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Comments for Planning Application AWD/0737/26

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13 July 2026 at 16:49

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 13/07/2026 4:49 PM from Mrs DEBORAH BENNETT.

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:	Mrs DEBORAH BENNETT
Email:	
Address:	23 Fernhurst Drive Worthing West Sussex

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
Comments:	Dear Planning Team, I am writing to formally log my strongest possible objection to the recent planning application submitted by Mr. Chris Dixon regarding the land at the junction of Amberley Drive and Marine Drive on the Goring Gap.

I have lived in Sea Lane/Fernhurst Drive, Goring by Sea for 35+ years and have used the space along the seafront, particularly by The Goring Gap to take daily dog walks,

and to enjoy with my now grown up children.

The Goring Gap is a vital coastal "green space" and an area of stunning natural beauty that should be left completely unhindered. Having a completely open, green vista right to the south coast is rare, and once it is developed in any way - even temporarily - it can never be recovered to its original form in terms of flora and fauna. Damage to the soil, insect life, habitat will be affected forever.

As importantly this space and surrounding land provides immense mental and environmental value to everyone who lives here and visits, past present and future.

To grant any form of development on this land would be a disservice to the local community, especially given that Worthing already has some of the lowest amounts of accessible green space per person in England. We simply cannot afford to lose a single square metre of our protected open space to commercial ventures.

I have absolutely no trust in the applicant's stated motivations. While the current application paints a picture of a benign, seasonal community space with sandpits and temporary facilities, it feels entirely disingenuous. Given the history of unauthorised work on this site and previous rejected attempts, this looks clearly like a "Trojan horse" strategy-a cynical first step to establish a commercial foothold on the land, erode its protected status, and set a precedent to achieve planning permission for lucrative housing developments in the future.

Mr. Dixon's personal promises on his website do nothing to alleviate these concerns. The local plan is there to safeguard our environment from this exact thing.

There are also huge concerns regarding noise level. The sound travels from the seafront, local residents do not want to be disturbed by loud noise and cars late into the evening. It is detrimental to the environment - we already deal with the mess and disturbance created by the travelling community on a very regular basis.

I urge the planning department to robustly refuse this application and protect the integrity of the Goring Gap for the long-term benefit of the public.

Thank you for taking the time to read my objection.

Kind regards