

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 01/07/2026 9:04 AM from Mr David Bettiss.

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 David Bettiss
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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:

As a local resident of Ferring who overlooks the Goring Gap, I believe the current "temporary" use of this site for up to 28 days a year is unacceptable, but this application to make it permanent is intolerable.

The overriding issue here of course is that Worthing BC quite rightly has designated their section of the Gap in the Local Plan as a Green Gap where no development should take (as has Arun DC in the rest of the Gap within their jurisdiction). The Gap is much loved and needed by local people and the fact it is unspoilt is the factor that attracts visitors. The complete intensification of the site in this application is totally at odds with that Green Gap designation, as well as its designation as a Local Wildlife Site, which is in place for well evidenced reasons. In fact, before the applicant landscaped the land he owns, this section was probably the most valuable part of the Gap in wildlife terms, particularly for migratory birds, and any more intensive use would cause even more harm.

The current site with a jumble of old horseboxes, vans and a mobile toilet block is a complete eyesore, and again having that permanently in place detracts from the aesthetic value of the area throughout the main season and potentially the whole year.

There is a genuine concern over safety in that the access point for persons and vehicles is through an entrance straight on to the busy and often congested Marine Drive. This appears to have been accepted by the applicant, as why else has he installed a mirror at this point in an attempt to improve the view of vehicles emerging from the site? This is not sustainable throughout the year, as is the plan to open up the land for overnight camping for large vehicles, which contradicts the ban on this on the road outside. Noise is also an issue on the site as all those who live nearby know that sounds travel very easily across the Gap and does cause disturbance.

In conclusion, this is a blatant attempt to change the use of this land in an area where the plans would cause much harm, and degrade its value to the local population into the future. It must be preserved as the unique area it is, and this latest attempt must be refused out of hand.

Kind regards