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Hello,

Please accept this email as my formal objection to the most recent planning application regarding the land at the junction of Amberley Drive and Marine Drive at Goring Gap.

This part of the coast line in Sussex is one of the very few remaining areas of undeveloped land along the coast boarding the beach. Previous planning applications over many years on Chatsmore Farm to the north (also known as Goring Gap north) have been repeatedly refused. My objections for granting any sort of development at Goring Gap south completely tallies with the reasons for refusing planning at Chatsmore farm.

- The proposed development would substantially harm the Local Green Gap.
- The proposed development would substantially harm an important gap between settlements.
- The proposed development would substantially harm the landscape including the setting of the South Downs National Park; and the adverse impact to the character of the area.
- That the proposed development would not be in a suitable location having regard to other local and national planning policies and the need for such facilities in this area.

Having an area of completely open, green and undeveloped land right on the south coast is incredibly rare, and once lost will never be retrievable. This green gap provides me, my family and the village of neighbouring Ferring with tremendous mental and environmental value and all my visitors love to visit this undeveloped area close by. Worthing has some of the lowest areas of accessible green space per capita in England.

A commercial use for this land is not needed or wanted. Toilets and refreshments are already available within easy reach and the area is served by temporary ice cream, snacks and drinks vans.

The roads through goring gap have cars, vans, motor homes etc parked either side throughout the summer months. Visibility is impeded when crossing the road because of this. Pedestrians, particularly children, crossing to use such facilities on this land would be dangerous.

Are visitors and residents of this area not allowed to have any areas of undeveloped land along the coast? Has every square metre got to be filled with some money making development.

Over the past few years the current owner of this land has advertised numerous development "opportunities" for this land. It has also had unauthorised activities and development by the current owner. The appearance of this land over the last few years would and should suggest that they are actively "degrading" it to the point that by default a development is approved just to improve what is there. But it would be foolish and blind to the facts if the motivation for this development was not to steadily but surely degrade and develop this land a would be a route to granting planning permission for houses or other commercial properties.

The description of the land as "regenerated" by the proposer appears either misleading or in opposition to his own application. The land is not brown field so this development can't be regenerating it. If this land had a previous non brown field use then the fact it is regenerated land is fantastic and a state to preserve. If however the regenerated land being referred to in this application was formally degraded land is now regenerated, ecologically, then that is a highly credible venture and a piece of land requiring preservation. To return it to degraded land by developing it would be shameful.

The proposal states that the land be developed as "a community green space for recreational and leisure use." The owner was due to sell this land to the local authority last year but decided against it. The land forms part of a large community green space for recreational and leisure use, namely the beach and goring gap. No development is needed or required on this piece of land. The application states that the "Retention of land for biodiversity use." But no development is the only way to retain this biodiversity.

"Bore hole for extraction of natural water." Without any testing and geological information this would simply be a nice idea. Significant investment and investigation would be required for this particularly as it is on flat land, next to the sea. This addition to the planning application appears to be an example of "green washing" by the owner.

"Use of land to produce natural green energy, for example solar." Would appear to be the same as above. Although a more realistic option there is no firm commitment, simply a mention. There appears to be no real intent to be sustainable when undeveloped land is potentially being developed in a beautiful location.

A previous application for using this land as a campsite has already been refused so "Provision of vehicle parking use (including overnight camping use for kite surfers and sea swimmers)" is a second attempt to grant permission.

"...provision of food and drink from temporary structures, mobile toilets, shower and baby changing facilities. ". These are already catered for by very much more aesthetically suitable and/or temporary facilities than those being proposed.

"Two recessed shipping containers for site storage and use." And " A wheeled advertising trailer, measuring approx. 5 metres by 2.5 metres located within the site boundary to promote Worthing, local events and tourism. " This will just be an eyesore in this location of beauty and undeveloped land. Trying to suggest it will be a benefit to the local area by providing advertising is disgraceful. In addition, the provision of a car park on this land is not needed. Plenty of 'on road' parking available in suitable locations. The development of a green space for car parking is not needed.

"Animals to use for entertainment purposes, for example Shetland ponies." Ferring Country Centre, just inland from this proposed development, offers a well established farm and entertainment for children. It is educational and offers horse riding for people of all ages and particularly caters for those with physical and learning difficulties. Animals for entertainment is something to be discouraged not encouraged.

The local plan should be there to safeguard our environment from this type of incremental encroachment.

I urge the planning department to robustly refuse this application and protect the integrity of the Goring Gap for the long-term benefit of residents and visitors to a sadly diminishing area of undeveloped land by the sea.

With kindest regards

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