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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
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