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Hi,

As per the info. on the planning page I receive an error message when trying to add a comment to planning application AWDM/0737/26

Please can you add my below comments;

Dear Planning Officer,

I am writing to formally object to the planning application for a recreational facility at Goring Gap.

Goring Gap is a highly valued green space, and building a permanent, structural facility here contradicts the protections established in the Worthing Local Plan (2023). I urge the Council to refuse this application based on the following reasons:

1. **1. Breach of Policy SS5 (Local Green Gaps):** The primary purpose of this policy is to keep this land open and prevent urban sprawl between Worthing and Ferring. Permanent structures and fencing would irreversibly destroy this openness.
2. **2. Conflict with Policy SS6 (Local Green Space Designation):** Goring Gap is designated as Local Green Space, which provides protection similar to the Green Belt. This development does not meet the "very special circumstances" required for building on such protected land.
3. **3. Damage to Landscape:** The site offers a unique view connecting the South Downs to the sea. Built infrastructure and car parking would ruin this coastal landscape.
4. **4. Ecological Impact:** This area is a crucial wildlife corridor. Replacing this green space with a high-footfall facility would harm local biodiversity and conflict with the Council's environmental commitments.
5. **5. Traffic and Safety:** The A259 and surrounding coastal roads already suffer from congestion. A new facility would increase traffic, raising concerns about highway safety and air quality.

The Worthing Local Plan exists to prevent this type of inappropriate development. I strongly urge the Council to uphold its own policies, protect this vital green space, and refuse this application.

Yours sincerely,

Stephanie Dewar