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Comments for Planning Application AWD/0737/26

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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 12/07/2026 5:21 PM from Mr Mark Kingstone.

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

Name:	Mr Mark Kingstone
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Address:	Waters Edge Florida Road Worthing

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	We strongly object to this proposal and urge the planning committee to refuse this application and protect Goring Gap. Goring Gap is a vital, protected open space that prevents urban sprawl between Goring and Ferring. This proposal directly undermines local planning policies aimed at preserving the coastline and strategic green gaps. Our principal objections are as follows.

Loss of greenspace

Goring Gap is a unique landscape with open farmland running down to the sea providing views that are increasingly rare in West Sussex. The plot in the proposal is peaceful open space and is very highly regarded and used by the residents of Ferring, Goring and Worthing as well as the many visitors who come to enjoy the greensward, the seaside and the open views to the Downs. The application is completely opposite to the local plan for Goring Gap. The introduction of commercial leisure facilities, animal entertainment, and overnight camping is entirely out of character with this peaceful seaside residential area.

The strategic gap should remain a green space with uninterrupted views northward to Ilex way and southward, from Ilex Way, across open farmland to the sea. This site should be protected from any form of development or commercialisation so that it can continue to be enjoyed. Approving the proposal would destroy the open, rural, and undeveloped character of this protected landscape.

Traffic, Access, and Parking

The proposal for vehicle parking and overnight camping will cause severe traffic congestion and highway safety issues on Marine Drive and Amberley Drive, which are already heavily congested.

Creep

If this proposal is approved it is likely to lead to "creep" with further commercialisation leading in the end to development of this important, protected area.

Anti-social behaviour

The proposed use is likely to increase the risk of anti-social behaviour with beer being easily available. At the moment the area is widely used by family groups and does not suffer the sort of behaviour caused by groups interested largely in drinking.

Loss of amenity

The Council already spends large amounts of money removing the unwanted travellers as well as campers in the nearby woods. If this proposal is approved it will encourage further camping, as well as overnight parking. The proposal is likely to increase the amount of rubbish left at the greensward.

The proposed use will create an eyesore on what is currently a lovely vista of unspoilt countryside. Indeed this plot is already very unsightly with toilets and random vehicles. There will be even more rubbish and litter for the council to remove.

As others have mentioned, there is no need for a sandpit when there is a beach nearby and there are plenty of food and coffee outlets in the vicinity such as Sea Lane Café and the Bluebird Cafe.

Kind regards