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Comments for Planning Application AWD/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 11/07/2026 3:09 PM from Ms Nicola Pallett.

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:	Ms Nicola Pallett
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
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:	I wish to register my objection to the proposed development on the land at the south east corner of Amberley Drive and Marine Drive. While the description frames the scheme as "community green space" and "regenerated land", the actual scope of the proposal represents a significant intensification of commercial activity in an environmentally sensitive coastal location. My concerns are as follows:

1. Impact on Biodiversity and Coastal Character

Although the proposal mentions "retention of land for biodiversity use", the scale of commercial and recreational interventions - vehicle parking, overnight camping, temporary food and drink structures, mobile toilets, showers, advertising trailers, and animal entertainment - will inevitably disturb existing habitats. This area forms part of a fragile coastal ecosystem, and increased footfall, noise, lighting, and vehicle movements risk degrading the natural environment the proposal claims to protect.

2. Traffic, Parking and Highway Safety

The introduction of vehicle parking and overnight camping will increase traffic along Marine Drive and Amberley Drive, both of which already experience congestion during peak coastal use. Overnight stays, kite surfer parking, and commercial servicing vehicles will add further pressure. No evidence is provided that the surrounding roads can safely accommodate this intensification, nor that appropriate access, turning space, or mitigation measures are planned.

3. Commercialisation of Public Coastal Space

The proposal includes food and drink sales from temporary structures, a wheeled advertising trailer, shipping containers, and animal based entertainment. These elements collectively shift the site from a green space into a commercial venue. This is inappropriate for a coastal strip valued for its openness, tranquillity, and natural character. The advertising trailer, flagpoles, and decorative installations would introduce visual clutter and detract from the landscape.

4. Noise, Disturbance and Amenity Impact

As a local resident living directly across from the site, I am deeply concerned about the noise and disturbance this proposal will generate. I moved to this area specifically because it is a peaceful, open and natural coastal environment. The introduction of overnight camping, commercial activity, animal entertainment, food and drink outlets, and increased visitor numbers will fundamentally change the character of the location, creating a noisy and crowded environment in place of the tranquillity that currently defines it.

In addition, as someone who frequently litter picks along this stretch of coastline, I am acutely aware that the area already suffers from littering. The proposed intensification of use - particularly food and drink sales, camping, and increased footfall - will make it significantly harder to prevent or manage litter. Given the open nature of the site, litter is easily blown into the sea, posing a direct risk to marine life and undermining the environmental value the proposal claims to support. No adequate mitigation measures are outlined to address this foreseeable harm.

5. Environmental Concerns Regarding Bore Hole and "Green Energy"

The proposal includes a bore hole for water extraction and unspecified "natural green energy" production such as solar. No environmental impact assessment is provided, and no detail is given on how water extraction will be regulated or how solar infrastructure will be integrated without harming the landscape or biodiversity.

6. Lack of Clarity, Overreach and Cumulative Impact

The proposal bundles together a wide range of unrelated uses - parking, camping, commercial food outlets, children's play areas, animal entertainment, advertising, storage containers, and energy production. The cumulative impact of these activities is substantial and has not been adequately assessed. The description of the site as "community green space" is misleading given the breadth of commercial and operational uses proposed.

7. Concerns Regarding Animal Entertainment

The inclusion of "animals for entertainment purposes, for example Shetland ponies" is particularly troubling. This type of activity is not appropriate for a coastal environment that is exposed, busy, and lacking in the controlled conditions required to safeguard animal welfare. The proposal provides no detail on how animals would be housed, supervised, protected from weather conditions, or shielded from noise, crowds, and vehicle movements.

There is a real risk that animals could become stressed or spooked by the high levels of noise, activity, and unpredictable behaviour associated with camping, commercial operations, and increased visitor numbers. A frightened animal could easily bolt or escape, creating dangerous conditions for both the animal and the public. The site is directly adjacent to Marine Drive, a busy coastal road, and an escaped animal entering the carriageway would pose a serious hazard to drivers, pedestrians, and the animal itself.

Introducing animal based entertainment into a site with high footfall, commercial activity, and overnight camping raises serious welfare and safety concerns and is inconsistent with modern expectations around ethical treatment of animals. It also conflicts with the stated aim of supporting biodiversity, as domesticated animals used for entertainment

do not contribute to ecological value and may disrupt wildlife.

8. Concerns Regarding the Applicant's Conduct and Premature Works

It is also important to note that elements of this proposal have already begun to be implemented on the site prior to planning permission being granted. This raises concerns about the applicant's willingness to comply with planning regulations, environmental safeguards, and enforcement processes. Undertaking works without approval undermines trust in the proposer's commitment to following required procedures and respecting the conditions that protect both residents and the local environment.

The fact that activity has commenced ahead of permission suggests a risk that, if approved, the development may expand beyond the scope applied for or operate without adequate oversight. This further reinforces the need for caution and strengthens the case for refusal.

For these reasons - environmental harm, inappropriate commercialisation, increased traffic, amenity impacts, animal welfare and safety concerns, and the applicant's premature implementation of works without permission - I strongly object to the proposal and request that it be refused. Any future plans for this land should prioritise genuine biodiversity protection, low impact public access, and preservation of the coastal character, rather than introducing a multi use commercial site.

Kind regards