

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 02/07/2026 4:41 PM from Mr Michael Bethwaite.

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 Michael Bethwaite
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment
Comments:	I wish to object to the above application on the following material planning grounds:

1. Highways, parking pressure and overnight vehicle use The proposal introduces vehicle parking, including overnight camping, in an area already experiencing significant seasonal congestion. Marine Drive and surrounding residential streets are not designed to accommodate increased traffic volumes or overnight stays. This raises safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists, and emergency access.

2. Noise, disturbance and loss of residential amenity The combination of food and drink provision, temporary structures, play areas, animals for entertainment, and overnight camping will generate continuous noise and activity throughout the day and evening. This is inappropriate adjacent to residential properties and will materially harm local amenity, contrary to Local Plan policies.

3. Environmental impact and biodiversity conflict Although the application refers to "retention of land for biodiversity use", several proposed elements - including a borehole, solar installations, children's play features, animal use, and storage containers - risk disturbing existing habitats. The site's coastal location makes biodiversity protection particularly important. The proposal does not demonstrate that ecological impacts have been properly assessed or mitigated.

4. Visual impact and harm to coastal character The introduction of shipping containers, flagpoles, advertising trailers, and multiple temporary structures will significantly alter the appearance of this sensitive seafront location. The cluttered nature of the proposal is out of keeping with the open coastal character and conflicts with Local Plan design policies requiring development to respect local landscape qualities.

5. Lack of clarity and cumulative impact The application bundles numerous unrelated uses - recreational, commercial, energy generation, water extraction, animal entertainment, parking, and advertising - without a clear management plan or assessment of cumulative impact. This creates uncertainty about how the site will operate and how impacts will be controlled.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the application be refused.

Kind regards