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Comments for Planning Application AWDM/0737/26

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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 10/07/2026 12:14 PM from Mr nicholas burke.

Application Summary

Address:	Land South East Corner Of Amberley Drive Marine Drive Worthing West Sussex
Proposal:	Commercial use of regenerated land, including use as a community green space for recreational and leisure use. Retention of land for biodiversity use. Bore hole for extraction of natural water. Use of land to produce natural green energy, for example solar. Provision of vehicle parking use (including overnight camping use for kite surfers and sea swimmers), 2 x 6m flag poles, provision of food and drink from temporary structures, mobile toilets, shower and baby changing facilities. Two recessed shipping containers for site storage and use. Tree shaded sandpit and tumble-down mound for young children and toddlers to use. Animals to use for entertainment purposes, for example Shetland ponies. A decorative flowerpot boat at site entrance. Bin storage use. A wheeled advertising trailer, measuring approx. 5 metres by 2.5 metres located within the site boundary to promote Worthing, local events and tourism.
Case Officer:	Gary Peck

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Customer Details

Name:	Mr nicholas burke
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Address:	10 Petworth Avenue Worthing West Sussex

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity - Other - Overdevelopment - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	Dear Planning Officer, I wish to object to planning application AWDM/0737/26. I am a local kitesurfer who regularly uses this area. As a frequent user of the site, I am concerned that people who actively use and value this important open space have not been adequately consulted. My objections are as follows:

1. Conflict with the Worthing Local Plan

The application is contrary to the Worthing Local Plan, which identifies this land as part of the Local Green Gap. The purpose of this designation is to maintain the openness and undeveloped character of the gap between settlements. The proposed development is inconsistent with these objectives and would erode the character of this protected landscape.

2. Impact on the Local Wildlife Site

The site is designated as a Local Wildlife Site. The proposed development, associated activity, increased footfall, vehicle movements and infrastructure are incompatible with protecting the ecological value of the site.

3. Loss of Biodiversity

National and local planning policy seek to achieve biodiversity enhancement. Instead, this proposal would result in habitat disturbance and biodiversity loss, contrary to these objectives.

4. Harm to the Character and Appearance of the Goring Gap

The proposed activities, associated vehicle movements, equipment storage and shipping containers would introduce urban features into an open coastal landscape. These structures and activities would significantly detract from the visual quality and openness of the Goring Gap.

5. Additional Impact on Public Recreation and Coastal Access

The Goring Gap is a valued open coastal space that is regularly used for informal recreation, including kitesurfing, walking, birdwatching and enjoying the open landscape. As a local kitesurfer, I know first-hand how important this location is to the local community and visitors alike. The proposed development, together with its associated buildings, storage containers, vehicles and increased activity, would fundamentally change the character of this open space and reduce the quality of the recreational experience. The loss of openness and increased commercialisation of the site would diminish its value as a publicly enjoyed coastal environment. The Council should give significant weight to protecting this important recreational asset and preserving the open character that makes the Goring Gap unique.

6. Traffic and Highway Safety

Vehicle access to and from the site would increase traffic movements through Marine Crescent and neighbouring residential roads. This has the potential to create congestion, conflict with other road users and adversely affect highway safety.

7. Noise and Disturbance

The proposed use would generate additional noise from vehicles, visitors, equipment and activities, adversely affecting the amenity of nearby residents and reducing the tranquillity of this open coastal area.

8. Overnight Camper Van Accommodation

Allowing overnight accommodation for camper vans is likely to encourage additional overnight parking by motorhomes in surrounding roads. This would conflict with existing restrictions imposed by West Sussex County Council and could lead to increased parking pressures and enforcement issues.

9. Inaccurate Planning History

The planning history presented within the application is incomplete and misleading. Planning applications for housing on this land were refused by West Sussex County Council in 1951 and 1954, with those decisions upheld on appeal. The Planning Inspector concluded that "it would be wrong for anything to be done to impair the effective agricultural use of the land." Subsequent proposals and appeals have also been refused. The site's last lawful use was agricultural, not housing or developed land, and this historic context should be given proper weight.

For all of the above reasons, I respectfully request that the Council refuses planning permission for application AWD/0737/26.

Kind regards