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Dear Sirs,

PLANNING APPLICATION: References AWDM/1248/26 and

DP-15312651

Application concerning land at south east corner of Amberley Drive and Marine Drive, Worthing, West Sussex.

Apologies but I have been unable to make my representations on the web site, hence this email.

I wish to object please to this Planning Application, principally on the following grounds:

- **Environmental**

The land is within a particularly environmentally sensitive area, on green land, between the sea and the Downs.

Quite simply, the proposal is totally out of character with the area and existing plans for the area.

The Goring Gap is one of the few places left in Sussex where one can look directly from the sea to the South Downs National Park. This development of corrugated iron roof and solar panels would destroy that as well as the character and appearance of this important heritage setting. Development of any sort will cause the irreplaceable loss of one of Worthing's great assets and a further reduction in already scarce green space in the Borough.

Any development will impact adversely biodiversity, damage habitats (e.g. those of reptiles, amphibians and particularly those birds which are ground-nesting (skylarks etc), of which there are many on the Gap but sadly, few elsewhere.

Already, cutting the natural grasses is altering the delicate biodiversity and environment, depriving in particular, small wildlife from its natural environment. There is really nowhere else for it to move to.

I concede the land currently has the appearance of a junk yard, with a variety of vehicles and structures and attracts considerable adverse comment. What is proposed here will make it worse. Do we really want this to be the first thing that visitors to Worthing see when approaching via the coast road?

- **Local Plan**

I believe the development of this land is also precluded by the area's Local Plan, and if we have a Local Plan, we should abide by it.

- **Prevention of crime and disorder**

The area has a historical problem with anti-social behaviour. Not so long ago, it was necessary to form a residents' action group and involve considerable police resource to counter successfully, disorder. That included damage to cars, the kicking down of garden walls, broken glass on the greensward and roads etc.

Separately, the beach shelter at the end of Aldsworth Avenue was a congregating site for young people. It was vandalised several times and repaired and finally burned to the ground. The council decided against replacement.

I am fearful that the proposed application could provide a new focal point, particularly after dark, for undesirable activities.

The area is already used almost nightly by youths "speed testing" cars and motorcycles. The proposed development potentially provides an additional gathering point.

Thank you for considering my representations as to why the Application should be rejected.

Kind regards.

Adrian Peters.