

# Worthing A27 Option D Downland Section:

## Vineyard impact

Vineyard impact Purpose 2, Duty, SQ 1,4,7

Immediately to the west of Sompting Church is a small vineyard run by the owner of The Barn formerly part of Church Farmhouse's buildings. The vineyard needs to expand to enable sufficient volume for economic sustainability, and the development of a Sompting wines brand for local marketing. Whilst Sompting Estate intends to retain all higher-up fields in spring barley and livestock rotation, the Estate and vineyard owner are entering into a joint venture to allow expansion into the field to the west where conditions are ideal for high quality wine growing. Option D divides the field so as to effectively destroy this investment opportunity. Here is a view of the vine grower's home and vineyard from Love Lane public footpath:

