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Dear Planning Officer

I wish to formally object to planning application AWDM/0737/26.

I believe this proposed development would have a significant and detrimental impact on the character, environment and overall amenity of this important coastal location.

The scale and intensity of the proposed development are wholly inappropriate for such a sensitive site, particularly within the Goring Gap, which is highly valued for its open, undeveloped landscape and unique coastal character. An area of outstanding natural beauty to be enjoyed by all.

The proposal includes parking for approximately 150 vehicles, overnight camping, food and drink outlets, entertainment facilities and other commercial activities. I believe these uses would fundamentally change the nature of this currently open green space and result in an unacceptable level of urbanisation.

Worthing is one of the most densely populated areas in the UK and it needs to preserve its open space in line with the Local Plan.

The additional traffic, noise, lighting, smells and increased visitor activity would have a harmful effect on nearby residents, local wildlife and those who currently enjoy this open area for its peace, openness and tranquillity. It is out of keeping and overdevelopment.

I am also concerned about the impact on biodiversity and the existing wildlife habitats within this important coastal area. Although the application refers to biodiversity measures, I remain concerned that the scale of commercial activity and increased visitor numbers would inevitably cause disturbance and harm to the natural environment.

I believe approving this development would create an undesirable precedent for further commercialisation along this stretch of coastline, gradually diminishing the unique character and openness that makes the Goring Gap such a special place.

In my view, this incongruous proposal goes against the local planning policy designed to protect the coastal landscape, preserve open space, and maintain the environmental importance of this area. This is agricultural land.

Whilst I fully support suitable recreational opportunities and responsible tourism in the right location, I do not believe this proposal protects this environmentally sensitive site for future generations. Previous applications and appeals have been quite rightly rejected by the Council and the Inspectorate for exactly these reasons.

I respectfully request that Worthing Borough Council refuse planning permission for application AWDM/0737/26.

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge safe receipt of this email objection.

