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Subject: Support for planning application AWD/0737/26 Land South East Corner Of Amberley Drive Marine Drive Worthing West Sussex

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to express my strong support for the above planning application, for the following reasons.

1. The site and its history

This site is a real asset to the area. There are no houses nearby — the nearest properties are only reached across the field — so the usual concerns about disturbance to neighbours simply do not apply here. It is also worth noting that this is not untouched land. The last planning application on the site was in 1912, for housing, and the foundations still sit about four inches below the grass. This proposal is a modest and sensitive use of a site with a long history of intended development.

2. Benefit to the local community

There are no cafes or toilets in the immediate area. The nearest cafes are down by the beach, a fair distance away, and of no use to anyone spending time here. This proposal fills a genuine gap. It creates a lovely little picnic spot with toilets and refreshments, right where people actually need them. Families, walkers, cyclists and visitors will all benefit.

The area also suffers from real congestion, particularly at weekends, with cars parked on both sides of Marine Drive. This application provides much-needed off-street parking, which will ease that pressure rather than add to it. It also offers a proper place for campervans, which currently have no option but to park on the street.

3. Traffic and safety

Far from worsening congestion, providing off-street parking here takes cars off Marine Drive, improving visibility and safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers alike. On-street parking is the current danger; this proposal is part of the solution.

4. Environment and sustainability

The owner has made a clear commitment to running all equipment on solar energy rather than a generator. This means no engine noise, no fumes, and no disturbance to wildlife or visitors. It is exactly the kind of quiet, low-impact, environmentally responsible operation that suits a site like this, and it shows the applicant has thought carefully about protecting the character of the area.

5. Character of the area

This is a low-key, small-scale proposal that respects the open character of the site. It keeps the land accessible and enjoyable for local people and visitors, rather than leaving it unused. A tidy, managed site with facilities will look after this land far better than leaving it neglected.

This application is a thoughtful, proportionate use of the site that brings real, practical benefits to the community — parking, toilets, refreshments where there are none, a place to stop and enjoy the surroundings — powered by the sun and with no harm to neighbours. I urge the Council to approve it.

Yours faithfully,
Nodge

my wife and I had a lovely, relaxing drink at the bar yesterday and really like the people running the place. We really need to look forward to keeping our young people in Worthing instead of becoming an area simply for retirees who don't want change.

