Montague Place is a PLACE not a street.

Developers want to build on Montague Place, but their plans will change our open Space into a street. Worthing needs a space that will put it on the map locally, nationally and internationally. A vertical garden on Woolworth’s Wall would give us a town centre to be proud of.

Developers have wanted to build on Montague Place for more than 25 years. The applications have been turned down repeatedly. In 2012 another application was submitted. The deadline to provide all requested information was at the end of 2013. Although the deadline was missed, the case has not been dismissed. Even stranger is that they do not own the land but a portion of the subsoil. It is highly likely that one of the major hurdles for approval will be removed when WSCC confirm that they have withdrawn its highway objection to the proposal, which effectively allows the removal the right of way held on our behalf, the Public. We need to fight for our right of way, also called prescriptive easement.

The plans AWDM/1037/12 can be seen on the council website.

http://planning.adur-worthing.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application

This SPACE is our priceless heritage asset, lost forever if it is filled in. Our forebears put covenants in place in 1794 to protect this SPACE but they are sadly being overlooked. We must remind the Council that they must manage change in the heritage environment and that this conservation area is our scenic backdrop, which gives Worthing its unique character.
If we lose this space, its sense of freedom, its open passage to Liverpool Terrace and beyond, its invitation to beach wanderers to engage with its shopping alleys, its preamble to Frink’s heads, its pavements and its opportunity to become a great place, Worthing will very much be the poorer for it and will lose a great deal of business. The proposed block of flats and retail units will make Montague Place a street, a wind tunnel and obscure Liverpool Terrace.

The artist’s drawings below show an example of what we could have. This precious openness could be made to look beautiful and hark back to the days when it was called Montague Lawns. The proposed vertical garden on Woolworth’s wall would rectify the ugly view we currently have. If the owners of Woolworth wall do not want to participate, the vertical garden can be erected on a framework built away from the wall. We would have a lay by at the end by Marine Parade so children and the elderly can continue to be dropped off in the centre of town. These images are a starting point and can be altered to take into consideration any access needed by WSCC.

The car park in Liverpool Gardens could to be turned into a dedicated disabled car park to make up for the lost spaces in Montague Place. It is ideal as the mobility centre is located there. This car park could have more grass laid in amongst the now wider spaces.

This inviting retail circuit would lead seamlessly from Montague Place to Montague Street to Liverpool & Alexander Terraces, to Liverpool Gardens, to South Street Square, to the Montague Centre, to Warrick Street and to the Guildbourne Centre.

Artist Impressions:
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