

Your Town –Your Future Representation

Name	Michael Pritchard
Organisation (if applicable)	Member of Public from adjoining area
Q1a - Do you agree with the Vision we are aiming and aspiring to achieve?	Yes
Q1b - Does it provide a clear direction for the Worthing Local Plan?	Yes it sets out a clear direction
Q1c - Is there anything you think we have missed which you would like to see incorporated in the Vision?	The use of Brownfield sites identified in the 2011 Local Plan should be clearly identified
Q2a - Do you agree with the proposed objectives set out above? If not, what changes would you like to see?	Agree
Q2b - Are the objectives sufficiently distinctive and locally specific?	Yes
Q3a - Do you agree with the key challenges identified for the economy? Are any missing?	Agree
Q3b - Should the Local Plan continue to protect key employment areas or should it be more flexible in its approach?	Key employment areas are vital and encouragement for major corporates to relocate to Worthing as an improved way of life and a focus of routes should be a pre requisite
Q3c - In addition to the sites already identified as having the potential to deliver employment land are there any other sites that could accommodate employment growth?	Large office blocks like Columbia House Durrington and Centenary House which are under used should be identified on a map
Q4a - Have all the key challenges for retail areas and the Worthing town centre been identified, if not what has been missed?	Yes in part but as a visitor coming in down the A24 the approach into Worthing get a distinc down at heel vision from Broadwater and through Teville Gate
Q4b - Are retail centres functioning well - how can they be improved?	Focus on places like the Guilbourne Centre which is not an attractive shopping Centre should be investigate to see what can be done to improve things. Could this be demolished and something better as a replacement be worthy of consideration? Or Residential on the first floor
Q4c - How could new development in the town centre enhance the town's identity and attract more visitors?	

Encourage more eating establishments--E G Slug and Lettuce. Bills
Encourage main stream shops like Crew Clothing

Are there too many centres in Worthing--can there be a focus on one key area?

Q5a - Have the key challenges for tourism been addressed?

Yes

Q5b - In what ways can the tourism offer be improved?

Encouragement for more hotels to relocate

Compare the cafe culture in other West Sussex Towns like Horsham and Haywards Heath which have been successful

Q6a - Do you agree with the main challenges identified in planning for the provision of different infrastructure needs? Are any missing?

The 1960s AMF Bowling Alley needs replacement and its attendant multi Storey Car park

Q6b - Do you have suggestions for how the Local Plan could resolve these?

see above

Q7a - Do you agree with the main challenges identified? Are any missing?

Yes to a degree

Q7b - Do you have any suggestions for how the Local Plan could better promote sustainable transport?

There should be a proper A27 By Pass around Worthing such as it is around Brighton.
Tinkering about with the existing road is insufficient.

Q8a - Do you agree with the main environmental challenges identified? Are any missing?

Yes

Q8b - Do you have any suggestions for how the Local Plan could reach a balance between competing needs?

The Council should consider all Brownfield Sites first and ensure that Strategic Gaps like Goring are retained undisturbed.

Q8c - Are there any circumstances you consider where regardless of mitigation, development would be inappropriate?

I and many others would not want to see any building on the Goring Gap regardless of development needs and the attraction to developers given its flat nature.

Q8d - What value do you place on the borough's green spaces, particularly those around the town?

Parks are essential and also the green Strategic Gaps abutting the SDNP and on the border of Worthing Borough Council's catchment area e.g. Goring Gap.
Such areas are invaluable and will become ever more so with the obvious need for more high density housing--recreational space will be a pre requisite.

Q9a - Should housing delivery be given higher priority than other development needs (e.g. employment land, community facilities)?

Neither should be given priority but should be part of cohesive living community

Q9b - How should we best address specialist housing needs (e.g. affordable housing; family housing; self-build housing; sheltered & extra care; houses in multiple occupation)?

There may be a need to consider siting social housing in blocks rather than place these amongst market housing developments.
Why should social housing be of the same quality as market housing?

Q9c- Efficient use of land will help to raise densities and will contribute towards meeting development needs. What potential impacts of this should the Council try to mitigate?

To ensure that open spaces are left as they are.
Insufficient focus on later life needs whether it be downsizing or Care homes for the elderly giving independent living for as long as possible

Q9d - Should the Council include a policy that would resist the inappropriate development of residential gardens?

Yes

Q10a - Do you agree that the sites listed provide the most significant redevelopment and regeneration opportunities to deliver housing, employment and leisure uses within the town?

Yes-- however most of these sites were identified in the 2011 Local Plan yet 5 years later there has been little obvious action.
It must be regarded strongly that Brownfield sites must be developed first and owners of these sites made to make them available without delay.

I did read about a year ago that the Government and Centrica were trying to ensure that old Gas Works sites would be dismantled and scrapped so that urban sites could be used for building--could this be considered for the Gasworks site next to Waitrose?

It is frankly a disgrace that Teville Gate, the above and the land next to the Connaught Car Park have not been developed before now!

Q10b - Do you have any particular comments on how any of the identified sites should be developed and for what mix of uses?

Use of all the Brown Field Sites for flats, housing especially first time buyer accommodation
There is precious little 1 & 2 bedrooomed dwellings being constructed.

Q10c - Are there any other potential development sites within the current built up area that should be assessed?

None other than identified

Q11a - Given the housing needs in the Borough do you have any views as to which of the listed sites should be developed or protected?

Please protect the entire Goring Gap

Q11d - Land West of Fulbeck Avenue (site 7) and Land north of West Durrington (site 8) are already within the Built Up Area boundary. In light of significant housing needs should the Council take a positive approach and look to bring forward these sites in advance of the adoption of the new Local Plan?

Yes

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Name
John Rogers
Q9a - Should housing delivery be given higher priority than other development needs (e.g. employment land, community facilities)?
No
Q9b - How should we best address specialist housing needs (e.g. affordable housing; family housing; self-build housing; sheltered & extra care; houses in multiple occupation)?
We must have a supply of lower cost housing restricted for sale to first time buyers who already live in Worthing. No good keep building houses just for people to move into from Adur and Brighton. Bring back self-build schemes, they were very successful in the 1970's and could be again.
Q9d - Should the Council include a policy that would resist the inappropriate development of residential gardens?
Yes, must protect areas of the town such as High Salvington and Charmendean where people have moved into such wards because they want space around them, not more properties built in the garden next door.
Q10a - Do you agree that the sites listed provide the most significant redevelopment and regeneration opportunities to deliver housing, employment and leisure uses within the town?
With reluctance yes.

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Your general comments:

I have had some detailed thoughts on how to cost effectively connect the hospital to town center a bit better with cycle lanes.

Directly south of the hospital is a park, the western side has vehicle access but strictly no cycling, maybe on the west side could be a shared use cycle path / pedestrian / park vehicle access past the public toilets leading to the aquarina, here there could be another set of traffic lights to allow easy crossing to the new aquarina and from there a cycle path to the side of the aquarina leading to the promenade and the cafe by splash point

Directly west of the hospital are some fairly complex one way systems which are fairly painful for cyclists, that keep pushing them into busy angry traffic. there could be clearly marked cycle paths that could lead west two ways for cyclists to bunces and south two ways towards lidl. At the moment it pushes cyclists to that lethal corner by the gas works and waitrose. Maybe there could be cycle path around waitrose some how on the southern side.

i am still not clear on how to calm down the traffic at teville gate, maybe a shared pedestrian cycle path on the bridge, perhaps a green park area with clear lines of sight to prevent crime and traffic accidents at teville gate to make it a bit less industrial wasteland