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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.

I have lived in sea place / Keymer crescent for 40+ years and have used the space along the seafront, particularly by The Gap to take daily walks, and to enjoy with my children and grandchildren. Indeed my grandparents would take us to the area for picnics when I was a child. I therefore know the area well.

The Goring Gap is a vital coastal "green space" and an area of stunning natural beauty that should be left completely unhindered. Having a completely open, green vista right to the south coast is rare, and once it is developed in any shape way or form- even temporarily it can never be recovered to its original form in terms of flora and fauna. Damage to the soil, insect life, habitat will be affected forever.

As importantly this space and surrounding land provides immense mental and environmental value to everyone who lives here and visits, past present and future.

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.

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 publi.

Thank you in anticipation of taking my objection to this plan into account when decision-making.

Yours faithfully

Anna parsons

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