**DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING**
**TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2008**

**APPLICATION NO. WB/07/1511/FULL**

**28 MARINE DRIVE WORTHING WEST SUSSEX**

**DEMOLITION OF 28 AND 30 MARINE DRIVE AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE WITH A BLOCK OPF 8 FLATS WITH ASSPOCIATION LANDSCAPING AND UNDERGROUND PARKING**

**REPRESENTATIONS BY ROSEMARY HENSBY, LOCAL RESIDENT**

It is accepted by everyone that this site is in an important, highly visible prominent and sensitive location and also that there is considerable local opposition to the Application.. It is unsatisfactory that although there have been detailed consultations with the officers on the design, civic groups and residents whom you represent have not been consulted on the design, or indeed, any other aspect of the Application.

At the last meeting the Application was rejected by you. Since then there have been only minor amendments to that Application and the original objections remain valid. Apart from vested interests, there is, as far as I am aware, no local support for this Application and a huge groundswell of opposition.

According to the Council's Local Plan, this site is in an area which is not characteristic of seafront locations, comprising instead inter and post-war residential development. This aspect of the Local Plan has been ignored by the Officers and the Applicant, who frequently refer and seek to rely on the comparison with other seaside locations in recommending and seeking your approval to this development.

The Application is contrary to several of your policies, but particularly CT3 in that it is not in sympathy with, and does not reflect the appearance of the local character of the area. It is inappropriate to its location in terms of density, scale, height, massing appearance, building materials, orientation, layout and siting both in relation to the street scene, Goring Hall Estate and adjoining buildings. This Application seeks to change the entire character of the area.

You are the elected representatives of the residents of Worthing and have the power, backed by your own policies, to reject this inappropriate application and you are urged to do so. In refusing the Application, you are asked to recommend that the developer consults with local residents and other concerned organisations before any further Application is submitted so that hopefully any future application will seek to retain the character of the area and will meet the concerns of local residents.