

Comments for Planning Application AWDM/0160/26 Reps and Consults x



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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 11/09/2026 11:12 AM from Mr Ian Jones.

Application Summary

Address:	Car Park Adjacent Sea Lane Cafe Marine Crescent Worthing West Sussex
Proposal:	Retention of storage container for wood in connection with sauna provision on the beach
Case Officer:	Tom Westerman

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Ian Jones

Email:

Address: 138 Marine Crescent Worthing West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter
Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for
comment:

- Other

Comments:

I object to the application for the continued or proposed use of the shipping container to store wood for the sauna. The proposal would cause unacceptable harm to the character and visual amenity of the area, while the information available does not demonstrate that a container in this location is necessary.

1. Lack of demonstrated need and reasonable alternatives

The original justification for the container was the storage of bulky paddleboard equipment that was difficult to bring to the site each day. The present proposal is materially different. The sauna is regularly moved from the beach back into the car park, so wood could be delivered directly to it while it is in the car park. Alternatively, wood could be stored at another location and only the quantity required for each operating period brought to the site. These practical alternatives indicate that retaining a shipping container at this prominent location is not essential.

2. Harm to visual and residential amenity

The blue shipping container is visible from our home and within the wider area. Its industrial appearance, areas of rust, and prominent bright-yellow hire branding make it an incongruous and unsightly feature. Rather than respecting the character and appearance of its surroundings, it introduces a visually intrusive commercial structure. The resulting harm is not simply the impact on our private view; it is the effect of the container's colour, condition, form and signage on the visual amenity and character of the area.

3. Anti-social behaviour and safety concerns

In recent months the container has frequently been used as a football goal, and people have climbed onto its roof. Its continued siting therefore creates an avoidable focus for anti-social behaviour and presents a foreseeable safety risk. This experience should be taken into account when assessing whether the proposed storage arrangement is suitable for this location.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Council to refuse the application. If the Council is nevertheless minded to approve it, I ask that permission be subject to strict conditions requiring the container to be removed within a defined period, all external branding to be removed, the exterior to be maintained in a subdued

colour and good condition, and suitable measures to prevent access to the roof and discourage anti-social use.

