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I would like to strongly object to planning application AWDM/1285 Certificate of Lawfulness of tree planting.
The diagram provided shows 25 tree plots with the majority planted to the Northern perimeter and Westerly corner of the site (when looking from the South). It also shows, what appear to be, 8 larger trees to be placed around a "sandpit" that was refused permission in application AWDM/0099/24. In the AI generated photo of the trees in the Westerly corner, it clearly shows that the view for cars exiting Amberley Drive to travel East, along Marine Drive, would be severely compromised and dangerous. I believe there is also a plan to put a "Flowerpot" boat in the same location. Rather conflicting.
There is no description of the type of trees or the height or width to which they would grow to. This is a harsh coastal environment with frequent strong winds and trees suffer with salt erosion, weakening them considerably.
Placing trees around a , previously refused, children's "sandpit" would come with many hazards ie; falling branches, increased bird excrement. A sandpit already carries a contamination risk from other wildlife within the area and there is a perfectly good beach across the road that gets washed by the tide daily.
Trees would obscure the openness of the site and the views to the South Downs.
I am struggling to find the desperation for a "sandpit" as it has now become a focus in applications AWDM/0099/24, AWDM/0737/26 and AWDM/1285/26 but yet again there have been no clear dimensions given, including depth and whether or not it will need a concrete foundation to be laid beneath the surface. Sandpits are rarely included in play parks nowadays.
In his application form for the tree planting Mr Dixon describes the site as "long vacant" and "making the most of Worthing's distinctive seafront setting". The site has not been vacant since February/March when the mobile toilet block,advertising trailer, various horseboxes and a large white van were placed on the site. From (circa) May 25th 2026 until September 21st 2026 the site traded as the Kite Bar, serving beers, soft drinks and burgers.
As for comparison with Worthings distinctive seafront setting, this is absurd. Worthing is a purpose built town with many amenities including a pier, lido building, theatres, shops, restaurants etc,. Goring Gap offers peace and tranquility.
Referring again to the application form, the question pertaining to has work been started on this application? has been answered incorrectly. Having been refused application AWDM/0099/24 Mr Dixon did, without planning permission, proceed to dig out the "sandpit", boules area and tree plots. Please see attached drone photograph for reference.
I cordially ask that this Certificate of Lawfulness be refused.
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Sandra Batchelor.
Ferring Resident.

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