exits from the site**