

Ward: all

Outcome of VIBE Consultations.

Report by the Executive Head of Leisure & Cultural Services.

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 The report gives the Cabinet details of the outcome of the consultation exercises in the Autumn edition of VIBE magazine.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Autumn issue of VIBE magazine was distributed during the period commencing 20th October 2008 and contained three consultations on elections, cycling on the promenade, and proposals for a play area on the greensward at Goring; this report deals with the last two of those listed. Additionally both of the questionnaires were available for completion via the Council's website. The consultations were closed on 12th December 2008. This report gives details of the outcome of the consultations dealing with cycling and the proposed play area.
- 2.2 It is important at the outset to re-state that the purpose of these exercises was consultation to seek the views of the public; they were not intended and were not designed to be referenda where the number of 'votes' decides the outcome.
- 2.3 Whilst the consultation on the issue of cycling has been carried out without any problems and the outcome can be relied upon as giving a reasonable view of the public's thoughts on the matter, the consultations on the play proposals for Goring greensward became very highly charged and there is some evidence of concerted efforts to distort the outcome (see later in the report), and so Cabinet must give consideration to the extent to which they can assume the views expressed and the outcome can be relied upon.

3.0 Cycling on the Promenade.

- 3.1 The consultation on cycling on the promenade was required to support the Council's proposals to introduced mixed cycling/pedestrian use of the promenade from Splash point to George V Avenue, and in particular to support an application to DCLG to change the bylaws, which as currently framed would support the introduction of a cycle lane, but not shared or mixed use as now envisaged. A copy of the consultation questionnaire is included as Appendix 1 to this report.

- 3.2 The results of the consultation are given at Appendix 2 to this report. The outcome very strongly supports the Cabinet's proposal to introduce cycling on the promenade but is less helpful with the current preference, which is to seek to introduce shared pedestrian/cyclist use of the promenade from Splash point to George V Avenue.
- 3.3 Earlier consultation carried out as part of the wider Masterplan consultation was ambiguous on the issue of mixed use, although the results, taken together with the outcome of this latest consultation exercise can reasonably be relied upon to support allowing cycling on the promenade, but the Cabinet is asked to re-state or rescind its preference for shared un-segregated use.
- 3.4 There is considerable evidence, not least from the cycle lane east of Splash Point and similar situations elsewhere, to support the mixed use approach.

4.0 Goring greensward – Proposed Play Area

- 4.1 As referred to above the consultation over the proposed introduction of a play area on Goring greensward, agreed as part of the Play Strategy, has proved to be highly charged. The different 'sides' have equally strongly held views and the outcome of the Council's consultation exercise, shown in detail in Appendix 3, is relatively finely balanced.
- 4.2 In addition to the Vibe consultation the questionnaire has, as indicated above, also been available for completion via the Council's website. Also, considerable correspondence has been received over the period of the consultation.
- 4.3 A summary of the comments received in the written submissions/letters is given in Appendix 4.
- 4.4 As indicated earlier in the report this particular consultation has become highly charged and emotive. Details of the issues of concern that are raised by apparent irregularities are given in Appendix 5. The report seeks to draw no conclusion from this, but obviously the Cabinet will need to take this into account when determining how much weight to give to the responses.
- 4.5 As far as was practically possible all of those who had written to the Council prior to the consultation exercise raising concerns over the play proposals were notified of the consultation and should therefore have had ample opportunity to express their views.
- 4.6 Petitions
- 4.6.1 Three petitions have been received, one conducted by the Goring Residents Association (GRA), a second also opposed to the play area signed by 7 people, and one by the Goring-by-Sea Action Childsplay group.
- 4.6.2 The petition undertaken by the GRA contains, according to the Association, c. 2000+ signatures and is in opposition to the proposal to place children's play equipment on the greensward.

- 4.6.3 The title-page to the GRA petition is shown at Appendix 6 for Members information. The petition suggests that the proposal is part of a wider provision planned for the site, which is misleading; the Council has no such plans.
- 4.6.4 It has not been possible to check whether any of the signatories of the petition are the same people as those who have already responded to the Vibe consultation.
- 4.6.5 Members will need to consider this petition and the weight that it should be given to it within the consultation process.
- 4.6.6 The petition submitted by the Goring-by-Sea Action Childsplay group represents the views of c. 250 people and the title-page is shown at Appendix 7.

4.7 Correspondence.

- 4.7.1 A considerable amount of correspondence had been received before, throughout and after the Vibe consultation exercise. Although that received before and after has not been counted in the statistics the broad content of all letters has been summarised to provide the best possible information for Members on which they can base their decision. This is shown at Appendix 4.

4.8 Consultation Proposals

- 4.8.1 The consultation options and proposals were developed by officers based upon initial feedback from both OSC and Cabinet meetings at which the proposal was discussed and ultimately approved as part of the Play Strategy, together with early views expressed by the public.
- 4.8.2 Initial feedback suggested that provision for younger children would be favoured over such items as fitness provision and youth shelters, so these were excluded from the proposal.
- 4.8.3 Much of the area of greensward to the West of Sea Lane Café is covered by covenants, and although external solicitors have advised the Council that it is unlikely that they would prevent a proposal for the provision of children's play equipment from going ahead, officers concluded that there was little point in setting up a potential obstacle which could easily be avoided by focusing the site options in the area to the East of Sea Lane.
- 4.8.4 The three site options proposed were considered the least likely to cause problems, as they were away from adjacent residents, near footpath links and could utilise natural land profiles to enhance the play experience for children.
- 4.8.5 The equipment shown in the Vibe proposals was entirely indicative as the consultation makes clear.

4.9 Alternative Locations

- 4.9.1 If the Cabinet are minded to give initial consideration to alternative locations, then Appendix 8 gives an overview of other Council owned sites that might be used.

4.9.2 Appendix 9 shows a plan taken from the Consultants report which underpins the Play Strategy showing existing play areas and their spheres of influence.

5.0 Legal

5.1 The Council has the power to provide the play area and implement the cycling proposals under s.19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

6.0 Financial implications

6.1 There are no new direct financial implications arising from this report.

7.0 Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended to:-

7.1 Note the outcome of the consultation exercises.

7.2 Ask Officers to continue to work towards the implementation of a trial cycle route on the promenade between Splash Point and George V Avenue,

7.3 Re-state or rescind the preference for shared pedestrian/cyclist use of the promenade as defined in the report as soon as is practically possible.

7.4 Consider whether, in the light of the outcome of the consultation on the proposed Goring greensward play area, the play area should be progressed, and if so, agree the location.

7.5 Depending upon the decision in respect of 7.3 above to ask officers either, to progress the play area in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Clean and Green Environment, or to prepare a further report on the options in relation to the BIG Lottery grant for this project and the alternatives that may be available.

7.6 If necessary agree to formally vary the Play Strategy accordingly by deleting this project from the list of schemes to be pursued and rescinding the approval for officers to progress the scheme given at its meeting on 21st January 2008.

Local Government Act 1972

Background Papers:

Seafront Cycling – Worthing Promenade – report to Cabinet 16th June 2008

Play, Play Strategy and BIG Lottery fund/grant reports to OSC and Cabinet dated 14th & 18th June 2007 and 21st January 2008.

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Schedule of other matters

1.0 Council Priority

1.1 There is no specific Council Priority covering these consultation exercises.

2.0 Specific Action Plans

2.1 The proposed installation of the play area on Goring greensward is covered by the schedule submitted to the BIG Lottery fund

2.2 There are no other specific action plans relating to issues covered within the report

3.0 Sustainability Issues

3.1 The support and indeed promotion of cycling as a sustainable method of transport, and a healthy active leisure pursuit is a legitimate role for the Council.

4.0 Equality Issues

4.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

5.0 Community Safety issues (Section 17)

5.1 The consultation on the proposed play area has raised issues about whether the play area, if implemented, would generate anti-social behaviour and vandalism.

6.0 Human Rights Issues

6.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

7.0 Reputation

7.1 The Council's reputation can only be enhanced by undertaking such thorough community consultation on matters such as those under consideration.

8.0 Consultations

8.1 The report is fundamentally about full, open consultation.

9.0 Risk assessment

9.1 There are no new risks relevant to this report.

10.0 Health & Safety Issues

10.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

11.0 Procurement Strategy

11.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

12.0 Partnership working

12.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

Cycling on the Promenade – Consultation Questionnaire

1. Do you support the principle of cyclists being permitted to use the promenade?

Yes No

2. Would you prefer the use to be freely shared, or would you prefer a designated cycle lane [please tick].

Shared unsegregated use Designated Cycle Lane

3. How often do you cycle?

3 or more times a week 1-2 times a week 1-2 times a month Less than once a month Never

4. Would you use the proposed new cycle route?

Yes No

5. If you answer above was “yes”, for which journeys would you use the route?

Journeys to work.....
Journeys to school.....
Journeys to the local shops or town centre.....
Journeys for leisure/recreation purposes.....
Journeys to attractions such as the Pavilion Theatre.....
Other (please specify).....

6. Into which age category would you place yourself?

0-19 20-39 40-59 60-79 80+

7. Do you have any other comments that you would like the Council to consider?

You do not have to complete this, but it might help if we need to contact you if you complete the following:

Name.....

Address..... Postcode.....

Email (if available).....

You can complete this questionnaire online at cycling@worthing.gov.uk or cut out and send this to:

Worthing Borough Council
Freepost BR1575
Town Hall
Chapel Road
Worthing
West Sussex
BN11 1SB

Cycling on the Promenade – Consultation Outcome

Cycling Consultation Returns
(Integrated Website and Vibe Consultation results)

For	1,639
Against	252
Don't Know (No Response to Q1)	13

Total Responses Received = 1,904

% for = 86.08
 % against = 13.24
 % Don't Know = 0.68

Question 2	Number	Percentage
Shared un-segregated use	698	38
Designated cycle lane	1115	62

Responses to Questions 3 – 7 in the consultation Questionnaire

In light of the overwhelmingly positive response to the consultation a detailed analysis of the comments received is not given in this report. The responses can be supplied upon request.

Goring Greensward Playground Consultation

Vibe Magazine Consultation Returns

For	294
Against	293
Don't Know (No Response to Q1)	1

Notes:-

- A total of 45 (44 against and 1 for the scheme) photocopies received, three of which are known to be duplicates of a completed original

Website On Line Consultation Returns

For	200
Against	168
Don't Know (No Response to Q1)	12

Notes:-

- A variety of duplicate returns were detected via a reality check. An email was sent to email addresses submitted with the application to a random sample of senders. A total of 12 email addresses used were found to be false and a further five were suspicious.
- Duplicate emails in the online responses have been noted from the same named person.
- Personal and work emails in the online responses have been noted from the same named person.

Letters/Emails Received

For	11
Against	22
Don't know	3

Notes:-

- Several letters received refer to the questionnaire already submitted by the person submitting a letter/email which suggests that multiple submissions have been made.
- Some letters are either in support of the playground or against the playground but do not specifically relate to the consultation questions.
- Two of the letters received were identical to the petition responses provided by the Goring Residents Association.

Petitions

	No. of Petitions	No. of Signatories
For	1	c. 250
Against	2	2000+

These numbers (signatories from the petitions) have not been entered into the total figures 'for' or 'against' as it is probable that the signatories on either side will have already completed a consultation return. Nevertheless they are drawn to Members attention.

Greensward Playground Proposal Results Analysis

Votes Received	For	Against	Don't Know
Electronic	200	168	12
Paper	294	293	1
Letters/Emails	11	22	3

Total Responses Received = 1,004

Total No. for = 505

Total No. against = 483

Total don't know = 16

% for = 50.30

% against = 48.11

% Don't Know = 1.59

Responses to Questions 2 – 7 in the consultation Questionnaire (In no particular order):-

1	Put it on a Council Estate where children can screech at the top of their voices and not disturb decent people.
2	Goring-by-sea is purely a residential area. The children have got these facilities in Goring Recreation Ground. Spend this money there.
3	5 year olds should be separated from the older children.
4	A & B are not suitable due to kite-surfing & Triathlon etc. please incorporate the themes of wind, water and sun!
5	A brilliant idea!
6	A complete waste of time and money. It will be vandalised within days, just like Tarring.
7	A consultation which allows a choice of only three sites already picked by the council is no "consultation" at all! No one in Goring wants this at all!
8	A fantastic idea & much needed. A separate area for younger children would be good like the Lions Den on Littlehampton sea front. i.e. a play area within a play area.
9	A modern play area is needed in Going. It would be a fantastic and much needed facility for the local children. Presently we have to travel further afield for more modern facilities and it would be superb to be able combine a walk to the beach with a p
10	A more suitable site would be at Marine Parade between George V Ave and Wallace Ave where there is a grass area which is never used and does not interfere with residence or other people already using the Greensward for other leisure time pursuits.
11	A playground is very welcome! I believe the target group for this playground might be too wide! If you want to accommodate younger children, there should be more equipment for them (slide or a seesaw for instance). Children 8 years and up should have a sep
12	A playground on goring green would be a terrible shame. How does this fit with the purpose of the green and benefit anyone? Children already play happily here. Ball games, frisbys, kites... that is what the green is for. Games that can be packed away with

13	A possible disadvantage of site C is that it is less exposed to view and might therefore be more open to possible abuse. It is also furthest away from the car park at sea lane cafe. For those reasons I would suggest A or B. However, option C is likely
14	A seaside playground is much needed in Worthing. Central Worthing playgrounds also need updating.
15	A separate area for children with special needs
16	Absolutely not - an advert for vandals.
17	Almost criminal to use Greensward. Probably undesirables will use or misuse these facilities at night. This is just asking for trouble. Playground totally unnecessary. Please don't ruin this Greensward.
18	Although I support the new playground, there are a few issues that need to be looked at. What will the toilet facilities be? Young children do need toilets near by. What form will the fencing take? The greensward have been the subject of vandalism in the
19	Any area on the Goring Greensward is not suitable for a children's play area. This a family play area which is for all ages. Playing anything from football, cricket to kite flying.
20	Anything to make it less "playgroundy".
21	Anywhere but the Greensward. It will be used by teenagers.
22	Are any children in the area going to be consulted as well as adults? Their views might count for more than the adults after all. It is their environment as much as an adults.
23	Are there any PUBLIC playground facilities in WBC for the DISABLED ? I don't know of any. Please let me know if there are any and where, and if not why not !
24	Are there plans to create a "big kids" and "little kids" area. I'm a mother of little ones and a step-Mum of big ones (who don't live in Worthing). When I visit Victoria Park and Brownswood Park I am very aware that although the play areas there are main
25	Area C is a concern due to number of male "visitors" hanging around the toilet area. Area A is nice & open and can be seen easily for safety purposes.
26	Area c is better because it leaves the main part of this piece of the greensward for present recreational users. Fencing essential to keep out dogs and reinforce the idea that this
27	As a childminder this would be great we spend a lot of time there all year round, when its not raining of course. It will be a good meeting place for us minders, we can spend the whole day there & at no cost to us or the parents. We will not invade peoples
28	As a father of 3 young boys, park facilities are important to us as Worthing offers very little else in the way of family entertainment (personal grievance in respect to the lack of a decent cinema and swimming pools). My only annoyance is when these area
29	As a local resident I think there should be more for children, as the Bull park is a very poor alternative.
30	As a mother of two children who regularly play on the greensward I would like to be contacted regarding this development to which I am strongly opposed.
31	Because of the type of person it may attract at night.
32	Because this will attract older teenagers who will bust/vandalise the facilities and cause noise and nuisance in the area.
33	Better toilet facilities would be nice.
34	Can I suggest a full public consultation; let a user group of children aged 2-13 choose the equipment and plan the layout, so that they take ownership early on to reduce the damage from vandalism? This shouldn't be hard to do.
35	Can only be looked at as positive.
36	Cannot answer all questions as I think the greensward should remain as it is. Children are quite happy playing freely, and have been for many years.
37	child protective gates should be incorporated into the fence design. (ABSOLUTLY NO DOGS)
38	Children do live in Goring.
39	Children need this playground as there is a long walk before you find one currently

40	Choose A as 'C' is too near a corner and too enclose, and may have possible personal safety issues
41	Completely the wrong area of Worthing. Poor public transport access. Vandalism will be worse than ever, as at Tarring. Cost of maintenance will be horrendous.
42	Concerned about vandalism.
43	Consider the evening/night invasion by older people - noise, damage to equipment. We've seen it all before! Any area open to all can be abused and cause endless nuisance to existing local people. Just stop and think what you are doing. Spend this money differently.
44	Consider using part of adjacent car park for a skateboard/bmx ramp or roller skating as this is rarely used by cars due to charges
45	Could the playground lend itself to have a small kiosk for light refreshments, ice cream and tea for the summer season? Also help the costs of playground maintenance.
46	Delighted with the concept of having a children's playground.
47	Different levels of equipment - YES Different levels in ground surface - NO (Not beneficial for young children and safety)
48	Dogs should be banned from the play enclosure to avoid any mess
49	Don't let the Nimby's win!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
50	Don't listen to the grumpy people from the Goring Residents Ass. have they never been young. And by putting it here the kites can still have fun too.
51	Don't listen to the old moaners who hate kids and hate playgrounds! this area is an ideal spot!
52	Don't make it ... this is kitesurfing area .. put it up near the cafe
53	Each area needs to be separate for safety.
54	Electric fence to keep the yobs out.
55	Ensure no dogs can go in the area
56	Excellent idea - we live near the new Tarring park facility and our children love it. it would be great use of the space at Goring and would add to the attraction of this area.
57	Excellent idea, look forward to visiting with my grandchildren. Is it possible to consider some things for children with impaired mobility. They like to play too. Thank you.
58	Fabulous plan very much needed as there are no decent kids climbing and adventure facilities in this part of Worthing - would always prefer to walk to a park rather than drive!
59	Fantastic idea, and a much needed renovation project for that area. It may be wise to bear in mind that kite surfers and kite buggies enjoy using the area too so to keep the area well separated from each other.. Cant wait to play!!
60	Fantastic news. Hope it will be ready for the summer holidays next year.
61	Fantastic Plans. From an OLDIE.
62	Fenced for safety of children
63	Fenced in it may be easier to maintain although plants do look nice. Good luck - Hopefully a couple of teen shelters and the possibility of shelter for rainy days.
64	fenced in to allow kids to be separate from dogs and mums to relax in knowledge kids safe within fences. the seesaw at lancing is on a spring and rotates as well as up n down.
65	Fernhurst Drive or Recreation Ground, south of bridle path.
66	for as many years as we can remember children and families have visited goring green and beach and played happily using there imagination to explore around them in the wonderful space for all to enjoy , a playground should be built away from a main road ,
67	Forget the timber posts or sculptures. Plant small trees instead.
68	Fully support the new playground. The area really needs it.
69	Gathering of louts and noise pollution

70	Go and view the wonderful park facilities in Horsham - something for every age group - Please. Also, we would like facilities for teens in same.
71	Good local toilet facilities would be nice. This would be an amazing fun activity for this age group.
72	Goring Green is a natural playground as it stands. Building on the green would be terrible and ruin the face of the green and area forever. Why change the history of family day outs with buckets and spades and ball games? It is not meant for concrete and
73	Goring greensward is just fine as it is, if another children's play area is required then erect it away from this pleasant grassy area which suits locals and visitors perfectly.
74	Goring Greensward is not a suitable location for a playground as this is an open space currently enjoyed by families who play games together! Another more suitable site should be found, such as Marine Gardens, Beach Gardens, West Park etc etc.
75	Great idea about the playground but more consideration into design please. see previous comments. Cafe close to playground is a great bonus, as are toilet facilities. This would determine whether a lot of people visit it or not, especially with younger children
76	Has anyone in your offices ever been down to the Greensward on a fine day? In summer especially, the whole of the area is choked with back-to-back parked cars. This proposal will SATURATE the area with even more cars. Children will never come by themselves
77	Have you seen the equipment planned in situ after say, a year or two in place. The ridgerider for instance - not so hot when it's old and battered. Buckingham Park Shoreham have one - go have a look. And tell the techy to sort these questionnaire out -
78	Have you thought of using an area near the Town Centre i.e. grass area south of Beach House or the old paddling pool south of the swimming baths which is in need of improvement and would be a good place for such a play area.
79	Having moved to Worthing some 10yrs ago and now having 3 young children this play area is vital to the area and the growing needs of the younger population of Worthing. As a family we tend to spend a lot of time in Brighton parks. where their approach to re
80	How about modernising or extending existing recreation parks in the area? Goring green is a great place to be already. It would be a terrible shame to ruin this landscape. I am shocked that anyone would think that this is necessary and if plans went ahead
81	I agree that Goring needs a new play area (I have young grand-children and so use the existing somewhat restricted facilities in Bull Park.) However, the Greensward is a very special place used by hundreds of families of all ages and should be protected
82	I am 100% behind creating activity areas for children who visit Goring but has anyone considered creating an outside gym for the older members along side so we can all be amused!!!
83	I am a local kite-surfer, and worried that the playground would be a problem if built within area A or B. I live very near the greensward and feel that the play ground would be a huge attraction for Teenagers drinking, taking drugs, graffiti, noise and li
84	I am generally in favour but worry about the vandalism it may attract. I have seen the damage done at Tarring which we enjoy.
85	I appreciate the need for play facilities for children, however I don't think this is the right location. The Crescent area of the Greensward is a reasonably sized area of natural open space, used by a wide variety of people for a wide variety of pastime
86	I cannot leave my comments because the programme says there is insufficient space
87	I cannot support any of the three open sites detailed. The best option is to transform the unused Marine Crescent car park into a playground. This site is screened with tamarisk.
88	I can't believe a playground can be built without disabled accessible equipment, when all housing and other new builds HAVE all sorts of regulations regarding access!

89	I come to Worthing regularly to watch the spectacular kite-surfers I worry this new development could restrict them. I'm told worthing is one of the best spots in the UK as well.
90	I do not wish to have any play area on this Greensward
91	I do not agree that this play site should be sited on the Goring greensward at all, for many reasons detail in a letter.
92	I do not agree with any building on the greensward. The greensward is already a play area for Children and Adults. It should be left as an open facility without permanent equipment. Children and Adults are able to play there as fancy chooses.
93	I do not approve the provision of a playground for Goring but prefer to keep the greensward as an open space
94	I do not support a Greensward location and believe that the addition of such a playground would ruin this open space. This would detract from the natural beauty and peacefulness of the greensward destroying yet another valuable area of free open space
95	I do NOT support this playground. Why can't this piece of land be left as a beautiful unspoilt piece of seafront land to be enjoyed by people who just want to have family fun or sit peacefully and enjoy the view. If you create a playground then parents will not supervise their children.
96	I do not think this is the right place for this project which would take away the widest part of an area already enjoyed by kite flyers, footballers and dog walkers.
97	I do think children need a good play facility in Goring but NOT on the Greensward which is such a quiet, beautiful spot. How about extending the park near The Bull?
98	I don't believe A B or C is the right position. I think the area to the west of sea lane cafe would be better suited. This area is often used by young families for drinks/beach.
99	I don't feel there is a need for a playground because you regularly see families/groups making their own entertainment.
100	I don't think it's right to install any kind of structure on this special area. It should be available for anyone to play sports on this vast grassed area and is an exceptionally good spot for kite flying. I think the amount of noise created from children is a problem
101	I feel it is long overdue that Worthing seafront has a play area. At present there is no play equipment on offer when visiting the seafront. I hope that this project goes ahead soon
102	I feel some form of security at night would be a good idea in light of the problems Sea Lane Cafe used to suffer.
103	I feel strongly that Goring needs a good playground. Children in Goring seem to be invisible to many residents! I have to drive miles for a good playground. My daughter would be thrilled to have one here on the green near the beach. I'm sure it would be very good
104	I feel the Greensward is unsuitable for ANY kind of development, as usual, where would it end?
105	I feel there is not much for the toddler age group and this age would be using the facility a lot during week days.
106	I find it appalling the way this questionnaire is designed that it makes it sound like the council has already decided to put a play park on the Greensward and we get to decide on A B or C. As a resident of Goring and a mother of 2 young children, there
107	I have 2 young myself (4 and 6) and I do not think that this will benefit them in any way. They enjoy the greensward as it is. Also the local council have refused to put in any type of crossing for locals to get to and from the greensward across a very busy
108	I have recently moved to Goring and I have 3 children, aged 12, 9 and 1. I am very disappointed by the lack of playground facilities in my area. If we wish to go to a park, then we need to drive, and even then, there really isn't much choice available.
109	I have two grandchildren aged 6 and 8 and as I live in Goring the playground site will be ideal.
110	I hope it will not be installed. If it is, I will not wish to go to this area again.
111	I like the green how it is! We have fun here with our family and enjoy playing with frisbys

	and kites. It's nice to have a scenic place to escape the built up areas of the town. Recreation areas such as the leisure centre and surrounding greens should fac
112	I live in Alinora Avenue and have small children, however I am 100% opposed to ANY development on the green. The wide open green area at the bottom of Alinora Avenue will be spoilt by a playground at sites A, B or C. Furthermore the proposed playground
113	I live in Alinora Avenue with small children, but I am 100% opposed to any development/playground on the green. It will spoil the lovely wide open space on the green
114	I lived near Homefield Park when the skatepark and cycle lanes were put in. It has changed the park forever. I would not support any change of use for the greensward. It's a very special and unique place. Unless you employ a park warden to supervise t
115	I love the equipment you are going to put in but feel its only beneficial to older children. I would like to see more for the under 5's such as swings, climbing frame & other such eq
116	I note there does not seem to be a provision for suitably supervised toilet facilities. As a grandparent I would love to take advantage of the play area with my grandson when he visits but given the distance from home and the total lack of such facility
117	I really don't care whether it's multi-level or planted. I do care that an awful lot of Council Tax-Payers' money is being wasted by some 'jobsworth' in the "consultation".
118	I really don't think there is a need for a playground in this area. The greensward is used by kite surfers and wind surfers and people playing ball games. Why change it ?
119	I regularly visit this area of the seafront but this equipment would make us go more frequently. There isn't any play equipment in this area so it is greatly needed.
120	I reside in Patricia Ave, I feel strongly about this project. Wooden equipment and planting screen essential. Youths will loiter and vandalise!!!!!!
121	I see no need for a playground so near to the sea when the beach and the greensward have so much to offer already...why take up valuable leisure space used already for picnics, kite flying, ball games and much more..I think that all the sites are grossly un
122	I STRONGLY OPPOSE any building on the greensward whatsoever. It is one of the few open spaces we have left and is enjoyed by both young and old and should be left as such. Surely a more suitable site could be found for the playground - i.e. the Leisure
123	I strongly support this, but please please make sure it is well away form where kitesurfers launch, land and cross the green with their kites to the sea. as if there is a playground in the way of our path to the sea then there is a serous risk of people g
124	I support a play facility, shame its not more central. Not an easy location with frequent transport links.
125	I think all locations are very good but prefer C as it still allows the Kite Surfers to have their fun. Please don't be pressurised into moving the site to a hidden location elsewhere.
126	I think having a play park on Goring Greensward is a fantastic idea and long over due. For years I have wished for a play park within walking distance. I think it will enhance and considerably improve the area and begin to provide a service and healthy re
127	I think it is a great idea, unless vandals ruin it like they have at Tarring Rec and Palatine Park.
128	I think it is a terrible decision to site the playground at this location. The greensward is a unique facility for Worthing residents to come and enjoy free parking and family time without any facilities. PLEASE DON'T DO THIS. Playground should be sited o
129	I think it should be fenced but not too secluded to discourage youths late at night.

130	I think the area should be divided in to sections as it is intended for quite a large age range. I also think the adult exercise area at the Tarring park is fabulous!!
131	I think the Greensward should be left as natural as it is. There are many different places this play area could be sited why here. It will attract vandals after dark, the play equipment will be an eyesore and an intrusion on a natural piece of grass.
132	I think the play ground is sited in entirely the wrong part of Worthing. Most mothers and children would have to travel some distance to use it, probably by car.
133	I think this is a great opportunity to provide much needed play facilities for Goring. Contrary to what the local residents group likes to say there are lots of children including teenagers living in this area.
134	I think this is an excellent idea and fully support the proposal. My children are getting older but when they were toddlers a good local play area was lacking. I have often looked at the play are on Lancing Green and thought how nice that would be for
135	I think this park is going to be hugely popular and get a lot of use. When building I believe it would be wise to allow for future expansion if it does turn out this way. These play items are at hove park and/or Shoreham parks.
136	I think you are taking away something which is very special about the greensward, open space.children and parents already play in this area, with ballgames and picnics. other people also use it for their leisure activities, and I think the area should be left
137	I would like to see a wooden play area. the park by the west pier in Brighton is fantastic and we often have to travel along there as there is nothing like that on our doorstep. St Anneswell park in Hove also has a nice park. the old folk and the children
138	I would prefer to see the green space preserved. If there must be a playground, then site C is the least suitable due to jetskis (must ban jetskis to do playground).
139	I would prefer to see this located in the car park area, which does'nt seem to be fully used rather than on the green.
140	I would support a play area that blended in with the area.
141	Ideal location and what Goring so badly needs!
142	If used, 'Mayflower' must face sea, not Downs as in plan.
143	IF YOU LOOK AT THE PARK AT THE PAVILIONS IN HORSHAM I THINK THIS IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF CHILD FRIENDLY PARKS WITH GREAT EQUIPMENT
144	I'm not sure how much space the playground will take up but our family along with many others use this area for kite flying.
145	In have 2 children, aged 7 and 9, and live on George V Avenue. This would be our closest playarea. There are now many families with young children living in the streets around the Greensward. On consulting the map of Children's Play Areas in Worthing,
146	In my opinion, based on many years experience as Co-ordinator of a service for children with disabilities many of whom are on the Autistic Spectrum, it is ESSENTIAL that the play space is secured so that children cannot run off. There are few places where
147	In order to provide a range of equipment I think climbing frames are essential. (See comments attached.)
148	In this location there is a significant risk that the playground will suffer abuse inflicted by older children that it is not suitable for particularly during the evening/night.
149	Instead of the 3 proposed options - please can we consider replacing the seafront car park which is next to Option C, as a new location for the playarea, together with the bit of green to the east of it. Ever since it became a Play & Display, it is rarely
150	It better happen I am now looking forward but my sister will enjoy it more because i have waited 10 years for a proper park
151	It is a shame to interrupt such a beautifully designed and rare open space. Hide it behind the tamarisks beyond the car park. Were Goring residents consulted?
152	It should also be made user friendly for children with disabilities. i.e. cerebral palsy
153	It should be as far away from the houses as possible.
154	It should stay unspoilt. Waste of ratepayers money

155	It will attract louts. This Greensward gives pleasure already to families. Play Centre NOT necessary.
156	it will simply attract vandalism and rubbish, and become a total eyesore in a beautiful green open space - which is how it should remain. it is criminal to consider putting any man-made items there.
157	It will spoil a beautiful area.
158	It would be abused by undesirable older elements.
159	It would be good if the older children and younger children had clearly defined (fenced off) separate areas - like the park in Littlehampton on East Beach.
160	It would be totally inappropriate on the Greensward, should be in a recreation ground.
161	It would have been good to have an idea of the area this would take up relative to the whole.
162	It would ideally be completed before the school summer holidays and NOT during them. A crazy golf facility (like Littlehampton's) would be very welcomed too.
163	Keep dogs out. Lots of seating for parents/carers
164	leave it as it is, children play fine there already. It will attract vandals - further facilities could be on brown land - don't dig up grass to plant fake grass!
165	Leave the open area as it is as a free playing and walking area.
166	Leave this space alone it is a fabulous area that can be used as an open space. We have enough trouble here with anti social behaviour and this will not help!!! DON'T DO IT
167	Location C is the best and most practical location. I would be against any facilities being built at location A or B.
168	Long overdue.
169	Looking at the potential equipment I wondered if there was enough for little ones. Very often in parks the older kids charge around not thinking about if there are smaller kids about.. Also I didn't notice many seats for adults! I can't support this idea
170	Low railing or railings because I must not think of a slightly higher bench or chair for you. Adam David
171	Make it safe for under 5s.
172	May I suggest you visit Stockton on Tees - Ropner Park where a lottery funded playground was installed. It is very imaginative, lots of choice and popular with children and parents it could give some inspiration to our proposed new play area.
173	Money would be better spent in replacing the Peter Pan Playground and not further reducing rapidly vanishing green areas
174	Must be secure and deter out-of-hours troublemakers. Toilets/nappy-changing facilities should be considered, but these must be secure and safe/clean.
175	Must forbid jetskis at launch site in order to make area safe for children - otherwise, accidents seem inevitable.
176	My children like to use the greensward to run - I would have to avoid this area if we went to the greensward as they would pester to use it and I don't think it is appropriate at all for younger children – i.e. pre school-age 5/6
177	My husband and I moved to this area because of the unspoilt area along the front. This proposal would ruin it.
178	my only concern is that in the summer teenagers gather on the beach and there may be some vandalism to a play area similar to that experienced to the beach huts locally.
179	My reason for saying no to 6 & 7 is that the vast majority of the money should be dedicated to supplying safe play equipment and to not be too concerned about the aesthetics of it all. The focus should be on providing kids with a decent play area.
180	My understanding is the greensward was not to be used for permanent structures. This could be the thin end of the wedge.

181	Need to be mindful of the teen shelter, that it is not used for smoking and drinking area. It's difficult to see from the drawing enclosed as to what each area is e.g. Dragonfly. Not sure what this is.
182	Needs to be all on one level to allow pram and wheelchair access and allow toddlers freedom to run without tripping
183	Needs to be started earlier than summer 2009!
184	no because different levels could prove difficult for toddlers
185	No children reside in this area. Palatine Park?
186	No comment
187	no dogs allowed in the play ground
188	no playground - why spoil this resource? just because there is a green space don't think you have to fill it!
189	No real strong opinion about Q.7. I do feel strongly that this is really needed in this part of Worthing. The equipment shown looks great but more suited to slightly older children in the age range, not so much for the small toddlers.
190	No7. Definitely, the natural landscape could easily accommodate slides on the hill-side. The cableway & ridgerider look like good fun and the big waterfall looks intriguing. Not sure about the teen shelter though. Overall - an exciting project for the C
191	None of the locations, there will be a lot of vandalism also car parking a problem. The car park you pay for so car parking will be in our close - sorry that is not on
192	Not at the seaside. Needs to go in a Park.
193	Not fussed about diff levels. Rope/type swings are great. Also like the stuff they have in monkey world - a huge log-swing that about 8 people can stand on at the same time - brill!
194	Not in agreement with the Proposals This Play ground would be better positioned on the East side of the car park nearer the yacht club so as to make better use of these small patches of green rather than its proposed position cluttering what is a lovely
195	Our nearest playground is often filled with broken glass - the council should consider provisions to authorise police to move on teenagers or adults in the site in the evenings
196	Parents need to view the whole area to supervise children of different ages.
197	Perhaps the different levels could be used to denote the groups of equipment relevant to certain age groups i.e. to segregate the toddlers equipment from the youths equipment so that the young children don't hurt themselves in trying to use equipment that i
198	Playground should be fenced in because of dog fouling and vandals.
199	Please can you ensure that this playground doesn't encroach too much into this lovely piece of open space?
200	Please come here to use the beach. Families make their own fun when they visit Goring.
201	Please do NOT go ahead with this scheme. Goring Greensward is a beautiful open space out of the main town area and should be left as such. Kids already have plenty of play areas. The beach itself is only a stone's throw away after all. PLEASE don't spoil o
202	Please do not spoil this area of natural beauty with a structured play area. People love the sward because they are free to enjoy their own ways of relaxing, (playing games, flying kites, having picnics, walking, running) without having it organised for t
203	Please find another location.
204	Please keep this rare pleasant Greensward for everyone's enjoyment.
205	please leave alone this has always been open space since i was born in Worthing in 1947
206	Please leave Goring Greensward alone. Keep it natural for all to enjoy.
207	Please leave Greensward as it is. Find another site for the playground.
208	please leave our green unspoilt. Build a children's playground in a more family orientated area. If this project is carried out vandalism will increase and anti-social behaviour such as drinking and drug taking will be encouraged.

209	Please leave the whole of Goring Greensward alone & unspoilt entirely. Other suitable sites for such a playground do exist. Please fully select one of them. I, along with many others, & the Campaign to Protect Rural England, refuse to accept the ridiculous
210	Please leave this area as it is. There are plenty of playgrounds for children in worthing area. Money should be spent on the Lido for a start to improve this area for children's use. It is disgustingly grotty & tacky at the moment.
211	Please note this was a beautiful/calm place to visit in the summer - children actually like this and make their own fun.
212	Please see my letter of 15 October 2008. I have no additional comments to make.
213	Please separate the big children's stuff from the toddler equipment otherwise they both prevent each other playing.
214	Please, please, please make sure this happens. We are so short of decent play facilities, especially for children over 6. We need this, and I think the location is perfect. Other towns really put us to shame at the moment and we have waited a long time for this.
215	Proposed location is planning madness.
216	Provision at The Bull provides basic play for toddlers. You should concentrate on school age 8-12 children for whom there is nothing in Goring.
217	Q3. Don't know under 5 area should be separated with benches.
218	Q3: 2 - 9 year olds
219	Q3: A lot seems geared towards older, unsupervised, children.
220	Q3: Too wide an age group to mix. Q5: I love to walk there in its beautiful natural state. How would this envisaged play area be supervised? Who would be liable in the cast of accidents to children?
221	Q5: if it has wheelchair swings we love to enjoy too please.
222	Q5: Would visit depending on the disabled facilities.
223	Q6. Due to dog fouling problem if not fenced.
224	Q6. To stop possible night time vandalism.
225	Q6: Essential wherever it is installed.
226	Q6: If it has to be created then - yes, if only for protection from road and traffic.
227	Q6: Not fenced - open.
228	Q6: Not fenced in but some planting to make it blend in over time. Will some money be allocated to protecting site from vandals?
229	Q6: Perhaps an extra fence and gate could go around the young children's area.
230	Q6: Planted not fenced.
231	Q7. Depends if it would a safety hazard or help in keeping younger kids from the more older stuff like cable way.
232	Regular security patrols to cut down on vandalism is essential
233	Replica of thousands across the country which apparently give children the benefit of a play area probably contribute to the demise of children playing naturally. The inevitability of this playground being vandalised will contribute to further costs for
234	Scrap this plan.
235	Security is probably the biggest issue. So lighting should be included. If the playground was positioned in location C, youths could start to park in the car park and congregate in this area during the evening.
236	Seeing as there is a steep bank there why not landscape it into part of the design. A playground does not count as a permanent structure like buildings.
237	Seems like a very good idea to me. There will be plenty of space left for other users and I can see this being very well used, particularly by me when we have out two grandsons in tow. They live in Alinora Ave hence my interest in this scheme.
238	Shelters to protect from sun would be beneficial.
239	Should be well away from houses as noise does carry
240	site : A, B are currently used by Kitesurfers which is one of the worlds fastest growing activities. I am not a kitesurfer but myself and my small daughter will often go down to watch.

	They are very chatty, safety conscious bunch from all walks of life.
241	Site A and B are too close to where the kites go, not safe for kids or kites.
242	so long as the view to the car park is blocked rather than the view to the sea!
243	strongly opposed to this proposal
244	Subsequently to my earlier return, I do not want to see any development in any form. It would be a precursor to future projects that would detract from the peaceful ambience of the greenswards. The article in the Vibe made it appear that the decision ha
245	Take a look at Teignmouth's new play area
246	That part of the Greensward to the west of 'A' attracts world class kite surfers to Worthing on windy days. They are an asset and an attraction that should not be discouraged.
247	The area is a fabulous idea but looks very much for older children & not for toddlers. Needs some more classic playground stuff i.e. swings, slide, sandpit, small climbing frame.
248	The area is full on summer weekends and during holiday time. If parents playing games with the children as a family. This is definitely not necessary and will become an area at night where youths hang about drinking and causing a nuisance.
249	The area is not really suited to 12/13 year old especially as they are not accompanied by parents and there are problems with older youngsters on the greensward generally. Surely this would encourage further problems. The surrounding residential area is
250	The area of green are ideal for families etc, to enjoy or a play & walking area. To clutter it with play area will only, ultimately, attract the older children (15+) to hang about in groups or cause problems.
251	The area should be fenced off to stop dogs and denote the area for children.
252	The artists impression has focused too much on equipment for older children. The designer should take a look at Ferring park or the play area at Pulborough brooks for ideas.
253	The beach and sea are better for children. The plan is high maintenance because of salt erosion.
254	The beauty of the greensward is its undeveloped nature. It is already very well used throughout the whole year and needs nothing to spoil it. Also, a lot of public money has been spent on a very attractive beach shelter which is currently the centrepiece
255	The consultation process is flawed. The Council should be asking where the facilities are needed e.g. in the Castle area. They are not needed on the green.
256	The current unspoilt green is an asset to Worthing and will be spoilt be any artificial play areas which will only attract vandals and yobs.
257	The design looks great and the equipment is innovative and attractive. There needs to be more for the 2-4 age group though. 8-12s well catered for.
258	The equipment which has been selected looks very good and a bit different to the norm. I think this would add to the appeal of the Goring seafront.
259	The excellent skateboard facility in Homefield Park is daunting for the young - a beginner facility would be good.
260	The greensward from Sea Place to Sea Lane cafe was acquired by compulsory purchase in the 1930's specifically for the purpose of a PUBLIC OPEN SPACE (it is in the Council Minutes and the conveyance) and to turn it into a RECREATION ground is against the
261	The greensward admirably fulfils the recreation needs of the Worthing public and visitors...but if young families also feel the need for a DISCRETE playground on that site then perhaps it should be considered. Bear in mind that it shouldn't attract youths
262	The greensward area is unsuitable for a children's playground as this area should be available for all to enjoy as an open public area.

263	The Greensward is a great location for a sympathetically planned playground which could be a fabulous asset to Goring. This is something that the silent majority really support. PS. How about somewhere for coffee?
264	The Greensward is a lovely open space where people of all ages can enjoy themselves with simple pleasures. There are very few areas of this nature on the whole of the south coast and it should be preserved for the future at all costs. There are other suitable sites.
265	The greensward is a magnificent area for open play and recreation. there is no justification for such a playground area in this location. It should be put in one of Worthing's parks
266	The Greensward is a unique facility and a great asset to the Goring seafront. Many visitors identify the area of recreation as something special. Visitors and residents can make their own games and play. The greensward should not be scarred with any play area.
267	The Greensward is an open area and should remain as such, to be enjoyed by everyone. By installing facilities this changes the character of the area. Any installation will no doubt attract unsupervised groups of older children and will only encourage vandalism.
268	The Greensward is one of few outstanding features left in Worthing. By definition it is our are of green grass only. Please don't start destroying the sward with a playarea and hard surface
269	The Greensward is one of the few natural areas left in this South Coast conurbation. It should be left undeveloped as an area of natural beauty. We do not need see why such areas should be 'urbanised' just because the Council has managed to secure funding
270	The Greensward should be enjoyed as it is - an open space to play in. There is no need for a playground at the beach. The beach and green are enough.
271	The greensward should be left as it is so that people of all ages can enjoy the open space.
272	The greensward should be preserved as an open space. once building is allowed it will be destroyed for ever. It is a valuable local resource that needs to be left intact.
273	The idea is fantastic, but I think "it is aimed at 2-12\13 year olds" is a bit bold. The apparatus looks great, but appears to be for the 7+ (apart from perhaps Willy the Jeep).
274	The idea of converting Goring Green into a playground is an absolute outrage. This is a natural landscape that facilitates for ball games and simple leisure activity all year round. It is a relaxing place to go, with beautiful scenery. Children already pl
275	The kite surfers and other leisure activities are here. Why not go alongside the drought garden onto seafront. Also the Triathlon is here.
276	The play equipment should be installed at Fernhurst Recreation Ground leaving the Greensward natural
277	The playground will attract groups of teenage youths. The residents, police, and action groups have worked hard to stop them coming here from other Worthing areas. We do not want t
278	The Police have admitted they have to concentrate all their resources on the drunks in Worthing after 00.00. Who will prevent under age drinkers from vandalising all this equipment?
279	The population has not required the proposal for a Goring Greensward playground because we prefer the area to remain unspoiled. Public servants should not impose well-intentioned but naïve and ineffectual reforms unwanted by the populace. My own family
280	The problem is that you will spoil the area as once installed there will be no proper repairs and maintenance. Rather than spending money on new capital projects money should be spent
281	The proposed cycle path should be extended a few hundred yards beyond George V avenue so that parents and children can cycle safely to the playground. Some cycle racks should be included so that bikes can be secured and don't end up chained to the fencin
282	The road is in need of a pedestrian crossing. It is difficult to see if its clear to cross the road with the cars parked. More children trying to cross the road will lead to accidents.

283	The suggested equipment would be better placed in a more secure area where proper supervision is available.
284	The whole charm of this area is that it is uncluttered and people are free to walk, play etc wherever they wish in totally unspoilt and natural surroundings.
285	There are no other child facilities in Goring. This is a very good idea. Ask for ideas from schools and nurseries in the area. Not just from the South Goring Residents Assc.
286	There is a derth of activities for children along the seafront and this would be welcomed by families and grandparents caring for children from all over Worthing.
287	There should be some kind of protection from the road.
288	There will not be anywhere for cars to park
289	Think it is a much too busy area to have special needs children playing. Also very cold on the front, needs to be more sheltered area.
290	Think it's a very good idea. Please hurry up and build it soon!
291	This area has lacked a decent play area. We are fortunate enough to have the beach and the green but kids need a variety, especially the targeted age group, within walking distance of this area.
292	This area is already perfect and much loved by all who visit it. It would be criminal to ruin it with such a playground which would also have the disasterous effect of attracting the rowdy jobs this area suffers so much from who would quickly destroy the area.
293	This area is treasured as one of the last seaside grass family recreation areas. Anyone can see how important and popular it is in fine weather. Families, groups and couples relaxing in an informal, quiet setting. A children's playground would be best site
294	This area of beauty is totally inappropriate for the construction of a childs playground. It will spoil the unique greensward forever.
295	This design needs to include special needs children. their needs are just as important as able bodied children.
296	This is a complete waste of money. No worthwhile case has been made. No toilets and an area for drug abuse after dark. What is the need? I remain amazed at the lack of any real awareness of what the community actually want or need when it comes it to WBC.
297	This is a FREE open space and should be left alone for all generations to enjoy without restrictions. I and thousands of other children have played there over the years.
298	This is a great addition to the seafront for children, lets hope the towns vandals can be kept at bay maybe there should be cctv installed to minimise damage.
299	This is a open space enjoyed by thousands of visitors for that very reason, its a open space.
300	This is an area of natural beauty, with plentiful leisure activity already in display. It would not benefit anyone whatsoever. People have kicked a ball, used a rounders bat or just enjoyed a drive or stroll by this lovely landscape. It is an unsuitable area
301	This is an entirely unsuitable location for a playground. It destroys the unique benefits of one of the largest open spaces around Worthing, which is used by a wide variety of people for many different recreational purposes. The Council should safeguard t
302	This is an excellent idea and what the area being part of a seaside town needs.
303	this is not a suitable area for a children's playground, especially the skate park which will attract the usual negative aspects - graffiti and vandalism. there are plenty of playgrounds nearby, all of which have been left to fall into disrepair - why would
304	This is not a suitable place for the playground or any of the other plans you have for it. There are many other more suitable areas for the placement of this. Do not destroy this unique area.
305	This is not a suitable use of this (or any) part of the greensward, and cannot "blend in" with in the environment of a greensward. If you really had to use any part of the greensward at all, a better site would be the other side of the car park in the sma
306	This is not wanted
307	This is the daftest idea yet. It will be vandalised within a week.

308	This looks to provide young people with a really exciting playground which the local area currently lacks. My concern is it may be a magnet for anti social behaviour.
309	This must be a fundamentally good idea but...who will pay for the longer term upkeep costs after installation ? If this has not been taken into consideration, suggest suspending this project in the light of present day and - longer term financial difficult
310	This open space is already a great play area. Do not spoil this lovely area.
311	This project is totally unsuitable for this area, which would be spoilt. Leave this naturally, lovely area along. Another hairbrain scheme and a total waste of money. The Greensward is an amenity in itself. What about all the extra parking required. D
312	This really not a suitable area at all. The gentleman in his letter to the Herald almost stated it all.
313	This should be an area where people make own entertainment as they do now.
314	This sounds good provided the vandals do not spoil it. I take it that it will not be floodlit at night thereby attracting noise and disturbance from teenagers.
315	This whole area is totally unsuitable. There are no toilets or refreshment facilities. Leave it as it is! My children have a great time playing ball games there.
316	This will be a lovely facility for the families in the area. I would like to see more equipment aimed at younger children as the equipment seems to be aimed at the upper age range.
317	This would be a big mistake! I don't understand why this is at all necessary?! The enjoyment that has derived from the beach green for many, many years would be spoilt. Why change something that is clearly successful and enjoyable. A range of sports/leisure
318	Toddlers should be separated from 12years. On the Gower peninsula there is a coffee shop made out of wood to look like 3/4 beach huts. Could we have something similar?
319	Too disruptive for local residents as in the evenings/night trouble-makers/noisy teenagers will use it/misuse it.
320	Totally unsuitable
321	Unsure of the point of timber posts/sculptures seem a waste of money to me.
322	Use managed parks only
323	Use other site. Try Leisure Centre.
324	Very good location and lots of great ideas.
325	Very important to fence off this area not only to keep younger children in but to keep dogs out!
326	Very please that WBC is actually thinking about a decent playground - about time
327	We agree with the councils view that option C is the most favourable, because sites A & B are widely used by families for picnics and ball games.
328	We are not against a playground but not on Goring Greensward. There must be more appropriate areas.
329	We are really in need of playgrounds in Goring, since I moved into Goring with my now 3yrs old twins, was shocked at how little facilities there is. Think this will answer my needs. A playground by the sea makes it a even more fun time for all the family
330	We do not feel that the greensward is a suitable location for children's play area. A play ground would spoil this unique area of public space which allows for families to devise their own games and activities without having facilities imposed on them.
331	We do not need this. People come to the green to walk and play sports etc. My 3 boys under 12 don't approve either.
332	We feel it is important for the areas designated for the under 5`s and school age children should be separate. Playgrounds at both Horsham Park and at Littlehampton near East Beach Cafe are planned in this way. Toilet facilities are required near by.
333	We feel this location is totally unsuitable as it would destroy an area already used by many for the simple reason of natural, uncluttered SPACE.

334	We love going green as it is. For many years our family have enjoyed taking a picnic and ball games to the green. Its lovely to see kites flying and open green space. Building on this historical natural ground would ruin the face of going. It would attract vandals.
335	We need a quality playground in this area, at the moment we travel to Shoreham as all the ones locally are either dilapidated and / or vandalised.
336	we need more playgrounds. even if you have one near to your house, the kids get bored with going to the same one over and over.
337	We particularly like the park facilities at Lancing Manor Leisure Centre, Horsham Park - Storrington Park - something similar would be fantastic. Also things that encourage imaginative play and challenge children would be welcome.
338	We strongly disapprove of locating the playground at any of the proposed locations. The Greensward is an open space protected from such development and should remain so. The map does not give any indication of the size of the Playground.
339	we think that site :c: is better as it is next to car park and landing ramp and this would encourage people to use car park ,which could be backed up with yellow lines also shortest walk
340	We think this is in the wrong place and will generate even more traffic down Alinora Ave. The playground should be sited next to the Sea Lane Cafe which has parking and facilities.
341	We were not aware that it had already been agreed to site any playground on the Greensward. We do not agree with it in any shape or form as we consider the Greensward must be kept as a public open space for general recreational use. Either it has been p
342	What a fantastic idea. At present we go all the way to Lancing rec to use the new park equipment or Hove Park for the climbing wall.
343	What about supervision costs? Insurance/Parking?
344	What about the kite surfers?
345	What exactly do the Covenants regarding the Greensward actually say about this kind of development? What other kinds of development are foreseen by the Council if this plan goes ahead? This area does have a special character and already attracts lots of
346	What provision for security to ensure no overnight vandalism.
347	What provision will be made to police the play area to prevent vandalism, noise on to the houses across the road and user safety i.e. use of the equipment & age of users
348	Where do cars park?
349	Why give the yobs something to destroy as in Tarring.
350	Will only be vandalised and no parking available
351	Will ruin the area completely encourage even more youths and vandalism.
352	Will there be facilities for disabled children. Café/toilet/baby-changing facilities/shelter?
353	With all my grandchildren living abroad, I still think it is a brilliant idea. But care must be taken to keep the very young children safe from the more boisterous older on
354	With lights to hopefully stop vandals.
355	Wonderful for vandalism by teenagers. Very limited children in this area. Vandalism already exists.
356	Worthing needs new playgrounds
357	Worthing needs this – I'm fed up with having to travel to Horsham for a decent park like this and a swimming pool.
358	Would be better placed East of car park shown - more protected position, could be fenced, less visible for residents.
359	Would like to see play equipment for disabled children too.
360	Wow! great idea! This area needs a park. I only suggest area A or B because this is near a busy road, but if the area is fenced in, it's not so important. Hurry up with this park! The kids will love it.

361	Yes for children with special needs as we do not have enough facilities for these children in the area
362	Yes we are in agreement with a playground - but not on the Greensward.
363	You really need to look at the use of the greensward by the kite surfers. On Sunday there were 30+ On the grass they layout lines and kites which become no goes for walking/kids/dogs o
364	You should try to separate areas for young/very young children from the rest of the games.

Summary of comments from written submissions/letters.

Proposed Play Area on Goring Greensward

Taken from Letters of Objection prior to 13 October 2008
(date consultation commenced)

Representations:

- i It seems wrong to spoil this uniquely wide stretch of beautiful green with any man-made structures, when there are many other more suitable sites. The question therefore arises as to why a playing area is thought necessary in this vicinity.
- ii I do not know whether you are aware that the greensward from Sea Lane, Goring to Sea Lane, Ferring is protected by covenants under the 1935 Conveyance. This was the reason why a proposal to site a cafeteria on the greensward some years ago had to be abandoned.
- iii Unfortunately, play areas sometimes act as an unwelcome venue for gatherings of youths who are not therefore the purpose of play. The Greensward's location is sufficiently 'out of the public eye'....and close to woodland which could provide 'cover' for those wishing to escape public attention...to make it unsuitable as a formal' play area.
- iv To allocate sections of this land for two separate age groups is totally unnecessary, would detract visually from an area of natural beauty and the space currently available for games.
- v The Goring people have generally achieved a no-nuisance area from non residences, which would be jeopardised if a play areas is erected.
- vi The main beneficiaries of such a play area, will be day trippers – many of whom will not be from Worthing.
- vii It is a well known fact facilities for teenagers are better respected and less vandalised if sited in the community from which the youths come.
- viii The residents and visitors who use the greensward make their own amusements i.e. football and cricket etc. any permanent structure would lead to more vandalism and anti-social behaviour.
- ix The area is used by many visitors who enjoy the unique site which provides visual pleasure and a safe area for games football, cricket, rounders, kite flying etc. none of which spoils the sward.
- x The toilets in the area have been repeatedly vandalised and the shelter on the seafront was vandalised so often that it had to be removed; a similar fate is likely to befall any recreational equipment installed in the area.
- xi Encouraging youths to gather in an unsupervised area away from 'prying eyes' will encourage bad anti-social behaviour, especially if they are not close to their homes.
- xii I cannot understand why children who live nearby should need this, they enjoy making up games, playing on the sand and residents have pleasure in the lovely sea air.
- xiii I cannot believe that this is even being considered due to the fact that this area is an area of nature.
- xiv I think it is more appropriate to spend the available money on sites where the young people actually live and which can be supervised.
- xv The area is already well used in the summer months by families enjoying the open green on which they can play volley ball, rounders, etc.

- xvi As a local resident of some years now, I feel that it would be totally out of character in this location and would deter people from using the area for more 'normal' pursuits, such as walking, picnicking and playing with young children.
- xvii Your Council is fully aware of the very serious cases of anti-social behaviour in this area, but due to the combined efforts of the Aldsworth Avenue Action Group and the local Police, at present this has very much improved.
- xviii This cannot be a good idea. There have been many incidents of anti-social behaviour on the green.
- xix This area is protected by Deeds of Covenants from any building of any sort.
- xx It is sad that there are proposals to so completely alter the character of the Goring Greensward by a possible organised challenging play area...
- xxi As it is apparently intended for 2 year olds upwards, presumably it will require additional toilets, changing rooms and shelter, plus all other requirements to meet the Health & Safety Regulations.
- xxii We are totally in favour of providing youngsters with decent recreational facilities – we have young grandchildren – but they must be put in the right place – which is certainly NOT the Goring Greensward.
- xxiii To spoil one of the last natural views along the coastline by imposing concrete and metal structures in front of the plantation would be highly regrettable.
- xxiv The correct location for teenager facilities is close to where the teenagers live.
- xxv A seafront play area for younger children (with fencing to exclude dogs) would be most welcome.
- xxvi The greensward is and should remain 'green'. We support the plans to register it formally as a 'village green'.
- xxvii A decent playground in this area is desperately needed and to the eastside of the woodland by existing toilets if the perfect location.
- xxviii The public make good use of the area at the present time for informal recreation and children's play and we feel that this use should be allowed to continue, unobstructed by any form of development.

Consultation Irregularities

Multiple on-line returns

Two Instances of the same email address inputted into the WBC Internet Questionnaire. Another instance was where a home email address and then a work email address from the same named person.

False Emails

On Friday 28th November a wholly unusual pattern of emailed responses to WBC internet occurred. 21 Questionnaires were delivered to the inbox with an interval of a maximum of 2 minutes each. This is highly unusual as the normal pattern had been be 2 or 3 in a day, so to receive so many in such a short space of time was totally out of keeping with the previous pattern.

On examining the returns, they contained no detail other than Q1 marked as 'no', an email address and a postcode (Email address and postcode is a mandatory field on the on-line questionnaire). The email addresses appeared to be made up and several arrived from a single unrecognised provider – (name of company with-held)

After raising concerns officers carried out a reality check by acknowledging each email to see if any emails were returned because the email address did not exist.

Out of the 21 returns six (over 28%) were in fact false emails and one of them was from Company referred to above.

Officers 'Googled' the Company to ascertain what kind of email provider it was and quickly established that it was a recruitment agency based in Hove. The list of the email accounts which were fictitious is with-held for confidentiality reasons. Also, of the 21 questionnaires received, some were suspiciously similar to those that are now known to be false.

Particularly relevant were a number (4) which came in close proximity to one another all had the email address [Name]@[Company].co.uk - list with-held for confidentiality.

Officers have reason to believe that they originated from one individual and telephoned the Company to confirm that he did indeed work for them. This was confirmed.

These returns are suspicious as they all arrived within a minute or two of each other and were from a company with no apparent connection with Worthing.

Officers conducted another reality check with the next 18 responses that were new in the inbox on Monday 1st December and of the emails sent out acknowledging the response to the questionnaire, a further five were returned as the email address used was not valid.

Vibe Magazines

Officers were visited by a member of the public [name with-held for confidentiality] on Thursday 27th November in the afternoon. The person expressed concern that the 'opposition' (i.e. supporters of the proposed play area) were preparing a petition in favour of the Greensward, and, combined with the yes response to the playground would 'outvote' the no campaign. Officers tried to reassure the person that the consultation was not a yes/no vote and that the quality of the responses was equally important.

During this conversation the person admitted that s/he had personally collected up spare copies of the Vibe magazine to give to people who said that they did not have a copy and were opposed to the proposal. Although the person stated that they are running a fair campaign and s/he was encouraging those that s/he gave a copy of the Vibe to, to put their name and sign it, this could be considered a flawed approach as we already have received over 400 responses from the Vibe and some residents may well elect to complete second responses.

Photocopying Vibe Magazine Questionnaires

Whilst collating the Vibe questionnaires received through the Council's freepost address officers noticed a similarity in the way three photocopies were completed, same method of ticking the boxes, same way the pen had dragged across the paper, same way the form had been cut from the page. Officers put these questionnaires together to one side. At least a week passed and Officers opened up one return and immediately noticed the original of the photocopied returns and after examination, concluded that there had been photocopies submitted of the original.

Misinformation

There are many responses that give rise to the idea that the public are saying no as they fear that the Council is planning a much larger development and that the Council intends to put things like a sand volleyball court, toilets and almost a commercial type of installation. Whilst some of these elements were in initial thinking they have clearly been dropped and the consultation therefore makes no reference to any such proposals. Clearly this cannot be construed from the information put out in the Vibe magazine or the Council's website.

**Goring Residents' Association
Playground on Goring Greensward**

Worthing Borough Council has issued a consultation questionnaire both in the free magazine called The Vibe distributed to households in Worthing, and on-line at www.worthing.gov.uk homepage, where you click on **Consulting You**.

This consultation is to assess **support for the playground project on the Goring Greensward area**. Everyone is very pleased that Worthing has secured Lottery funding of £100,000 for Goring to provide play facilities for children, but at the same time, we believe that most people do not want the best area of Greensward taken up by permanent leisure facilities of any kind. This scheme is part of a wider provision planned for the site, which includes a fitness/trim trail for adults and a sand based volleyball court – and what else?

We think that the Greensward is unique and should remain a public open space where people from a wide area can come to relax and enjoy themselves. Other suitable sites for such a playground do exist.

If you agree that it should remain a nature open space we urge you to indicate on the questionnaire in the Vibe or on-line that the Greensward area should not be used as the site for the playground.

We are not prepared to accept that Worthing cannot have any additional children's playground and keep the Greensward as it is for future generations.

With sufficient support we can convince Worthing Borough Council to select another site and satisfy all the interested parties.

We already have the support of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), who agree with us that the Greensward should remain as a green open space for people to enjoy as it is.

Kathryn Walker (Vice-Chairman) Goring Residents' Association.

If you agree, would you please complete the slip below and return to **Kathryn Walker, 31 Sea Lane, Goring by Sea** as soon as possible. You can also send us your views at Greensward@goring-by-sea.deomon.co.uk

I / We approve of the £100,000 Lottery Award for provision of a playground for Goring but prefer to keep the goring Greensward as a public open space and **do not support a Greensward location**, and we therefore ask that Worthing Borough Council consider an alternative site in the vicinity.

Name:

Address:

Signature:

ACTIONCHILDSPLAY – WHO ARE WE? TIME FOR GORING YOUNGSTERS TO HAVE THEIR SAY!

A new play area has been planned for Goring Greensward seafront. The council have worked hard to secure a National Lottery Grant to improve play facilities in Worthing and Goring has been considered due to its lack of play facilities for young children.

Action childsplay is a local Goring campaign set up to represent young families in the Goring area who would appreciate some decent play facilities for the ever expanding number of Goring children. At the present time most families with children over the age of 6 have to travel outside of the area to find suitable playgrounds as the playgrounds at Fernhurst Drive and Field Place are too small and not challenging enough.

We have decided to raise the awareness of our campaign because Goring Residents Association is trying to have the play project stopped. They have started their own campaign involving a petition and letters in the Goring Guide magazine. Action childsplay also has a petition which many local people have signed.

We would like the National lottery Grant money awarded to Goring to provide a playground with facilities for children aged between 2 and 12/13. We would also like it to include play equipment for disabled children. We feel that this age range is most suitable for the area and that teen shelters or play amenities for adults are not necessary.

We think the location suggested by the council is the most suitable as it is easily accessible to local families and visitors. There is plenty of nearby parking and the site would be well away from the road and local properties. We are against any other type of development of the Greensward and understand, as do the young families of Goring, that it is a precious commodity.

We would like the materials used in the construction of the play equipment to be as natural looking as possible to blend in with the surroundings. We feel that brightly coloured equipment would be unsuitable. A high fence for traffic and kite safety would be a good idea which could be locked at night to curb any attempts of vandalism.

The council has confirmed the following :

1. The land chosen for the location of the new play area is on a site which has no covenants. It is where the land is widest and well away from local properties and the road. It can be overlooked from the promenade and also the adjacent car park which means it is more supervisable.
2. The equipment will be for children aged 2-12/13 and will include equipment for disabled children and wherever possible will provide low level activities.
3. The equipment being considered is to be constructed from hot dip galvanised steel with timber High Density Polythene Panels to be either left unfinished or painted to reflect the environment.
4. There will be no teen shelters on the site and this has been confirmed in writing to councillors and members of the public.

Why do we consider this play project to be so vital to our community? Many experts agree that physical activity boosts IQ, reduces stress and anxiety and enables children to feel good about themselves. They learn life long socialising skills with other children in a safe environment. Additionally there are the obvious health benefits such as developing strong bones, muscles and a healthy heart all of which reduce the potential of chronic diseases in later life. A play ground is a free amenity which can be used all year round.

If you would like to have a say about the plans for the play project on Goring Greensward then please look at the Worthing Borough council website www.worthing.gov.uk and click on "Play at Goring Greensward", where there is an artists impression, location map and online questionnaire.

Alternative Playground Sites in South Goring

Site	Suggested By	Issues
Mersham Gardens	PMP Report Feb 02 as a potential site for a playground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WBC does not own the land • Very unlikely to obtain agreement as properties surround this site on all four sides
Dingy Park		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nearest property (House) is 33 metres away. • Ownership Issues, very close to highway. • Space available is only 400m2
West parade (Immediately West of Roberts Marine)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nearest Property immediately North of the site. • Not an area which immediately attracts visitors (Local kids only). Immediately adjacent to the highway.
Goring Hall		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very Isolated Site, close to Goring Rec • Lease precludes playground
Fernhurst Recreation Ground		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolated site, Very close to Goring Rec • Insufficient site due to sports use
Goring Recreation Ground		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Already a playground on this site • Expansion limitations • Already earmarked for improvement in 2010/2011

