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OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATION: Land South East of Amberley Drive / Marine Drive, Goring-by-Sea
Proposal: Seasonal community green space incorporating recreational, leisure, and tourism-related activities, including a bar, shipping containers for a café, and a car park.

Dear Planning Officer,

We are writing to formally register our strong objection to the above planning application regarding the land south-east of Amberley Drive and Marine Drive on the Goring Gap.

As a local resident, we believe this proposal is entirely inappropriate for this location. We urge the planning committee to refuse permission based on the following material planning considerations:

1. Breach of Protected Green Gap Policy

The application site sits entirely within the Goring Gap, which is explicitly designated as a protected strategic gap in the Worthing Local Plan. The primary purpose of this policy is to prevent the coalescence of Worthing and Ferring, preserving the distinct identity of both settlements. Introducing commercial structures, a bar, and a car park fundamentally violates this protection and sets a dangerous precedent for future development.

2. Permanent Harm to Landscape Character and Visual Amenity

The Goring Gap provides a rare, uninterrupted viewshed from the South Downs to the sea and serves as a vital open breathing space for the community. The introduction of shipping

containers, commercial signage, outdoor seating, and associated boundary treatments will severely degrade the open, rural, and undeveloped character of this seafront landscape.

3. Ecological and Environmental Impact

The site is a recognised Local Wildlife Site and a crucial ecological corridor for migratory birds, bats, and local flora. The noise, artificial light pollution from evening operations, and general human disturbance associated with a commercial bar and café will have a devastating impact on local biodiversity and fragile coastal habitats.

4. Traffic, Parking, and Highway Safety

Marine Drive is already a heavily congested route, particularly during peak seasonal months. The creation of a dedicated car park and the attraction of a commercial leisure facility will generate significant additional traffic. This will exacerbate existing congestion, create hazardous turning movements on a fast road, and increase overspill parking on surrounding residential streets like Amberley Drive.

5. Noise and Public Nuisance

The inclusion of an outdoor bar and entertainment space will generate unacceptable levels of noise, litter, and anti-social behavior in a predominantly quiet, residential coastal area. The prevailing sea winds will carry noise directly into nearby homes, severely impacting the residential amenity and well-being of local inhabitants.

For these reasons, the proposal represents an unsustainable and harmful commercialisation of a treasured, protected landscape. We strongly request that Worthing Borough Council upholds its own local planning policies and refuses this application.

Please acknowledge receipt of this representation and ensure it is published on the planning portal.

Yours sincerely,

Paul and Elaine Moss

