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Comments for Planning Application AWDM/0737/26

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12 July 2026 at 15:46

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 3:46 PM from Mr Robert Pickett.

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 Robert Pickett
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Overdevelopment - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	We wish to object to the above application for the proposed development for Commercial Use of Land which is currently agricultural land. My wife and I have lived on the Goring Hall Estate for over 50 years and always valued the open fields west of Aldsworth Avenue known locally as the 'Goring Gap'. The current application would create a large retail leisure facility on farmland which currently provides a natural 'breathing space' between Goring and Ferring. This existing

break in the local coastal development provides a very important area for outdoor leisure pursuits by residents and visitors alike.

Our objections are as follows: -

No need for this development - The local plan does not envisage the commercial development of this land. The proposed facility is adjacent to a popular beach and greensward area visited by families all year round for seaside leisure activities. There is ample parking on the south side of Marine Drive and is served in the summer months by coffee / ice cream vendors. Over the years there have been s to develop the fields for residential housing and if this application if approved would be a step towards that goal.

Increased Traffic - The development would generate additional traffic from those seeking to use the entertainment and catering facilities. These are already available at the nearby Sea Lane and Blue Bird Cafes where there is already ample parking.

Road Safety - There would be an increase in the number of pedestrians crossing Marine Drive, to and from the beach, to access these proposed facilities. This would inevitably increase to risk of accidents from increased activity to the North side of Marine Drive. Cars, camper vans and delivery trucks would also be frequently entering and leaving the site presenting a hazard to the circulation of local traffic.

Antisocial Behaviour - The sale of food and drink on the proposed development is not needed and is likely to encourage unnecessary noise and disruption to the area. The sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages would encourage antisocial behaviour in an otherwise quiet corner of our neighbourhood.

Loss of biodiversity - The installation of temporary buildings and containers with associated hard standing will reduce the current habitat. Water extraction and waste created by the venue will present further environmental challenges.

Camper Parking - The new restriction on overnight camping along Marine Drive has achieved a welcome reduction in the presence of touring caravans and motor homes. If this proposal is given planning approval they will return in greater numbers, sprawled across the sea front, spoiling to charming and unique environment of the Goring Gap.

Rural Character - The development would detract from the rural nature of the area by bring commercial enterprise on to this site. The existing farming operations maintain the environment and are an enduring back drop to this unspoilt rural area.

We sincerely hope that this Planning Application will be rejected in its entirety.

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Kind regards