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Subject: Comment on Planning Application - Steyne Gardens Ice Rink

To: <planning@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

Dear Planning Team,

I am writing to comment on the planning permission relating to the Steyne Gardens ice rink. I am a member of public and a former resident of 47 Warwick Gardens and, while I no longer live at this address, I remain within the Worthing–Adur Council area (currently residing in Lancing). Having lived at Warwick Gardens for seven years, I am very familiar with the impact of the ice rink.

In my experience, the ice rink has been an eyesore, a disturbance, and a poor use of space. While I do not object to it being erected for the festive period, as it is a good attraction for families, having it in place for 110 days is unreasonable.

From daily dog walks past the site, it has been clear that the rink is often half empty, particularly from mid-January once the novelty wears off. While financial viability is a matter for the operator, occupying such a large public space for nearly four months is not justified.

Ice rinks across the UK (e.g. Portsmouth, Brighton, Southampton, Blackpool etc etc) operate until early to mid-January. In contrast, Steyne Gardens struggles to recover after the rink is removed at the end of February. As of early June 2026, large areas remain boarded up due to damage to the grass and underlying surface. It's a town centre location and it now looks rough and off-putting.

This also impacts other community events, with some already relocated (such as the Worthing Festival and Vintage Car Festival), and uncertainty remaining around future events like Worthing Pride.

I ask that the Council carefully consider these points. If permission is granted, conditions should be imposed, either on the operator or on the Council itself, to ensure the site is restored to a usable public space as quickly as possible.

Alternatively, a different location with a hard-standing surface should be considered to avoid repeated damage.

Kind regards
Giedre Kupryte