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AWDM/0737/26 - Land South East Corner of Amberley Drive, Marine Drive Worthing

I believe this proposal represents a significant and inappropriate intensification of use on a sensitive site, with substantial negative impacts on the local community, the environment, and the character of the surrounding area. My objections are as follows:

Highway Access, Parking and Safety

The roads in this area are narrow and already busy in peak season. This raises real concerns for pedestrian and cyclist safety, and for emergency vehicle access. The proposal for vehicle parking, including overnight camping, in an area in which overnight parking is **already prohibited**, would furthermore generate traffic that the area already at times struggles to cope with. The area is also frequently blighted by travellers and Marine Drive and surrounding residential streets are not designed to accommodate increased traffic volumes or overnight stays.

Noise, Disturbance, Traffic and Smells

Nearby residents are already experiencing anti-social behavior due to increased noise from night-revellers and whilst this may be difficult to enforce it should not be encouraged, and no doubt would add further pressures on Authorities. This proposal is inappropriate so close to residential properties and will materially harm the local amenity, contrary to Local Plan policies.

Loss of Amenity

The proposal for inclusion of so much commercial clutter on this site (which is already accumulating and in operation!) would be an overdevelopment of the site, causing visual impact and harm to this beautiful area of coastal character, it is not in keeping and conflicts with the Local Plan design policies requiring development to respect surrounding local landscape areas. The application, if approved, would risk setting a precedent for further commercial development and this quiet area of coastline would be lost forever, swallowed up by commercialization and greed. The proposal would have an environmental impact on the flora and fauna disturbing the habitat of this valued and precious Green Gap that is enjoyed by local residents, young and old, visitors, and wildlife alike, and should be protected for all to enjoy for generations to come.

Design, Appearance, Materials and Character

The provision for food and drink, mobile toilets and sandpit is unnecessary. The Sea Lane Café to the east and the Bluebird Café to the west of the site, with small mobile

coffee and ice-cream vans along Marine Drive are perfectly adequate and well supported. There are corporate barbecue facilities on the greensward, either side of The Plantation to the east of the site as well as public toilets and a sandpit sounds a bit pathetic when you can have a beach!

I urge the Council to refuse this application and help protect this beautiful and valued Green Gap.

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