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From: **Aaron Robertson** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, 9 Jul 2026 at 22:20

Subject: Re: AWDM/0737/26

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to my earlier objection on application **AWDM/0737/26** (Land South East Corner of Amberley Drive/Marine Drive), I would like to supplement my comments.

Having reviewed the Council's own description of the proposal, I wish to confirm my objection is based on the following grounds:

- The site is designated Local Green Gap under the current Local Plan (pages 58–61), which reserves this area from development of this kind.
- The site is also designated a Local Wildlife Site, and the proposed use, structures (including shipping containers), and vehicle activity are not compatible with that designation and risk biodiversity loss.
- The proposal includes overnight camping/parking use, which raises concerns about traffic, noise, and the encouragement of overnight vehicle stays in a residential area.
- The scale of proposed structures and activity (shipping containers, flagpoles, an advertising trailer, animals for entertainment) would be out of keeping with the character of the Goring Gap.
- The site has a long-established planning history of refusal, having been refused in 1951 and 1954 (upheld on appeal on agricultural-use grounds), with subsequent applications also rejected. The land's established use is agricultural, not commercial or recreational development at this scale.

I would be grateful if this comment is read alongside my earlier submission.

Yours faithfully,
Aaron Robertson
Amberley Drive, Worthing

Kind Regards

On Thursday, 9 July 2026 at 21:52:09 BST, Aaron Robertson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Planning Officer,

I am writing to formally object to planning application AWDM/0737/26 for the proposed development on Dixon's plot, Marine Drive, Worthing.

Conflict with the Local Plan: This site falls within the designated Local Green Gap, which under the current Local Plan (pages 58–61) is explicitly protected from development of this kind. A large-scale commercial venue of the type proposed is fundamentally incompatible with that designation.

Local Wildlife Site designation: The site is also recognised as a Local Wildlife Site. The scale of activity proposed — including vehicle movements, equipment, and storage — would be incompatible with that status and would risk biodiversity loss at a time when biodiversity gain, not loss, is required of new developments.

Visual and environmental impact: The proposed activities, vehicles, equipment, and out-of-season storage (including shipping containers) would significantly detract from the visual character of the Goring Gap, an open and valued part of the local landscape.

Traffic and congestion: The scale of the proposal — reportedly up to 500 visitors at a time and over 2,000 in a day, with parking for 150 cars — would generate entry and exit traffic likely to cause unacceptable congestion on Marine Crescent and the surrounding residential roads, which are not designed for this volume.

Noise: Operating hours of 8am to 11.30pm, seven days a week, with amplified music, alcohol licensing, and up to 10 major events a year, would create a sustained and significant noise impact for surrounding residents, fundamentally altering the character of a quiet residential area.

Overnight camping/parking: Permitting overnight camping or motorhome stays on site risks encouraging overnight parking of motorhomes on the surrounding carriageway, which West Sussex County Council already prohibits.

Planning history: This site has a long and consistent planning history of refusal. Applications for development were refused in 1951 and 1954 and upheld on appeal, with the Inspector at the time finding that the agricultural use of the land should not be impaired. Every application since has similarly been rejected. The land's established use is agricultural, not commercial or residential development, and nothing in this application changes that fundamental position.

For these reasons — conflict with the Local Plan, harm to a designated wildlife site, biodiversity loss, traffic congestion, noise pollution, and a long-established planning history of refusal — I strongly object to this application and ask that it be refused.

Yours faithfully,
Aaron Robertson
Amberley Drive, Worthing