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WBC application AWDM/0099/24 Land South East Corner Of Amberley Drive Marine Drive Worthing West Sussex
Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Construction of a large sandpit for children, with a large gazebo for shade over. Installation of boundary fence. Placement of three further gazebo's around the main sandpit, selling cold and hot drinks, snacks, with additional other concessions on the site to offer food services. Installation of bin area. Installation of security CCTV to enable children to view wildlife online.

Ferring Parish Council strongly objects to the principle of this application and raises the concern that the proposed installation of a large sandpit for children, with a large gazebo for shade and placement of three further gazebos around the main sandpit, selling drink and snacks with additional concessions on the site to offer food services does not come under an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness as this is clearly a significant development of the land.

Development of the parcel of land contravenes the Worthing local plan which seeks to protect Goring gap from developments.
This area of land is currently an open green space and is a safe place for birds and other wildlife and must protected from any proposed form of development. If any type of development is granted, the area will lose its natural character.

This application is clearly a temporary arrangement, as the applicant has stated within their application that their overall aim is to seek planning permission for the land to build up to 10 houses under the Self-build and custom housebuilding scheme. Again, a proposal that contravenes the Worthing local plan.

The roads within the area are already busy, particularly in the warmer in the months with many cars parked at the side of the road. This will invite further vehicles to area causing more congestion and nuisance to neighbouring properties.

Sale of food and drink for consumption mostly on the premises suggests that food and drink can be taken away from the site invariably causing more nuisance, noise and litter within what is currently a quiet area.

As there is the sale of food and drink (not yet granted), whilst there are public conveniences within the vicinity, they are located across a road meaning that parents/guardians are taking their children across an already busy road, possibly after alcohol consumption or worse still, young children crossing the road on their own to use the conveniences.

Whilst the application states that security CCTV will be installed to encourage wildlife development and record this for children to view online. The Parish Council is particularly concerned about CCTV in operation in a children's play area.

Ferring Parsh Council urges that this Application for Certificate of Lawfulness is not entertained and is immediately refused and that the Worthing local plan is observed.