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Comments for Planning Application AWD/0737/26

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12 July 2026 at 15:56

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 12/07/2026 3:56 PM from Mr Michael Murray.

Application Summary

Address:	Land South East Corner Of Amberley Drive Marine Drive Worthing West Sussex
Proposal:	Commercial use of regenerated land, including use as a community green space for recreational and leisure use. Retention of land for biodiversity use. Bore hole for extraction of natural water. Use of land to produce natural green energy, for example solar. Provision of vehicle parking use (including overnight camping use for kite surfers and sea swimmers), 2 x 6m flag poles, provision of food and drink from temporary structures, mobile toilets, shower and baby changing facilities. Two recessed shipping containers for site storage and use. Tree shaded sandpit and tumble-down mound for young children and toddlers to use. Animals to use for entertainment purposes, for example Shetland ponies. A decorative flowerpot boat at site entrance. Bin storage use. A wheeled advertising trailer, measuring approx. 5 metres by 2.5 metres located within the site boundary to promote Worthing, local events and tourism.
Case Officer:	Gary Peck

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Customer Details

Name:	Mr Michael Murray
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	I am lodging a formal objection to the planning application AWD/0737/26, in every aspect. My objection is based on - Previous declined planning applications going back many years but more evident recently for commercial development of the site in various guises.

- The land is designated as Green and NO DEVELOPMENT (any development is considered overdevelopment) SHOULD BE ALLOWED, and as such should remain protected from ANY development. All of Dixon's plans conflict with nature's requirements. Already the applicant has temporarily but significantly damaged the biodiversity of what was agricultural land by turning the area into a commercial activity without the necessary planning permissions. It is well documented that the Goring Gap area is a very rear undeveloped stretch of coastal plain serving as an important green corridor, connecting farmland with shingle beach habitats. This buffers adjacent urban development, with strong local advocacy for biodiversity conservation and landscape protection.

Up until recently (that is until Mr Dixon started commercial activities) the land supported ground-foraging bird species as well as hedgerow and coastal grassland, offering shelter to nesting sites, and foraging resources for passerines and raptors

Studies have shown that the site was used (before Dixon commercial activities) by a good number of birds such as Meadow Pipits, Skylarks, Stonechats, Kestrels and Buzzards Dulls. With migratory species Wheatears, Swallows, Chiffchaffs and occasional Black Redstart, Ring Ouzel

As such, any commercialisation would drive away the value of the land for nature, which has no doubt occurred since Dixon started the commercial activities. Nature will return once the land is returned to its original state, that is as it was since time began.

- Highway safety, traffic and parking, the commercial activities planned would increase the vehicle movements significantly, attracting larger vehicles to an area with limited turning space. With the large green space opposite the site, used by mainly families, would create danger to pedestrians crossing the road between parked vehicles. By his own application, he is looking for a mixture of families, children and offering alcohol alongside a busy narrow road. Parking for alcohol drinkers, surely not.

The suggested movement of Shetland ponies, necessary on a daily basis to stable, adds more large vehicle movements. A very cruel use of animals.

Entrances are narrow with turning out of site difficult, especially camper and kite vans, as have been seen on site recently, the on road parking is congested with the narrow coastal road, not forgetting danger for the very many cyclists passing the site regularly. I am a regular cyclist and have already experienced a near miss from someone entering the site in a silver Jaguar car this last month.

- Noise, disturbance, traffic and smells, the requested provision of alcohol and catering on the site would bring noise, smells and the need to clear waste and toilet residue daily. This would require delivery and waste management vehicles entering the site from the already congested on road parking bringing danger of vehicle road movements to the site. No doubt music will follow causing massive disturbance to a very peaceful natural green area, where people currently enjoy the tranquillity and calmness. The proposed overnight camping and parking will extend the noise disturbance, and cannot be policed without a residential presence. There is no mention of supervision overnight, nor should there be.

- Design, appearance, materials, character, already Mr Dixon has shown the poor quality of appearance of the site by his existing (illegal) activities. His massive advertising board is a disgraceful rusting relic, it's a blot on the landscape, and an embarrassment for Worthing Council who want to encourage visitors. It is disappointing that he was not forced to remove it a long time ago. With the number of tatty vans, lorries, horse boxes and camper vans seen on the site, this year alone, it shows the inappropriate standards that Dixon sets. The area is a disgrace as it is now. Flag poles would, without doubt, be a large blot on the landscape seen for some distance away, for what is a green area. It's not Blackpool!

- Effect on trees, the proposed trees are not required on the site, it should be either agricultural land or flat grass as it has been since time began, otherwise the biodiversity will be changed and established wildlife will be affected. The mention of 'tree shaded sandpit' would require the planting of huge trees to be effective, this would not appear creditable.

- Effect on conservation areas and amenity, whilst not formally designated as a nature reserve, it serves as an important green corridor, connecting farmland with shingle beach habitats, important 'signage' for migrating birds. The area is informally managed with strong local advocacy for biodiversity conservation and landscape protection.



In summary, the subject matter is a unique piece of land, so important to wild life that has stood the passing of time, since time began in fact, there are very few similar examples, certainly in Sussex. The application serves no valid need for the community since all the offers Mr Dixon makes are already available in the nearby area.

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Adur & Worthing Councils Mail - Comments for Planning Application AWDM/0737/26

I strongly object to planning application AWDM/0737/26. The land is designated as Green and should remain that way, free from commercialisation, intrusive structures, and activities that would damage its environmental value and natural character for the 1000's of people passing by. .

I request the Council upholds previous refusals, refuses this new application in full and applies its full force of its powers by enforcing past and well as, current, refusals. THIS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO DRIFT.

Kind regards