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Dear Planning Team,

I am writing to formally log my strongest possible objection to the recent planning application submitted by Mr. Chris Dixon regarding the land at the junction of Amberley Drive and Marine Drive on the Goring Gap.

The Goring Gap is a vital coastal "green lung" and an area of stunning natural beauty that should be left completely untouched. Having a completely open, green vista right on the south coast is incredibly rare, and once it is chipped away at, it can never be recovered. This open gap provides immense mental and environmental value to everyone who lives here and visits.

To grant any form of development on this land would be a disservice to the local community, especially given that Worthing already has some of the lowest amounts of accessible green space per person in England. We simply cannot afford to lose a single square meter of our protected open space to commercial ventures.

Furthermore, I have absolutely no trust in the applicant's stated motivations. While the current application paints a picture of a benign, seasonal community space with sandpits and temporary facilities, it feels entirely disingenuous. Given the history of unauthorised work on this site and previous rejected attempts, this looks clearly like a "Trojan horse" strategy—a cynical first step to establish a commercial foothold on the land, erode its protected status, and set a precedent to achieve planning permission for lucrative housing developments in the future.

Mr. Dixon's personal promises on his website do nothing to alleviate these concerns. The local plan is there to safeguard our environment from this exact type of incremental encroachment.

I urge the planning department to robustly refuse this application and protect the integrity of the Goring Gap for the long-term benefit of the public.

Thank you

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