

Impact on recreational enjoyment activities

Impact on recreational enjoyment of SDNP by Worthing and Broadwater/Sompting/Lancing area residents for walking, riding, golf, cycling including to Cissbury area. Purpose 2, Duty, SQ 1,2,5,7



The Option D downland section corridor is a well loved and intensively visited area of the Park.

West of Charmandean Lane: The strength of local people’s sense of ownership of the downland area in these Cissbury foothills was demonstrated by the furore when Worthing Borough Council considered selling part of their farmland at Tenants Hill and Mount Carvey. Continuity and quality of access were key issues. The campaigning and social/educational/recreational association Worthing Downlanders was formed and is still active and according to their website <http://www.worthingdownlanders.co.uk/campaigns.htm> ready to campaign on this “issue...of an A27 bypass for Worthing...through the South Downs National Park”. The interest reflects a very intensive recreational enjoyment of this area west of Charmandean Lane by the many users of the footpaths, bridleways and golf courses.

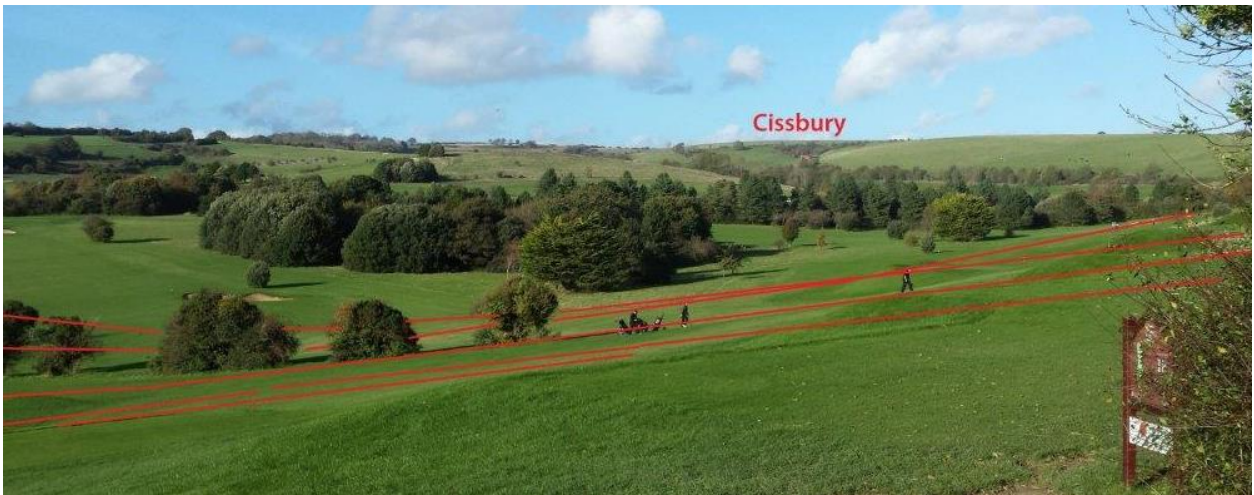
The three images below show the impact of the route on the beautiful parkland landscape with golf courses for recreational enjoyment that sweeps up to Cissbury. First, looking SW from Charmandean Lane:



Then, looking West from Charmandean Lane:



Then from the same spot looking NW towards Cissbury Ring, towards which the noise and lights would stream up the valley :



East of Charmandean Lane:

The network of PROWs and Open Access areas in the affected region is heavily used by cyclists, walkers, joggers, dog-walkers, birdwatchers, and horse riders, both individually and in group outings including the Sompting Parish Walk and the North Lancing Community Association, together with walkers from the Beggars Bush car park and picnic area, and from the nearby South Downs Way and Monarch's Way and Findon via Cissbury.

See images in the study above (10 Visual, Noise and Severance Impact from Footpaths and Bridleways).