

Worthing A27 Option D Downland Section:

1. Listed Buildings impact Purpose 1, SQ 6,7

Although these buildings are close to the existing A27, as Option D approaches the foot of Church Lane Sompting from a westerly direction, the prevailing wind direction, it would carry increased noise to several listed buildings and groups of buildings. Also visual intrusion (lights/views).



Clockwise from top left these are: Sompting Peverel, a large late medieval to early C19 house; St Mary's Church Sompting whose 10th Century Saxon church spire built of interlocking flints is internationally famous; and Church Barns and Farmhouse now making up a group of 3 residential dwellings; and Sompting Abbotts manor house, now a school.



2. Historic tracks impact **Purposes 1 & 2, SQ 1,2,5,6**

The archaeological survey for the recently permitted Rampion Windfarm cable route (which Option D cuts across), identified the FP2074 track between Church Lane and Lambleys Lane as part of the Chichester to Brighton Roman Road (though it may predate Roman times). In medieval times it was the Whapple Way and nearer to modern times it became known as Love Lane, where lovers could walk out after Sunday church away from the village's prying eyes. In 2014 this overgrown ancient lane was restored by Sompting Estate to its earlier 10-foot width, sown with wildflowers and the bank planted with native shrubs trees and flowers. The restoration enables attractive circular walks including the downs and a former orchard pasture in which some trees remain (as well as tractor connection from Upton Farm to Church Lane). This trackway amenity would be lost under Option D.



