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Subject: Planning Application AWDM/0737/26
To: <planning@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to object to the planning application made by Mr Chris Dixon re. Goring-Ferring Gap.

As I understand it this application is contrary to the Local Plan, which reserves this area as Local Green Gap, not available for development of any sort (Local Plan pages 58 – 61)

2. Nor is it compatible with the site's designation as a Local Wildlife Site
3. Biodiversity loss, when biodiversity gain is required
4. The proposal is incoherent and not internally consistent – parking for 150 vehicles, food and drink stalls, toilets and shower facilities, entertainment from animals, large shipping containers, a bore hole for water, solar panels, and a play area for children could not be contained in the 2-acre site.
5. The proposed activities on the site, the vehicles and equipment, and the shipping containers for storage out of season would detract from the visual appeal of the Goring Gap.
6. The entry and exit of vehicles would cause unacceptable traffic congestion in Marine Crescent and adjacent roads, which are already overly subscribed and in the summer are quite dangerous with lots of speeding, illegal parking and limited visibility due to many high sided vehicles and overgrowth from verges and fields.
7. Allowing overnight accommodation for camper vans would encourage overnight parking of motor homes on the carriageway, which WSCC has prohibited, though it is still often contravened
8. Ferring and Goring already have a problem with travellers taking over large areas of the nearby Greenswards and any development such as this is likely to attract more issues with them.
9. Noise and pollution from the site - from power generators (wind, solar or diesel), vehicles coming and going all day and night, waste and refuse will have a massive detrimental impact on local residents, visitors and wildlife.
10. The history of the site is inaccurate and misleading. Planning applications for housing were refused by WSCC in 1951 and 1954 and upheld on appeal. The Inspector said, 'It would be wrong for anything to be done to impair the effective agricultural use of the land'. Subsequent applications and appeals have all been rejected, The last use of this land was agricultural, not housing development.

Yours sincerely,

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