

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 29/06/2026 7:28 PM from Mr Paul Martin.

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

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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

- Other
- Overdevelopment
- Trees and Landscaping

Comments: To the Planning Officer,

RE: Objection to Planning Application AWDM/0737/26

I am writing as a local resident to formally register my strong objection to the above planning application at the land South East corner of Amberley Drive and Marine Drive. While some elements of the proposal pretend to offer community value, the scale, intensity, and nature of the commercial operations proposed for this specific site are entirely inappropriate.

My objections are grounded in the following material planning considerations:

1. Highway Safety, Traffic Generation, and Parking Strain

The proposal includes provisions for vehicle parking, including overnight camping for kite surfers and sea swimmers, alongside temporary food and drink structures.

Marine Drive and Amberley Drive already experience severe traffic congestion and parking saturation during the summer months.

Introducing a designated overnight camping and commercial hub will significantly increase traffic volume on an already strained coastal road network.

The application lacks a robust traffic management or highways safety assessment to show how increased vehicular turning movements will be safely managed without putting cyclists, pedestrians, and existing motorists at risk.

2. Environmental Impact and Suitability of the Land

The application site consists of sensitive coastal land (formerly farmland) right by the sea.

This area acts as a natural buffer zone and is entirely unsuitable for high-intensity commercial development, heavy vehicle parking, and the installation of shipping containers.

The introduction of "animals for entertainment purposes" (such as Shetland ponies), combined with increased human footfall, light pollution from overnight camping, and noise from temporary food structures, will actively degrade the local biodiversity the application claims to retain.

3. Noise, Disturbance, and Fear of Antisocial Behaviour

The inclusion of overnight camping, temporary food and drink venues, and mobile facilities introduces a high risk of noise pollution and statutory nuisance to nearby residential properties.

The local area is already under strain during peak seasons. Validating overnight

stays and unregulated commercial assembly creates a high probability of increased antisocial behaviour, littering, and late-night disturbance in a currently quiet residential-coastal boundary.

The provision of "bin storage use" and temporary toilets is insufficient to manage the environmental waste generated by overnight campers and commercial crowds so close to a marine environment.

4. Visual Amenity and Overdevelopment

The proposed 2 x 6m flagpoles, recessed shipping containers, wheeled advertising trailers, and temporary structures represent an industrialization and commercial creep onto a prominent seafront location. This will severely harm the open, natural visual amenity of the Worthing coastline.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, the proposed development represents an over-concentration of inappropriate commercial activity on a vulnerable coastal site, to the detriment of highway safety, local residents, and the natural environment. I respectfully urge the planning committee to refuse this application.

Yours faithfully,

Kind regards