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Comments for Planning Application AWDM/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 10:50 AM from Mr Michael Cripps.

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 Michael Cripps
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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 - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Planning Application Reference: AWDM/0737/26 Response 1 - Landscape and Planning Policy The proposal is fundamentally at odds with the purpose of the Goring Gap, which exists to maintain the important open space between Ferring and Goring. The Arun Local Plan clearly identifies this area as protected Green Gap land, where development that would

undermine its openness should not be permitted.

Although this proposal may not involve permanent housing, the introduction of commercial activity, associated structures, storage containers, vehicles and increased human activity would urbanise what is currently an open rural landscape. This would significantly diminish the visual character of the Gap and undermine the very purpose for which it is protected.

Allowing this proposal would set an undesirable precedent for further incremental development within this sensitive area.

For these reasons I respectfully request that the application be refused.

Response 2 - Wildlife and Biodiversity

I object to this application because of its likely impact on wildlife and biodiversity.

The site forms part of an important ecological corridor and is designated as a Local Wildlife Site. It provides habitat for birds, insects, mammals and other wildlife while also contributing to the wider biodiversity of the Goring Gap.

National and local planning policy seeks not only to protect biodiversity but to deliver measurable biodiversity gain. It is difficult to see how increased vehicle movements, visitor activity, overnight stays, lighting and commercial use could achieve that objective.

Once the tranquillity of this land is lost, the ecological value of the site is likely to be permanently diminished.

I therefore ask the Council to refuse the application.

Response 3 - Local Resident Perspective

As a local resident of Ferring, I strongly object to this proposal.

One of the defining features of our community is the open countryside separating Ferring from Goring. The Goring Gap provides valuable green space, supports agriculture, protects wildlife and preserves the distinct identity of both communities.

The proposed use would introduce increased traffic, noise, commercial activity and visual intrusion into an area that is currently peaceful and rural. I am particularly concerned about additional vehicle movements accessing the site and the cumulative impact this would have on nearby roads.

The planning application also appears to understate the planning history of the site. Previous attempts to develop this land have consistently recognised the importance of protecting its agricultural and open character.

I believe the proposal conflicts with the policies that exist to protect the Goring Gap and should therefore be refused.

Finally on a personal note:

- * I've regularly walked the area for a few years;
- * I've observed the wildlife using the fields;
- * I value the open countryside separating Ferring and Goring;
- * I'm concerned about increased traffic on Marine Crescent and nearby roads based on my own experience.

Kind regards