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Comments for Planning Application AWD/0737/26

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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11/07/2026 11:14 AM from Mr David Nash.

Application Summary

Address:	Land South East Corner Of Amberley Drive Marine Drive Worthing West Sussex
Proposal:	Commercial use of regenerated land, including use as a community green space for recreational and leisure use. Retention of land for biodiversity use. Bore hole for extraction of natural water. Use of land to produce natural green energy, for example solar. Provision of vehicle parking use (including overnight camping use for kite surfers and sea swimmers), 2 x 6m flag poles, provision of food and drink from temporary structures, mobile toilets, shower and baby changing facilities. Two recessed shipping containers for site storage and use. Tree shaded sandpit and tumble-down mound for young children and toddlers to use. Animals to use for entertainment purposes, for example Shetland ponies. A decorative flowerpot boat at site entrance. Bin storage use. A wheeled advertising trailer, measuring approx. 5 metres by 2.5 metres located within the site boundary to promote Worthing, local events and tourism.
Case Officer:	Gary Peck

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Customer Details

Name:	Mr David Nash
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	This application would have a devastating impact on the beauty and quiet nature of the Goring Gap. Turning one of the last few protected areas of natural beauty in the local area into a carpark for 150 cars with shipping containers, complete with a 5x2.5m advertising trailer. The Goring Gap is a beautiful space adjacent to the beach. Filling it with such a development would completely destroy the beauty of the area.

The local plan (p58-61) specifically protects this space from development of any sort. What is being proposed is an eyesore, even worse than the idea of building houses.

The land has been reserved for agricultural purposes, as stated by a planning inspector under previous appeals relating to 1951 and 1954 cases. Turning this land into a car park and taking away the beautiful natural space and look is unacceptable.

Even a car park for 150 cars is unlikely to be sufficient to fulfil the demand by customers which will lead to cars trying to park on local roads, which are small and already overcrowded on sunny days as people flock to the beach. Many of the local roads are private and extremely narrow (e.g. in Ferring) and this would likely lead to a mass of cars parking on these roads and making it very hard for residents to navigate down them to their houses as they are already very narrow.

Furthermore the local roads are not sufficient, and were not designed, to carry the volumes of traffic such a development would generate.

Furthermore the space is currently a quiet and peaceful area which is highly valued by the local community. This is shown by the significant numbers who visit the area whenever the weather is good - throughout the week and not just at weekends.

Putting a bar here attracting 100s of cars, potentially 1000s of people per day, likely with loud music, will totally change the character of the area.

The land is not "regenerated" as stated in the application, it is a green space reserved for agriculture and highly valued by the local community for the nature it provides.

The site is designated a local wildlife site. This is not the place for a carpark, shipping containers and 100s-1000s of people to go drinking daily. Such a use represents gross over development of a local space protected by the local plan and designated a Wildlife Site.

The application claims to protect biodiversity but it is obvious that turning a large area of green space into a carpark complete with development for a bar and shipping containers and the influx of 100s-1000s of people per day will significantly reduce biodiversity, when more is required.

Furthermore illegal trading has already commenced at the site, with a bar and parking being operated with associated signage at the roadside despite no licensing or planning permission to do so. It would be foolish to accept an application by operators who clearly have no regard for the law or following due process. A simple drive-by or visit to the site can very obviously confirm this.

The site has faced multiple applications for housing development which have all been rejected for similar reasons to the above. What is being proposed would have a far larger and far more negative impact on the site, local roads and the local community. It will turn one of Worthing's last natural spaces into what would not look dissimilar to a junkyard with cars, shipping containers and large advertising boards. The appearance, overdevelopment, noise and parking issues would destroy the local area. It must be rejected.

Kind regards