

67 Sword Street
Goring by Sea
Worthing
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Dear Sir

Re Planning Reference: AWD/0628/26

I am in receipt of your letter concerning the above planning application.

We are residents at the above property which we purchased from Bellway, completing then moving in at the start of April 2025.

The initial phase is nearing completion but we have yet to see the impact of the occupancy of both the McCarthy Stone home and the blocks of flats which have yet to be started between the entrance and McCarthy Stone.

As things stand at this time there is a serious issue which I had contacted WSCC about but was rebuffed as no current reports of incidents, this concerns the access and egress point from Barrington Road at its junction with Shaftesbury Avenue and the ONLY road access into the entire development where Sword Street joins Barrington Road.

The latter is a tight junction and with parked cars opposite the exit point it poses a real risk of collision. Larger vehicles have difficulty negotiating the entrance, in the main due to cars parked 'legally' opposite it.

In addition the junction with Shaftesbury Avenue is again a very tight junction. Shaftesbury Avenue has had a 'turn right' lane implemented for some time when turning right into Barrington Road travelling from the north in Shaftesbury Avenue.

This lane is far too narrow and if you occupy it in a standard car you compromise traffic from the south, especially buses and larger vehicles as there is not sufficient 'safe' room in the lanes. The only option of to keep further to the left that then blocks traffic southbound in Shaftesbury Avenue. Turning left out of Barrington Road means you are 'pushed into the line' of oncoming vehicles turning right from the right turn lane.

With an increase of the vehicular movement, which is all forced out of the Sword Street junction and mostly using the Barrington Road/Shaftesbury Avenue junction, once the outstanding development is completed and then adding a further 123 homes (much larger than initially indicated) using the same access the junction will be a black spot in waiting.

In my view this needs to be addressed at an early stage and any alteration to those junctions being paid for by the applicant for development, not from local residents via Council Tax at a later date. I would consider a mini roundabout, maybe linked to a second mini roundabout at the Leisure Centre entry junction would deliver a far safer and 'future proofed' road layout.

We have had 18 months of occupation in our property and been subject to terrible dusty conditions meaning the house is constantly filthy inside and out.

We have to have windows closed at the front almost all the time. Ingress of the dust is clearly a serious health and safety issue for anyone with respiratory issues.

Our cars are permanently covered in a thick layer of dust hours after being washed. I have contacted Bellway and their response is a wetting down in dry

conditions, at most 3 times a day and street sweeping once a day. This they regularly fail to comply with and in any event still makes little difference.

We have had extended periods of 7 day working since being here. Access to the works site is a few doors from our house, it appears the new proposals will mean we have several more years to suffer from the same problems.

In addition contractor vehicles from Articulated to fixed wheelbase are in and out all day- we have constant noise disruption from vehicle 'movement alarms' throughout the working day. Some of the vehicles are unable to negotiate the bends resulting in damaged kerbstones and paving.

The roads on the current development have not been 'final surfaced', there are large concrete or tarmac ramps to each driveway, some too steep for a small or low hung vehicle. There is one extremely deep manhole cover which is a danger to drivers- this has been left for the whole summer, when full of water it will only be identified when you hit it.

There appears no reason the roads on the initial development cannot be now 'final surfaced' as any excuse about heavy plant 'fails' as the same plant has to be driven into the development on other residential roads already. (Barrington Road is now in a poor state of repair with a few potholes filled)

We have heard nothing from Bellway to indicate their intentions regarding this application, completion of roads and lighting. They have also failed to indicate how the new development construction would be managed.

Will they start where the current development ends and withdraw finally via Martlets Way or vice versa? This would have a big impact on our continued sufferance of dirt, mess and noise if it was the latter. As access to the Commercial Development would require suitable access for larger vehicles it would seem a more logical 'withdrawal point'. If completed to withdraw through Sword Street and the current development where would all the construction materials and equipment be stored once the last properties are in construction? Where would construction staff park?

In short, we do not oppose to the development but to suffer several more years of dust, noise and disruption beyond what we have already is not really what we signed up for when moving to our new house to enjoy a peaceful retirement.

Yours Faithfully

Michael (and Anne) Curtis