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Hi

I am having to email you directly regarding planning application AWD/0737/26, as I get a constant error message when trying to submit online.

I'd like to register my firm and unequivocal objection to the planning application put forward by Mr. Chris Dixon for the site at the Amberley Drive/Marine Drive junction on the Goring Gap.

The Goring Gap is one of the last true breathing spaces on this stretch of coast – an expanse of untouched, open green land that has become genuinely rare along the south coast. Land like this, once built on or built up, doesn't come back. It matters enormously to residents and visitors alike, not just for the environment but for people's wellbeing too.

Worthing already ranks among the worst areas in England for accessible green space per resident. Given that, allowing any development here at all would let down the community badly. Every remaining patch of this protected land needs to stay exactly as it is.

I also want to be direct: I don't believe the applicant's intentions are what they appear to be. The proposal is framed as something modest and community-focused – a seasonal space with sandpits and temporary structures – but that framing doesn't hold up under scrutiny. Considering there's already a track record of unauthorised work at this site, along with earlier applications that were turned down, this has all the hallmarks of a "Trojan horse" approach: get a small commercial foothold established now, chip away at the land's protected status over time, and use that as leverage for far more profitable housing development down the line.

Whatever assurances Mr. Dixon makes personally on his website don't change any of this. The whole purpose of the local plan is to stop exactly this kind of gradual, creeping encroachment.

I'd ask the planning department to reject this application outright and stand firm in protecting the Goring Gap, for the lasting benefit of everyone who values it.

Regards

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