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To: planning@adur-worthing.gov.uk <planning@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

Dear Planning Officer,

I wish to formally object to planning application **AWDM/0737/26** for the proposed development on the Goring Gap.

The Goring Gap is one of the last remaining undeveloped green spaces separating Worthing and Ferring. It has significant environmental, landscape and community value and plays an important role in maintaining the distinct identity of these communities. Once this land is developed, this unique open space will be lost forever.

I am concerned that the proposal would:

- Result in the irreversible loss of valuable agricultural and greenfield land.
- Damage local wildlife habitats and biodiversity at a time when nature should be protected and enhanced.
- Reduce the important gap between settlements, contributing to urban sprawl and the coalescence of neighbouring communities.
- Increase pressure on already stretched local infrastructure, including roads, healthcare, schools and public services.
- Harm the character and appearance of this open coastal landscape, which is enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

The Goring Gap provides important recreational and wellbeing benefits, offering open countryside for walking, exercise and relaxation. Preserving these green spaces is essential for current and future generations.

I respectfully ask the Council to refuse this application and continue to protect the Goring Gap from inappropriate development. Brownfield sites should be prioritised for new housing before irreplaceable greenfield land is sacrificed.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Dominique Coatsworth