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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the recent planning application submitted by Mr. Chris Dixon concerning the land at the junction of Amberley Drive and Marine Drive on the Goring Gap.

The land has long been valued as an attractive, open green space enjoyed by local residents and visitors alike. The increasing number of vehicles and structures already present has significantly altered the character of the site and created an unwelcome visual intrusion in what was previously a pleasant natural area.

I am also concerned about the commercial use of the site, particularly the operation of a bar serving alcohol. My understanding is that a previous application for an alcohol licence was refused, yet alcohol is now being sold from the site. Whatever the legal position, the impact on local residents must be carefully considered. While visitors may enjoy the facilities and then leave the area, it is the local community that must deal with the consequences of increased noise, litter, anti-social behaviour and disturbance that can accompany the sale and consumption of alcohol.

The Goring Gap is a much-loved community asset and is widely appreciated for its family-friendly atmosphere, tranquillity and sense of safety. These qualities should not be compromised by further commercial development. The Goring Gap also serves as an essential coastal "green lung" and an important wildlife corridor. It is one of the few remaining undeveloped stretches of coastline in the area and provides significant environmental, ecological and health benefits for both residents and visitors. At a time when so much of the local coastline has already been developed, and in many cases overdeveloped, it is more important than ever to protect the remaining open spaces from further encroachment.

I understand that this area already has one of the lowest levels of accessible green space per head of population in England. If that is the case, this makes the protection of the Goring Gap even more important. Commercial development that diminishes this valuable public asset would not, in my view, be in the wider public interest.

I am also concerned about the cumulative effect of the various planning proposals that have been submitted for this site over time. Taken together, they give the impression of a gradual intensification of commercial activity, which could ultimately alter the character and planning status of the land. I am not persuaded that the current application should be viewed in isolation, and I believe the planning authority should consider whether it forms part of a pattern of incremental development that could make it increasingly difficult to resist more intensive proposals in the future.

While I acknowledge the assurances given by Mr. Dixon on his website, personal commitments cannot replace the protections provided by the Local Plan and established planning policy. Those policies exist precisely to safeguard valued landscapes such as the Goring Gap from incremental erosion and inappropriate development.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Planning Authority to refuse this application and to protect the integrity of the Goring Gap for the long-term benefit of the local community, future generations, and the wildlife that depends upon this unique coastal landscape.

Yours faithfully,

Anne Wareham JP