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Dear Sir or Madam

I have been advised of a planning application to turn part of Goring Gap, a Local Green Gap, into a commercial enterprise. I am obliged to send my comments, and its complaint, by email as suggested on your website because there are indeed problems with logging in to make comment.

My comments are:

This application is in direct contravention of the Local Plan and its protection of Local Wildlife. The entire proposal will cause loss of visual amenity at this popular tourist attraction for Adur/Worthing visitors. The plan will impair local residents general relaxation and well-being with its contribution to maintenance and improvement of our mental health. The calm nature of this historic place with its easy-going family environment, as experienced by my own family over some forty years, will be dramatically destroyed by the proposed holiday-camp style of 'attractions' and will certainly not represent a 'Retention of land for biodiversity use'. A bore hole for extraction of natural water will diminish local water supplies to adjacent farm land to at least some degree, an increasing difficulty faced by farmers. The erection of solar panels for the sole benefit of the commercial enterprise (there will not be much space for more with all the proposed parking) will be a blot on this very necessary Green Space. Parking on this Green land will destroy much local low-level wildlife. The sight of two garish 6m flagpoles and flags, food and drink so-called 'temporary' structures, mobile toilets, shower and baby changing cabin and two ugly recessed shipping containers for site storage are entirely out of character with this wonderful natural Green space. Overnight camping will encourage camper-van spillage onto the road where it is already forbidden for good reason. Inevitable loud parties, alcohol consumption (banned or not) will lead to disturbances of the peace in this quiet largely retirement locality where quiet early morning or evening walks can be enjoyed undisturbed. Who would police any bad behaviour, our police have enough to do without investigating the inevitable complaints. The structures will likely be placed on unprepared ground causing vehicle movement difficulty in wet weather and mud spread onto the coastal road or it may have have a solid surface laid as a prelude to further expansion of plans by the back door. A sand pit and tumble-down mound are entirely unnecessary given the existence of the beach green with many sloping surfaces and is a blatant attempt to soften the application in the public eye. As for Donkeys, where will their droppings fall? Will they be allowed to foul the Green space, the road, the beach green or the beach itself? What of the health risk to picnicking families, particularly children. There would be traffic problems too as vehicles will cause hold ups trying to enter and leave on this already busy and attractive coast road. It is already necessary to give way frequently to pass each-other, a practice cheerfully accepted by this happy community to its mutual benefit but not if exacerbated by this shallow ill-devised plan. Who will provide waste services - the council? Finally, 'A wheeled advertising trailer, measuring approx. 5 metres by 2.5 metres located within the site boundary to promote Worthing local events and tourism' is a shallow attempt to gain the councils approval and would be a further blight on this attractive Green Space as is the current offer of Free Beer to gain the wrong kind of public support. Is that even legal?

As a point of history, it has been noted that housing applications for this Green space were rejected as long ago as 1951 and 1954 and since, the land being designated agricultural. Like so many agricultural farms these days, fringe land such as that subject to the planning application is valued as wild Green space for diversity and maintenance of wild life species down to the lowest level. This plan flies in the face of that accepted public opinion.

We beg the council to reject this application.

Yours sincerely

Mr L.A. and Mrs M.L. Outridge

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