

## APPENDIX C

### **Scrutiny request**

**Issue** - How can we protect residents from the bullying and harassment, from developers, to which they are subjected, after conditional planning approval is given. The number of departments in the Council who may be involved with complaints from residents and police involvement etc is complex and there is no 'map' of where inter-digitalisation occurs and is noted by all concerned. This has the potential to open the Council to criticism and can leave our residents feeling unsupported

**Request from** - Worthing Borough Councillor - Councillor Heather Mercer

**Public interest** - It is relevant to every resident subjected to bullying or harassment from developers.

**Score** = Low

**Ability to change** - Develop a road map for all concerned.

**Score** = High

**Performance** - Improve communication and awareness of other departments activities and responses which will improve residents experience.

**Score** = High

**Extent** - I have had residents who have had their home broken into and attacked by a developer, in front of a workman in the residents home. On another occasion armed police were called, by the developer, late at night to a residents property. The developer was subsequently charged for wasting police time

**Score** = Low

**Replication** - In one specific case, officers are reviewing their actions. This matter has not been considered by JOSOC.

**Score** = High

**Expected Outcomes** - Residents in Worthing to feel supported by the Council once a Planning Permission, with conditions is approved

**Does the proposed review link with the Council strategic objectives or does the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee have the ability to influence and/or add value on the subject?**

Platforms for our Places: Going Further - Platform 2 - Thriving people and communities - Supporting stronger, participative and resilient communities.

**Score** = High

**How could this review be undertaken?** Report to JOSC explaining the processes and the options available.

**Recommendations from Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen:-**

That the Scrutiny request be refused on the basis that the request does not meet the criteria for scrutiny requests in that it appears to relate to an isolated incident.

The Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen consider, unless it can be demonstrated that the matter is more widespread, extending to the wider public, that it is not appropriate for JOSC to review the issue and suggest that Councillor Mercer may wish to contact the relevant Executive Members for planning and community safety for assistance and with a view to gathering more evidence/examples of the behaviour referred to.'