



Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 18/08/2026 6:36 PM from Mr Malcolm Cobden.

Application Summary

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Address: Land Between Sword Street And Martlets Way Worthing West Sussex

Proposal: Full planning application for a mixed-use development comprising 123 dwellings and commercial floorspace together with associated parking, landscaping, open space and drainage [Land at Durrington Gasworks]

Case Officer: Giles Holbrook

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Malcolm Cobden

Email:

Address: 5 Neptune Road Goring Worthing West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

- Design
- Highway Access and Parking
- Overdevelopment
- Trees and Landscaping

Comments: Three important points to note for the comments below.

- Sword Street was never planned / designed for more traffic, it was for the existing Elizabeth Square estate.
- On the east end of Sword Street there is a 90 degree blind bend, as well as a 90 degree blind entrance from Barrington Road.
- There is a young children's playground on Sword Street which is actively used.

Following the initial consultation at the sports centre, the understanding was that the new build (phase 2) would be accessed via Martlets Way/ Woods Way. Sword Street really cannot cope with more traffic and it isn't acceptable that building traffic will continue to use this road for several more years.

There is a commercial estate on Martlets Way, so it is ideally suited for construction traffic access for phase 2.

If they create an entrance via Martlets Way / Woods Way, any direct road connection between the Martlets Way / Woods Way phase 2 houses road and Sword Street will quickly cause Sword Street to become a "rat run" for the all the people of Goring and West Durrington getting to Shaftesbury Avenue (bypassing Goring Road and the Shaftesbury Avenue traffic lights). This cannot be allowed to happen.

Access to the phase 2 housing should not put extra strain on Sword Street For the reasons given above - this is an accident waiting to happen.

The completion of phase 1 will require full landscaping lighting, and finishing of road surfaces etc. This has not yet happened and must not be delayed or later undone by the introduction of phase 2.
