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Dear Planning Team,

I am writing to formally object to planning application **AWDM/0737/26**, concerning the land at the south-east corner of Amberley Drive and Marine Drive, Worthing.

My primary concern is the proposed introduction of commercial and more intensive recreational uses onto what is currently undeveloped farmland in one of the last remaining open stretches of the Worthing coastline.

I believe this land has an important value precisely because it has not been built upon or intensively developed. The Goring Gap provides a rare break in an otherwise heavily developed coastal area, and I am concerned that permitting commercial activity on this site would represent a significant change in its character and could establish a precedent for progressively more intensive uses in the future.

I also have serious concerns regarding highway and public safety. Marine Drive is already a busy seafront road, with vehicles regularly parked along one side. The proposed combination of a sandpit and recreational space attracting children and families, food and drink vendors, and the sale of alcohol would inevitably result in increased pedestrian activity immediately beside this road.

In my view, this creates a foreseeable risk of children and other visitors moving between the site, parked vehicles and the road itself, particularly during busy periods. The introduction of alcohol sales also raises reasonable concerns about increased noise, disturbance and potentially antisocial behaviour, especially during evenings and warmer weather.

There is also the question of additional traffic and parking pressure. The roads serving Goring are not designed to accommodate unlimited additional vehicle movements, and routes into and out of the area are relatively limited. A destination attracting significant numbers of additional visitors could increase congestion not only along Marine Drive itself but also on the surrounding roads used to enter and leave Goring.

I am particularly concerned about the cumulative effect of these proposed uses. Considered individually, a sandpit, food vendors or recreational space may each appear relatively modest. Taken together, however, they represent a substantial intensification and commercialisation of currently open coastal land.

The neighbouring greensward already provides a large and well-used public recreational space. I therefore struggle to see a compelling need to introduce a further intensive commercial leisure use onto adjacent undeveloped farmland, particularly when doing so risks changing the open and rural character of this important part of the coastline.

My objection is not to recreation or local businesses in principle. It is about whether this particular site is appropriate for this scale and combination of uses. I strongly believe that the remaining undeveloped coastal land around Goring should be protected from gradual commercialisation and urbanisation.

I therefore respectfully ask the Council to refuse planning application AWDM/0737/26.

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Yours faithfully,

Andrew Henderson